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*The Outlook*

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**An Opportunity To Exercise Vision**

A few of weeks ago, in a sermon about good communication, you might have heard me say “Communication is mundane until it is not.” I’m sure I do not have to prove this statement, but perhaps we have a great example provided during the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting. On the last day of the convention, June 14th, the convention voted on and approved, by messengers, a constitutional amendment that will ban women pastors. The SBC’s Baptist Faith and Message of 2000 already stated that the office of pastor is to be reserved for men. If this amendment is approved at next years SBC annual meeting, then it becomes a part of the constitution.

First Baptist Church of Clayton is presently embracing good “communication” as a part of their vision. The Church Council recently formed a Communication team to research and provide opportunities for better communication within the church and better communication with the community that surrounds us. You might have also heard me say, “communication is not a monologue, it is a dialogue.” In the spirit of dialogue the deacons are making the following statement and are interested in hearing your concerns on the matter. You know, dialogue...listening to one another.

Remember, I also said something like, “Good communication builds community and promotes unity in diversity. It treats people with respect and dignity, and does not belittle. It points toward God.”

*Dr. Royal*

Dr. Charles Royal  
Intentional Interim Pastor



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**Corporate Prayer Time**

Join us for Corporate Prayer Time as we will pray for the Kingdom and our church family, discuss true prayer and learn how to pray through practice. Everyone is invited to meet in the Basic Sunday School Class to do just that. We will discuss why prayer is vital for the church, how we might teach and inspire people to pray and the complementary roles of corporate and individual prayer. The purpose is to grow our private and corporate church prayer life so that through the Spirit we are empowered to increase His Kingdom and make disciples for Jesus. These conversations will be followed by a time of praying together.

*We need your ideas, enthusiasm and participation. Every miracle, revival and significant expansion of God’s Kingdom has started with true prayer.*

**If for some reason you cannot attend but would like to join us, please use the following 2023 Wednesday Night Zoom Link each week at 6:30 pm:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81421140962?pwd=VGovNUtCNXlSeHRuYkpZNXlaN1hPQT09>

**\*\*Note:**

*Due to the 4th of July Holiday and VBS there will be NO Corporate Prayer Time July 5th nor 12th but will resume on July 19th. In August, we will be back on our weekly schedule with the exception on August 9th which is our August Business Meeting.*

**\*\*NO JULY BUSINESS MEETING**



**Tuesday Night Bible Study**

No Bible Study in June nor July.

*We will gather on July 25 at 7 pm for Fellowship ONLY!*

**August 1 we will begin our study on Revelation.**

**Baptist Men’s Dinner and Fellowship Time**

*Will NOT meet in June, July nor August Will resume in September.*



**PASSPORTkids Recap**

When we arrived Wednesday, July 14th, we were welcomed by the smiling, energetic, kind, and gifted PASSPORTkids staff from the moment our bus turned onto campus! We worshiped together, played games, laughed, made friends, and kicked off a great week of camp. We prepared for the week, listening to the words of Jesus from Matthew 4:17: "From that time, Jesus began to announce, 'Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven.'"

On day two, we focused on letting God change how we think. Using Romans 12:2 and the parable of the prodigal son, our children were challenged to think like God thinks - about ourselves, about other people, about the world.

On day three, we focused on letting God change the way we see the world. Using 1 Samuel 16:7 and the story of Jesus healing a crippled woman on the Sabbath, our children were challenged to see the heart of people, not focusing on outside appearances. God loves and values every person.

