



# The Outlook

## First Baptist Church Clayton

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## Baptist Men actively serve others

By Tim Matthews

Christ calls every Christian to be a Missionary. This doesn't mean we have to travel to another country. We can be missionaries in our own community. We each have God-given gifts and talents that can be used to help others. FBCC Baptist Men connects people with missions opportunities suited just for them.

Baptist Men of FBCC are serving others in our community in many different ways. Although the men in our church are heading up the mission projects, these projects involve our entire congregation.

The bible says:

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.” – 1 Peter 4:10

God calls you to use all your gifts, talents and influence to serve others. Fight the lie that other people's talents are better than yours. Fight the lie that God can't use you for His Kingdom.

First Baptist Church Clayton Baptist Men have scheduled several events where your gifts can be used and we encourage to serve.

Baptist Men are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, October 4 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. There are several ways you can help. Tell your friends and family about this event and encourage them to sign-up. Baked goods are needed to serve the blood donors and Red Cross workers and volunteers are needed to welcome and direct Blood Donors.

Baptist Men will be participating in an upcoming Habitat Building Campaign in Clayton. First Baptist Church Clayton's workday is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There are 15 volunteers needed as well as volunteers to help prepare meals for 20 people.

Upcoming events include:

- Mobile Dental Ministry - Two dental buses go throughout N.C. every week. This is a ministry tool for churches to use as outreach. The buses come completely ready as a dental office on wheels. The church is responsible for getting all the volunteers and



## Children attend Friends Retreat at Camp Kanata

By Rev. Stephanie Parker  
Pastor of Children and Families

On Friday, September 20, we loaded up 13 of our third through fifth graders and traveled to Camp Kanata to gather with eight other churches and over 100 children for a weekend of learning, fellowship, play and FUN at the annual Friends Retreat.

The theme for the weekend was, “We are ONE,” based on Ephesians 4:2-6. Utilizing an Olympic connection, we explored scriptures demonstrating the words of the Ephesians passage that call us to unity – humility, gentleness, patience, love and peace.

Saturday morning, we looked at the story of Joseph and his brothers, considering how the story challenges us to build unity in our families in the midst of jealousy, hurt, repentance, and forgiveness. To expand beyond fostering unity in the family, we engaged in a mission project to benefit Miracle League of the Triangle, making cards of encouragement and collecting over \$1000 to pay for care packages and uniforms for children with special needs and their families, building unity, value, and belonging in the greater community.

We ended Sunday with worship and a look at the story of Lydia, who learned about Jesus and in turn shared her faith with those around her as we considered how sharing our faith and the love of Christ can create a ripple effect to build unity around the world. In all of the prayers, Bible Study games, and crafts, our children were reminded that together, we are ONE through the one God who calls, the one Jesus who shows the way, and the one Spirit who guides us toward one another in love. Big thanks to Craig Lee, Russell Johnson, and Melony Strickland for being ONE awesome chaperone team!

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planning the event. First Baptist will host the bus next August prior to the start of school.

- UNC Johnston Health Mobile Medical Unit - In the spring, First Baptist will partner with UNC Johnston Health in a mobile prevention program with the goal of reducing chronic diseases and improving the health of our communities. The mobile medical unit offers free services and screenings to all. No insurance or ID required. Everyone is welcome.

Some of the services include:

- Heart Health Screening – blood pressure checks, cholesterol screenings (lipid profile) and height, weight and BMI (Body Mass Index) checks;
- Diabetes Screening – Glucose levels and risk assessment profile.

Each of us has received grace-gifts from God. And “as each has received a gift,” we are to “use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” – 1 Peter 4:1

We are given these gifts for the “progress and joy” of one another’s faith. – Philippians 1:25

What gifts do you have to serve others in our community and lead them to Christ?

## Note of thanks

We are so very blessed to have such a caring and loving church family. Your many prayers, calls, concerns and visits during recovery have been heartwarming.

Surely the FBCC cooks are the best!! May God richly bless you for your thoughtfulness and service in His name.

In Christ’s name,  
Nancy and David Turlington



## Dr. Sherrill Stevens to lead Bible Study on religious history

Church Council has approved a new Bible Study project for Dr. Sherrill Stevens.

He will lead a Zoom meeting on Monday evenings at 7 pm. The text for the study will be Dr. Stevens’ book “The ABC’s of Religion”.

The theme of the study will be the history of the rise and development of religious beliefs and practices.

It will include a brief study of primitive beginnings, the rise and development of the most prominent living world religions, and a more detailed study of the history of the Hebrew/Israelite/Jewish/Christian stream of religious faith.

Books are \$10 and will be available in the Church Office beginning Monday, September 30.

Class is scheduled to begin October 14. A Zoom link will be shared with all participants.



Pray for the Pastor Search Committee to follow God’s timetable and that they will find God’s perfect will in God’s perfect time.



## *Memorials and Honorariums*

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

#### **In Memory of**

Ramona Cash, Mary Helen Woodard and Charles Mooneyham  
by John and Lynn Gibson

Charles Mooneyham and Mary Helen Woodard by Doug and Sandra Phillips

Mary Helen Woodard and Joyce Lipscomb Canady

by Doug and Rebecca Mudd

Mary Helen Woodard by Charles and Robin Williams

Mary Helen Woodard, Charles Mooneyham and Ramona Cash

by Tim and Lynn Matthews

Mary Helen Woodard by Brenda Haney

Keith Ferrell, Ramona Cash, Charles Mooneyham and Mary Helen Woodard

by Tom and Ida Mayes

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND**

#### **In Memory of**

Charles Mooneyham by Jerry and Diane Johnson

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE MUSIC FUND**

#### **In Memory of**

Charles Mooneyham, Mary Helen Woodard and Ramona Cash

by Emory and Jo Howard

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

#### **In Memory of**

Ramona Cash by Doug and Sandra Phillips

David Pilkington, Ramona Cash, Mary Helen Woodard

and Charles Mooneyham by Ricky and Sherry Smith

Charles Mooneyham and Ramona Cash

by the First Baptist Church Chancel Choir

Ramona Cash by Gerald and Glenda Toler

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE YOUTH FUND**

#### **In Memory of**

Charles Mooneyham by Jerry and Sharon Poole

## 2024 Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....14	New Members.....20
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### Worship Attendance

Sunday, September 22.....225	Sunday, September 15.....182
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### Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, September 22.....139	Sunday, September 15.....143
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### General Fund Giving

Sunday, September 22.....\$17,097	Sunday, September 15.....\$19,969
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Weekly Needs.....\$14,860	
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