



The Outlook

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How Hungry Are You?

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Do you like bread? What's your favorite kind? I like bread. Hot and fresh from the oven, sliced and slathered with butter.... mmm! (Well, maybe I like it a little too much!)

Bread has been a staple of human life for millennia. When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and into the wilderness, they faced a major problem: where in such a barren place would they find "bread" enough to sustain such a great multitude of people consistently day by day? God graciously provided in a manner designed to teach them to rely completely on Him.

"And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." (Deuteronomy 8:3)

Jesus referenced this same verse when countering Satan's temptation to turn stones into bread.

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4)

When Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11), he was speaking of more than just physical bread that sustains physical life; he was speaking also of "bread" that sustains life in the Spirit. We need daily portions of both.

How do we hear the words of God? By reading the Bible and through prayer, seeking and listening daily for the voice of the Spirit to enliven us and help us walk in "newness of life."

In the wake of feeding 5,000 people with a couple of fish and a few loaves of bread (a parallel to the manna in the wilderness), Jesus identified himself as the source of this bread.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

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Franklins join FBC Clayton

First Baptist Church Clayton is pleased to welcome the Franklins to our church family. They joined this past Sunday, July 28. We look forward to serving the Lord and growing in faith alongside them. Dylan, Toni and Noelle will be baptized soon and Christian will join and be baptized at a later date.

McKoy joins FBCC team

First Baptist Church Clayton would like to extend a special welcome to the new A/V Tech, Antoine McKoy.

Antoine is an experienced sound engineer and professional musician with over 20 years of experience.

Please join us in welcoming him to our church community.



Senior Adult Movie Night is Aug. 9

Senior Adult Movie Night, featuring “Shane,” a 1953 Western classic, will be held Friday, Aug. 9 at 5:30 p.m. Zaxby’s Chicken Tenderz will be the main entrée. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

In “Shane” Alan Ladd stars as a drifter and retired gunfighter who comes to the aid of homesteaders who are terrorized by a wealthy cattle rancher and his hired gun.

Please notify the church office no later than Aug. 7 if: 1) you are on the permanent list but cannot attend or 2) you are not on the permanent list, but plan to attend.

The Bread of Life

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Jesus is the Bread of life. He nourishes and refreshes us fully as the Bread of life because he is also the Word of God, the “Logos” (John 1:1), the very expression of the nature, mind, character, and heart of God. The very Word of God made flesh – who was also the agent of creation (John 1:3) – is also the eternal Bread that gives us life and sustains us.

Let us rejoice in him. Let us feast daily on his Word. Let us live in the fullness of his presence and in complete dependence on him because he is our “daily bread,” our “necessary bread,” our life-giving and life-sustaining bread for today, for tomorrow and forever.

Jesus is the Bread of life. His Word is life – and we need our portion every day. How hungry are you? Maybe it’s time for some bread!

Kitchen Angels needed

Wednesday Night Fellowship Activities and Meals are right around the corner. We need volunteers to offer their time and talents to set up, prepare meals, serve and clean up. Please call Terry at 919.553.4161 to sign up for one night a month, or more. We are especially in need of cooks/food prep on the third Wednesdays.



NBC Luncheon is Monday, August 26

The New Beginners Club (NBC) Luncheon is set for Monday, Aug. 26 at 11:30 a.m. Caroline McLeod, the SHIP (Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program) Coordinator for Johnston County, will give an audio and visual presentation about Original Medicare, Medicare Part A and B, Medicare Supplements,



Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. Caroline is a member of First Baptist Church.

Please notify the church office no later than Aug. 21 if: 1) you are on the permanent list but cannot attend or 2) you are not on the permanent list, but plan to attend.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a

HOT DOG SUPPER AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 18th

beginning immediately after the deacon ordination, around 5:30pm

red hot dogs, baked beans, chips, fruit, tea and ice cream fixin's will be provided by the deacons

casual dress for those not attending the ordination is welcomed

!! please contact the church office by **August 12th** if you plan to attend and if you plan to bring ice cream

Please bring your best homemade ice cream to share!

CONTEST!

Votes will be collected and winner of best ice cream will receive a PRIZE!

Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE GENERAL FUND

In Memory of

Donald Varner by Doug and Sandra Phillips

Keith Ferrell by Bucky Coats

Keith Ferrell by Joe and Linda Hester

Keith Ferrell by Chris and Diane Pearce

Hazel Strickland by Ronald Crowder and Debbie Ragland

Donald Varner by Jiles and Kim Harrell

Hazel Strickland and Keith Ferrell by Emory and Jo Howard

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

In Memory of

Keith Ferrell by Joe and Linda Hester

Donald Varner by Candy Pope

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE LOTTIE MOON FUND

In Honor of

Lois Weeks by Rudy and Edwina Oliver

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG FUND

In Honor of

Val Vinson by Rudy and Edwina Oliver

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE SENIOR ADULT FUND

In Memory of

Hazel Strickland by Lowell and Dorothy Harris

Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Muriel Wilson

In Honor of

Helen Ellerbe's birthday by Ramona Cash

Helen Ellerbe's birthday by Jack and Judy Coats

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE NC WMU FUND

In Honor of

Dean Temple by Lowell and Dorothy Harris

2024 Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....	11	New Members.....	20
Worship Attendance			
Sunday, July 28.....	140	Sunday, July 21.....	155
Sunday School Attendance			
Sunday, July 28.....	129	Sunday, July 21.....	94
General Fund Giving			
Sunday, July 28.....	\$12,510	Sunday, July 21.....	\$7,793
Weekly Needs.....	\$14,860		