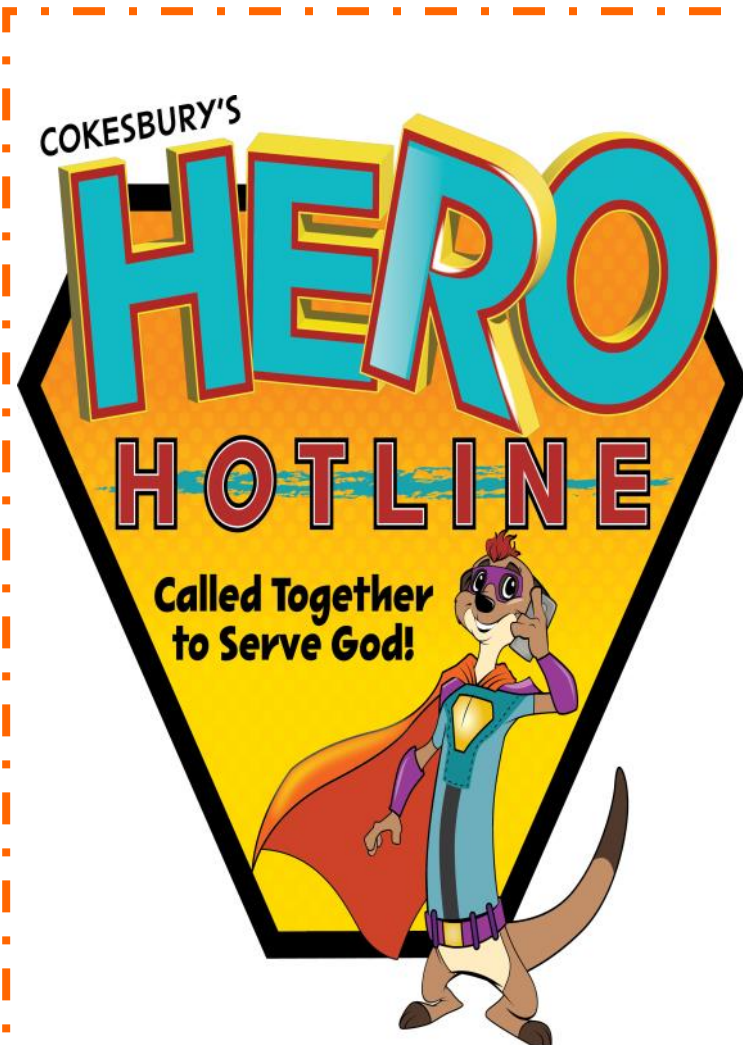
Our theme was "Upside Down", and the theme song says it best:



*"When we live like  
Every person matters  
It will change our view  
God's love will shine through"*

I'm so grateful for our amazing, patient, and loving chaperones. And man these kids! They have grown in incredible ways this week - closer to God, closer to one another, and closer to who called God them to be. I love each one, am honored to know them and am proud to claim them in FBC3M.

Peace,  
*Rev. Stephanie Parker*  
Rev. Stephanie Parker  
Pastor of Children and Families



**It's Time for VBS!**  
**HERO HOTLINE**

**Sunday, July 9 - Wednesday, July 11 — 5:30-8:00 pm**  
**Wednesday, July 12— 6:00-8:00 pm**

We will learn how we are called together to serve God through scripture, song, games, crafts, science, and fellowship! We appreciate your prayers as we prepare and experience this meaningful time together.

ALL are invited to join us for our closing celebration on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 in the Sanctuary and dinner afterwards with Food Trucks outside.

Our offering this year will help cover costs to kick off our ministry year in FBC3M this September with a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event. If you would like to help us meet our goal, please go online and give today! Here's the link:

<https://rah.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000003C1tJQAS>



# YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith • Fellowship • Fun

**Thank you to the Basic Sunday School Class** for cooking the meal, helping to serve, and clean up at our Graduate Luncheon in June. It was delicious! We are so thankful to have the support of the Church as we celebrate the milestones and accomplishments of these seniors. We wish them all the best in their next chapter.

**Mission Trip Update** – On June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup> 28 (22 youth and 6 chaperones) took a bus, a van, and a loaded down SUV to Athens, TN. We were headed on a mission trip to serve with Team Effort. When we arrived, we met the family we would serve for the week. Amiee Evans and her adult son Don Evans. The Evans live in two trailers on a very large plot of land. At Mrs. Evans house we washed the outside; painted the trailer, underpinning, shutters; and water ceiled the roof. At Mr. Evan's we removed the original deck, replaced the deck floor and railings, replaced the stairs with a ramp, and started painting his trailer. For the entire area we did a lot of landscaping including cutting acres of grass with a less than ideal push mower, weed eating, and moving rocks. But in addition to the physical work, we also shared the good news of the Bible. They shared with us their experiences with the church, good and bad. We had the opportunity to show them that the people of God serve those in need. We purchased and planted a flower for the family to remember us and Mr. Don also asked us to use the back wall of his storage area as a canvas to spread the news. It was beautiful!

