

The Outlook

First Baptist Church Clayton

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A Message from the Deacon chair

Clayton First Baptist Church is a great family church. We have programs for members of all ages from children to seniors. More importantly, we are a church family.

We care about each other. We love each other. When any member of our church family has health issues, or loses a loved one, we call, we visit, and we pray for them. We take food. I can attest to that by the great food we were blessed with after Linda's recent surgery. And, as any family we don't always agree on things. But as any family should, we have our say, move on and still love each other. That is so unlike in today's society where if you have a different opinion you're an enemy.

I'm very proud to be part of this church family and thank God for how He continues to bless us.

Blessings – Joe Hester

VBS leaders seek camping gear donations

Who is ready to go camping? Our Vacation Bible School planning team that's who! And we need your help. If you have any of the following items you are willing to donate or lend for use during VBS we would love to have them. You can bring the items to the small GA room upstairs. There will be signs on the doors. You can start bringing items anytime. They will be available for return on July 11.

Tents, sleeping bags, camp chairs, fold-up picnic tables, red & white checkered tablecloths, lanterns (do not have to work), artificial trees (any shape/size), string lights (any colors), surge protectors, canoes/kayaks/rafts/paddles/oars, fishing poles/nets, bug nets, stuffed animals (raccoons, squirrels, foxes, bears, deer, birds, antlers, etc.) camp decorations (garden flags, rugs, etc.), and anything camping related you are willing to share.

Thanks – Rev. Stephanie Parker



We welcome Spencer and Ann Matchett to our membership

Spencer Long and Ann Matchett Cox publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior this past Sunday during the morning worship.

Both, who have been active in Sunday School, childrens and youth groups, and worship for many years were welcomed into our membership and await Baptism.

Spencer is the son of Blake and Melissa Long. He has an older brother, Barrett, and a younger brother, Tyler. Ann Matchett is the daughter of Brandon and Dee Cox. She has two younger brothers, Fletcher and Jackson.



Our Sincere Gratitude

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY. YOUR LOVE AND KINDNESS BROUGHT US IMMENSE COMFORT DURING OUR GREATEST SADNESS. WE APPRECIATE IT MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS AND

IT WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED

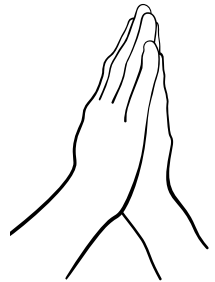
BY THE FAMILY OF

NADINE AND BILLY WELLS

Forever In Our Hearts

MAY 21, 1937 - AUGUST 5, 2023 JULY 4, 1937 - APRIL 27, 2024

The Pastor Search Committee asks you to pray that they will have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor.



2024 Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....3	New Members.....15
Worship Attendance	
Sunday, June 2.....170	Sunday, May 26.....110
Sunday School Attendance	
Sunday, June 2.....147	Sunday, May 26.....78
General Fund Giving	
Sunday, June 2.....\$12,767	Sunday, May 26.....\$6,574
Weekly Needs.....\$14,860	

Kiley Woodard honored on graduation Sunday

Kiley Woodard, the daughter of Jay and Kathy Woodard, was presented the Wilma Dailley Coates and Wilson Lacy Coates Memorial Scholarship during worship this past Sunday. Kiley is a graduate of Cleveland High School and will be attending community college in the fall and N.C. State University in January. First Baptist also presented Kiley with a Bible filled with inspirational notes from the congregation.



Jill Rasor, right, said Kiley Woodard is a Christian leader and most worthy of the scholarship.

On Communion Sunday, share the joy of God's gifts with food donations

Jesus is the Bread of Life! On July 7 we can share the blessing by bringing non-perishable food items to share with our neighbors as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Let's share the joy of God's gift to us by being a blessing to someone in need.

When you arrive for worship, you may leave donated food items in a grocery basket that will be placed in the sanctuary. The collected food will then be used to stock the kiosk located on the Hinton Street side of the church.



Thank you from Clayton High graduate Mary Thomas

Mary Thomas is a graduating senior from Clayton High School. She will be attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington majoring in psychology and continuing to coach and play competitive club tennis. Mary and her family previously attended FBC Clayton. She was a part of GAs and youth several years ago. She was baptized at Temple Church in Smithfield and now attends worship and Bible study there. Mary wanted the congregation to know that she is humbled and grateful for everyone that has been a Christian influence as she reflects on her past years in GAs, youth, and worship at FBC. Mary remembers her prayer partners on earth and in heaven. She would like to thank the church family for all their support throughout the years.

Senior Adult Movie Night is set for Friday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. The featured film is 3:10 to Yuma, a 1957 classic western starring Glenn Ford and Van Heflin.

Drought-impooverished farmer Dan Evans (Heflin), desperate for money, agrees to take on the dangerous job of escorting notorious outlaw Ben Wade (Ford) to Yuma Prison on the 3:10 train. But they have to get to the train first and Wade's gang is close on their heels. Pizza, popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please bring a desert to share. In order to get an accurate headcount for food, please notify the church office no later than June 12 if: 1) you are on the permanent list but cannot attend or 2) you are not on the permanent list but plan to attend

Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE GENERAL FUND In Memory of

Ron Earp by Bucky Coats
 Chuck Turlington and Ron Earp by John and Cathy Paschal
 Joyce Canady by Chris and Diane Pearce
 Ron Earp by Donna Brown
 Ron Earp by Tom and Paula Medlin
 Ron Earp and Joyce Canady by Tom and Ida Mayes
 Ron Earp and Joyce Canady by Judy Wood
 Ron Earp by Durwood Hatcher and Peggy Morgan
 Ron Earp and Joyce Canady by Vann, Lynne and Adam Martin
 Ron Earp by Joe and Linda Hester
 Ron Earp and Joyce Canady by Nancy Blinson
 Ron Earp by Paul and Bronna Greer
 Joyce Lipscomb Canady and Ron Earp by Emory and Jo Howard
 Glenn Mayes, Ron Earp and Joyce Canady by Andy and Gloria Pleasant
 Ron Earp and Joyce Canady by JoAnn Hardee
 Ron Earp and Chuck Turlington by Jiles and Kim Harrell

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE ORGAN FUND In Memory of

Ron Earp by Chris and Diane Pearce
 Ruth Talton Watson and Ron Earp by Gerald and Glenda Toler
 Ron Earp and Joyce Canady by Tom, Emily and Jay Vinson
 Ron Earp by Carol Gilbert
 Ron Earp by Ricky and Sherry Smith
 Ron Earp by the Bilie Hardee Sunday School Class

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE SENIOR ADULT FUND In Memory of

Ron Earp by John and Delores Bagley

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE HECK JONES FUND In Memory of

Joyce Canady by Rudy and Edwina Oliver

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE BAPTIST MENS FUND In Memory of

Ron Earp by Rudy and Edwina Oliver

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE MUSIC FUND In Memory of

Ron Earp by Ronald Crowder and Debbie Ragland

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE YOUTH MISSION FUND In Honor of

Kiley Woodard by John and Cathy Paschal