We were also able to grow in our faith and relationship through devotions, chapel, and time spent together. We shared laughter, tears, sleepless nights, sun burn, ant bites, Walmart runs, life lessons, and even had a trip to the ER that luckily turned out to be a minor sprain. We had fun visiting the Caverns at Lost Sea Adventure and enjoyed our day trip to Dollywood and dinner at Hard Rock Café.

**Thank you to each person and family that contributed to our mission trip fund.** Because of you every person on the mission trip was sponsored AND we were able to cover the cost of the van being rented. Because of you, we were able to go to the Tennessee mountains and be the hands and feet of Jesus. You made it possible for us to serve others, grow in our own relationships with God, and enjoy an amazing fellowship opportunity.

**Acteens** – Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 1:00pm Middle school Acteens lunch

**Upcoming Year** – Our Youth Council is actively working on plans for the upcoming youth year. Our goal is find ways to provide meaningful devotions, look for service opportunities, develop strong Christian relationships, guide our youth through the challenges of middle and high school, and have fun! We welcome thoughts and suggestions. We are also looking for volunteers interested in helping grow our youth this year.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Youth Council.

**How to stay connected?**

- Join Youth Activities REMIND for messages  
Send a text to 81010  
Text this message @fbccyoutha
- Follow us on Instagram  
FBCCYouthClayton

**Class of 2023**



**YOUTH  
MISSION TRIP  
2023**

Welcome New Member  
April 30, 2023



By Letter  
**Melony Strickland**

264 Denby Circle  
Clayton, NC 27527







The Pastor Search Committee would like to hear from you! We have been diligently working to use the information gathered during last Fall's Transition Team Visioning Process to develop our Senior Pastor profile. We would like to give the congregation another opportunity to share their thoughts with us. We are asking each FBC Clayton member and/or regular attendee to complete the Congregational Survey. For families, we ask that each member of the family complete a separate survey. Surveys can be completed online using the [link](#) below or by hardcopy. If needed, paper copies will be available for you to pick up at the Pastor Search Committee board located in the side Narthex or the church office.

[Pastor Search Congregational Survey](#)

Please have all surveys completed electronically, or hardcopies placed in the brown wooden box located outside the church office or beside the pastor search bulletin board in the vestibule. You can also drop them off in the church office or drop box outside of the office **no later than July 10, 2023.**

Should you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Pastor Search Committee.

We look forward to hearing from you!

- Keith Blackley, co-chair ([kdblackley3@gmail.com](mailto:kdblackley3@gmail.com) or 919-215-8639)
- Melissa Long, co-chair ([melissalong2038@gmail.com](mailto:melissalong2038@gmail.com) or 919-201-7502)
- Anne Abene ([anneabene@yahoo.com](mailto:anneabene@yahoo.com) or 919-210-7081)
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Pastor Search Committee,

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Anne Abene      | Keith Blackley |
| Craig Lee       | Melissa Long   |
| Rudy Oliver     | Diane Pearce   |
| Sandra Phillips |                |



**Friday, July 14: Senior Adult Movie Night 5:30 pm**

Pizza, popcorn, and drinks provided. Bring a dessert or snack to share.



**Featured Film: "POLLYANNA" Disney, 1960.**

Hayley Mills, in her film debut, won a special Academy Award for "Most Outstanding Juvenile Performance" for her portrayal of the title character, an effervescent and irrepressibly positive orphan who brings sunshine into the lives of everyone she meets. Set in a small turn-of-the-century American town, the film features an all-star cast including Jane Wyman, Richard Egan, and Karl Malden.

In order to get an accurate count for pizza, please notify Terry in the church office no later than **July 13** if: 1) you are on the permanent list but cannot attend or 2) you are not on the permanent list but plan to attend.

**Tuesday, July 18: Day Trip to the Wilmington Riverwalk**

**8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

Wilmington's #1 tourist attraction and one of the premier riverwalks on the East Coast, the Wilmington Riverwalk features numerous dining, shopping, museums, and other options along or near the waterfront. Dining options include Elijah's, Pilot House Restaurant, Anne Bonny's Bar and Grill, and Michael's on the Waterfront. Shopping options include The Cotton Exchange, The Old Wilmington City Market, Chandler's Wharf, and smaller shops along the waterfront. Anyone wishing to tour the USS North Carolina can purchase a roundtrip boat ticket (\$12.00) on the Riverwalk to cross the river to the battleship. (Battleship admission extra.)



**Lots of possibilities!** Sign up with Terry in the church office **NLT Thursday, July 13.** The bus will leave at 8:30 am.

**Monday, July 31: NBC Luncheon, 11:30 am Catered: \$8.00**

Program: TBA

If you are on the permanent list but cannot attend, or not on the permanent list and plan to attend, please notify the church office **NLT Wednesday, July 26.**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Friday, August 11: Senior Adult Movie Night 5:30 pm**

**Featured film: "AMAZING GRACE"**

The heroic true story of William Wilberforce, Christian and Member of Parliament, and his courageous and relentless quest to pass a law to end the British slave trade and reform society. Starring Ioan Gruffudd and Albert Finney as John Newton, writer of the hymn "Amazing Grace."

**Thursday, August 17: Senior Adult Outing 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park in Wilson**

Includes lunch at a local restaurant (TBD). Sign up in the church office **NLT Monday, August 14.**

**Monday, August 28: NBC Luncheon, 11:30 am. Catered: \$8.00**

Program: TBD



**Missions Opportunity**

Our church has been providing volunteers to the "With Love From Jesus Ministry" on the 4th Sunday of the month since March of 2021. This month we once again have an opportunity to serve local people in the community. Sunday, July 23rd is the date, and we need 5 to 10 volunteers to help with food, clothing and household furnishings distribution from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. You will be helping guests in the house select clothes and food items, sorting donated supplies, showing the Love of Jesus and telling the Good News. If you are interested and willing to help, please call or text Rudy Oliver at 919-271-1178, or email him at [reholston@gmail.com](mailto:reholston@gmail.com).

Please pray about it and join us if you feel led to do so. You will be a blessing and you will be blessed too. That's a promise from Jesus!!

**"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"**  
Matthew 25:40

**The Hope of the Kingdom of God**

In the previous article we defined the Kingdom of God as "the range of God's effective will"—where His will is done. Because God is sovereign, His Kingdom—His effective Will—encompasses all of space, all of time, and everything and everywhere beyond space and time.

The story of the Bible—the gospel story—is the story of God reclaiming His sovereign rule and rescuing His chosen people from a world in rebellion. It is no surprise, then, to find that the kingdom of God was the core of Jesus' teaching, ministry, and life.

1. His first message *announced* the kingdom. It is "at hand." We see this in Mark 1:15: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (ESV)
2. His life and teachings *illustrated* the kingdom. We see this in the 40+ parables recorded in the Gospels, virtually all of which relate to the kingdom. We see it in his miracles and life of service. We see it in Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount, which is all about the character and quality of life in the kingdom.
3. His death and resurrection *secured* the kingdom. He conquered death and destroyed the power of Satan, who (temporarily) controls the kingdom of this world: "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8b ESV) "54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54-57 ESV)
4. His second coming will *consummate* the kingdom. Jesus Christ inaugurated the kingdom of God on earth, making it available for all to enter who repent, believe, and receive it by faith. His death, resurrection, and ascension have fully set the stage for the consummation of the kingdom—its full and complete realization—with his return. In the meantime, we are to look for his kingdom, work for his kingdom, and, above all, pray for his kingdom to come—for the range of God's effective will to be fully brought to pass in the new heavens and the new earth. "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15b ESV)

"Amen. Come Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20b ESV) Bring your kingdom in its fullness!

Rev. Stephen Narce



**WMU NEWS**  
**AND**  
**REMINDERS**

The Joint WMU August Kick-Off Meeting will be held August 8th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are excited to have Melissa Long and her mother, Kathie Wilkinson share about their recent trip to the Holy Land. Kathie is the Pastor of Congregational Care at Mt. Sylvan UMC in Durham.

Several of the men in the church have agreed to cook dinner for the event. We will accept donations for the meal. For those of you that are not a member of a WMU group, we welcome you to join us to learn more about WMU at FBCC.



# MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GENERAL FUND

### "In Memory of"

Inez Creech by Jerry & Sharon Poole  
Tony Pope by John & Lynn Gibson  
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Tony Pope by David & Ali Perry  
Tony Pope by Anne Abene  
Inez Creech by Carol Gilbert  
Tony Pope by Carol Gilbert  
Tony Pope by Joyce Nixon  
Tony Pope by Pat & Randolph Tart  
Tony Pope by Helen Ellerbe  
Tony Pope by Pat Daniels  
Tony Pope by Jody Castleberry  
Belle Allen by Emory & Josephine Howard  
Tony Pope by Chris & Diane Pearce  
Inez Creech by Chris & Diane Pearce  
Belle Allen by Joe Capps  
Tony Pope by Roberts & Wellons, Inc.  
Belle Allen by Brent & Heide Wood  
Jean Tarkington by The Basic Sunday School Class  
Belle Allen by Keith & Jennifer Blackley  
Tony Pope by Donald & Brookie Lambert  
Belle Allen by Donald & Brookie Lambert  
Belle Allen by Martha McCullen  
Belle Allen by David & Ali Perry  
Belle Allen by Dave & Cindy Whitaker  
Belle Allen by Lauren Williams  
Belle Allen by Ricky & Elizabeth Waddell  
Belle Allen by Brandon & Vicky Andrews  
Caroline Reddick by Bucky & Duba Coats  
Belle Allen by Bucky & Duba Coats  
Belle Allen by Matthew & Ashley Jones.  
Inez Creech by Doug & Sandra Phillips  
Belle Allen by Doug & Sandra Phillips  
Caroline Reddick by Doug & Sandra Phillips  
Tony Pope by Walter & Jill Rasor  
Belle Allen by Walter & Jill Rasor  
Belle Allen by FBCC Choir  
Belle Allen by Gerald & Glenda Toler  
Belle Allen by Lynne, Vann & Adam Martin  
Belle Allen by Jiles & Kim Harrell  
Chuck Turlington by Jiles & Kim Harrell  
Belle Allen by Anne Abene  
Belle Allen by Bill & Lou Woodard  
Belle Allen by Candy Pope  
Belle Allen by Glenn & Kathy Canady  
Belle Allen by John & Dolores Bagley  
Belle Allen by Sherrill Stevens  
Belle Allen by Marie Baucom  
Belle Allen by Jim & Judy Nappier  
Belle Allen by Sandra & Robert Sanders  
Belle Allen by Lisa & Stan Jones  
Tony Pope by Paul & Bronna Greer  
Belle Allen by Paul & Bronna Greer  
Caroline Reddick by Paul & Bronna Greer  
Belle Allen by Andy & Gloria Pleasant  
Belle Allen by Ronald Crowder & Debbie Ragland  
Belle Allen by Tom, Emily & Jay Vinson  
Belle Allen by Donna Brown  
Belle Allen by The Bill O'Neal Group  
Belle Allen by Jack & Judy Coats  
Belle Allen by Ramona Cash  
Belle Allen by David & Jo Earp  
Belle Allen by Carol Gilbert  
Belle Allen by Chris & Diane Pearce  
Caroline Reddick by Chris & Diane Pearce  
Belle Allen by The Sarah Beddingfield Ministry Group  
Rhonda Mooneyham by Jean Bryant  
Belle Allen by Jean Bryant  
Tony Pope by Jean Bryant  
Belle Allen by Lexene Lee  
Belle Allen by Deborah & Kenneth Lee  
Tony Pope by Ayden & Betty Lee  
Belle Allen by Ayden & Betty Lee  
Belle Allen by Rudy & Edwina Oliver  
Belle Allen by David & Nancy Turlington  
Belle Allen by Lois Weeks  
Caroline Reddick by David & Jo Earp  
Belle Allen by Kenny & Vickie Adams  
Belle Allen by John & Lynn Gibson  
Belle Allen by Jay & Kathy Woodard  
Tony Pope by Jay & Kathy Woodard  
Belle Allen by Mark & Whitney Keith  
Belle Allen by Martha Wall  
Belle Allen by Bill & Sarah Brooks  
Belle Allen by Teresa Ann Calton  
Belle Allen by Cecil & Donna Lee  
Belle Allen by David & Pam Outlaw  
Belle Allen by Jeff & Jackie Tarkington  
Belle Allen by Shane & Jennifer Dale  
Belle Allen by Judy Wood  
Caroline Reddick by Judy Wood  
Belle Allen by Helen Ellerbe  
Caroline Reddick by Helen Ellerbe  
Belle Allen by Joe & Linda Hester  
Belle Allen by Billy Parrish  
Belle Allen by Shirley Shires  
Tony Pope by Jennifer & Shane Dale  
Belle Allen by Hometown Realty  
Belle Allen by Joyce & Julie Nixon  
Caroline Reddick by Joyce & Julie Nixon  
Belle Allen by Jan & James Reaves  
Belle Allen by Harry & Kathy Koehl & Gracie Eason

## Continued Memorials to the General Fund

Belle Allen by Kit & Jocky Creasy  
Belle Allen by Kathy Ellis  
Belle Allen by Earl & Hope Johnson  
Tony Pope by Earl & Hope Johnson  
Hugh McCullen by Earp & Hope Johnson  
Belle Allen by Neil & Helen Turner  
Belle Allen by Shirley Lee  
Belle Allen by Margaret Legault  
Belle Allen by James & Jeanne Winegar  
Belle Allen by Warren & Kathy Steen  
Belle Allen by The Stewart's (Richie & Laine)  
Belle Allen by Hocutt Ellington Memorial Library Staff  
Caroline Reddick by Jack & Judy Coats  
Belle Allen by Timothy & Joan Kanzler  
Belle Allen by Rudy & Cheryl Mills  
Belle Allen by Frank & Claudia Price  
Tony Pope by Frank & Claudia Price  
Hugh McCullen by Frank & Claudia Price  
Belle Allen by Brad & Samantha Coats  
Belle Allen by Gregory & Brandie Parrish  
Belle Allen by Pat Daniels  
Belle Allen by Harris & Frances Taylor  
Belle Allen by Larry & Judith Castleberry & Family  
Belle Allen by Pat Zullo  
Belle Allen by Jackie Smith

### "In Honor of"

Jackie Smith's Birthday by Anne Abene  
Duba Coats by Joyce Nixon  
Nancy Martinez by Joyce Nixon  
Joyce Canady's Birthday by Joyce Nixon  
Ella Mae Sorrell's Birthday by Joyce Nixon  
Jackie Smith's Birthday by Ricky & Sherry Smith  
Rudy & Alexandria Allen by Josephine Norris  
John & Dolores Bagley's 60th Wedding Anniversary by Lexene Lee  
Lois Langston by The Bill O'Neal Mission Group  
Martha Bagley by John & Dolores Bagley  
Stephanie Parker by Brent & Heidi Wood

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BAPTIST ON MISSION NC BAPTIST MEN'S FUND

### "In Memory of"

Tony Pope by Dave & Cindy Whitaker

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE ORGAN FUND

### "In Memory of"

Caroline Reddick by Gerald & Glenda Toler  
Caroline Reddick by Ronald Crowder & Debbie Ragland  
Caroline Reddick by Jo & Emory Howard  
Caroline Reddick by Tom, Emily & Jay Vinson  
Caroline Reddick by Candy Pope  
Caroline Reddick by Rudy & Edwina Oliver  
Caroline Reddick by Kenny & Vickie Adams  
Caroline Reddick by John & Lynn Gibson  
Caroline Reddick by Jay & Kathy Woodard  
Caroline Reddick by Cecil & Donna Lee  
Caroline Reddick by Linda Nowell  
Caroline Reddick by Ramona Cash  
Belle Allen by Anonymous

### "In Honor of"

James Allen & Elizabeth Canady & Children by Shane & Jennifer Dale  
Rudy & Alexandria Allen by Shane & Jennifer Dale

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP AND THE YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

### "In Memory of"

Chuck Turlington by John & Cathy Paschal  
Belle Allen by John & Cathy Paschal  
Chuck Turlington by Gerald & Glenda Toler  
Belle Allen by Tom & Paula Medlin  
Caroline Reddick by Josephine Norris

### "In Honor of"

The Class of 2023 by John & Cathy Paschal  
Sam Stephenson by Gerald & Glenda Toler  
The Class of 2023 by Gerald & Glenda Toler  
Gwen & Steve Canady by Shane & Jennifer Dale  
James Allen & Elizabeth Canady & Children by Josephine Norris  
Brent Wood by Rudy & Edwina Oliver

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### "In Memory of"

Belle Allen by Fred & Texie Lee  
Rudolph Allen, Sr. by Josephine Norris

### "In Honor of"

Stephanie, Jake, Belle & Annie Parker by Josephine Norris  
Stephanie, Jake, Belle & Annie Parker by Shane & Jennifer Dale

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

### "In Memory of"

Belle Allen by Josephine Norris

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE SENIOR ADULT FUND

### "In Memory of"

Belle Allen by Joyce Canady



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am - 10:30am Worship Service - SANCTUARY 10:45am - 11:45am Sunday School - In Person & ZOOM	3 <b>NO Deacons Meeting</b>	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY - Church Office CLOSED</b>	5 1:00pm Staff Meeting - Conference Room 6:00pm - 7:00pm VBS Planning Team	6	7 VBS Decorating 11:30am - 12:30pm The Honeycombers Prayer Group-Parlor	8 VBS Decorating
9 9:30am - 10:30am Worship Service - SANCTUARY 10:45am - 11:45am Sunday School - In Person & ZOOM 12:00pm - 5:00pm VBS Decorating <b>5:30pm - 8:00pm VBS</b>	10 <b>5:30pm - 8:00pm VBS</b> <b>6:00pm - 7:00pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting - Conference Room</b> 7:00pm CDC Oversight Committee Meeting-ZOOM	11 10:30am - 11:00am Voice Lesson - Choir Room 11:00am - 12:00pm Eph Whisenhunt Group - Conference Room 1:00pm - 1:30pm Voice Lesson - Choir Room <b>2:00pm - 3:30pm Bill O'Neal Circle Group-Conference Room</b> 3:30pm - 4:00pm Voice Lesson - Choir Room <b>5:30pm - 8:00pm VBS</b>	12 <b>NO Business Meeting</b> 1:00pm Staff Meeting - Conference Room <b>5:30pm - 8:00pm VBS</b>	13 7:00pm - 8:00pm Personnel Mtg. - Conference Room	14 11:30am - 12:30pm The Honeycombers Prayer Group-Parlor <b>5:30pm Sr Adult Movie Night - Fellowship Hall (SIGN UP REQUIRED...CALL CHURCH OFFICE)</b>	15
16 <b>VBS Afterglow Sunday</b> 9:30am - 10:30am Worship Service - SANCTUARY 10:45am - 11:45am Sunday School - In Person & ZOOM	17 <b>5:00pm - 7:30pm Sarah Bedding-filled Womens's Group to Host a Picnic for the Group Home - FH</b>	18 <b>8:30am - 5:00pm Wilmington Riverwalk Senior Adult Day Trip</b> 10:30am - 11:00am Voice Lesson - Choir Room 1:00pm - 1:30pm Voice Lesson - Choir Room 3:30pm - 4:00pm Voice Lesson - Choir Room	19 1:00pm Staff Meeting - Conference Room <b>6:00pm - 7:30pm Communications Team - Conference Room</b> <b>6:30pm - 7:30pm Corporate Prayer Time - Basic/Zoom</b>	20	21 11:30am - 12:30pm The Honeycombers Prayer Group-Parlor	22 8:00am - 1:00pm FH on Hold for Gwen Canady
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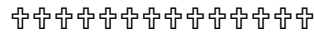


*Thank You*

Thanks to everyone for remembering me on all the occasions. I still love Clayton and First Baptist Church of Clayton.

Thanks to all of you for being a light in the dark!

Love in Christ, Joyce T. Lee, Morehead City, NC

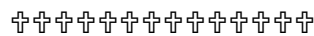


Dear Church Family,

Ricky and I would like to express our sincere thank you for all of the prayers, love, support, cards, calls and text messages we received during mother's health issues and during our time of grief. Also, we are beyond grateful for all of the donations given in memory of mother, Inez Creech.

Being a part of this loving and supportive church family is a true blessing!

Love, Ricky and Linda Blackmon and Family



THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for all of the prayers, food, calls, cards and contributions to the church during mom's declining health and death. Mom was a strong influence in our family and in First Baptist Church. She loved like Jesus did...it didn't matter who you were, what your plight in life was, whether you agreed with her or not.....she loved you and wanted you to see Jesus through her. What a gift to have a mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend like Belle Allen!! We miss her everyday, but we are comforted knowing that she is no longer suffering and we are grateful for your support.

With Much Love,

Gwen & Steve, Rudy & Jennifer, Stephanie & Jake,  
James Allen & Elizabeth, Alex and Daniel.

