

The Announcer

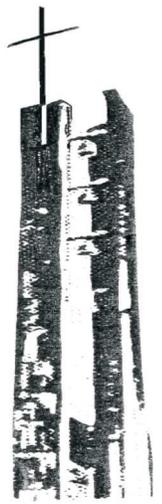
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The View from the Rafters

What kind of sick person are you? What I mean to ask is this – “When you are sick, are you a person who likes a lot of attention, or do you just want to be left alone? Are you a good-natured sick person or are you ill-tempered making everyone around you miserable as well?” Over the past several weeks, numerous folks in our community have been diagnosed with influenza and other ailments. This gave me pause to reflect on “What kind of sick person I am?” Although it has been several years since I had to miss a few days of work and consult a doctor to treat an ailment, generally speaking, I am not a pleasant sick person (just ask my family). Yet on the bright side, I don't require much attention either. My motto is this: "Put me in a dark room with a bed, and leave me alone." Like a black bear in the middle of winter, just let me sleep it off and wake to warmer days.

What kind of well person are you? If we reflect on how we respond to when we are sick, shouldn't we ask the question to how are we when we are well? For some, being well means that they are sociable, helpful, pleasant, and good natured most of the time. Yet, strangely enough, for some when they are at the best physical health, they take-on a poor spirit. I've seen perfectly healthy people physically, take-on an attitude of complaining, griping, being ornery, cantankerous, and downright hateful. We would think that if they are doing well physically that they might be a bit more kind, gentle, tender-hearted and forgiving. Just the other day, I saw a lady at the sandwich shop fussing at a young man who had made her sandwich the wrong way. Even though he was willing to correct his mistake, she continued to berate him, and then she scurried off as if she was running a marathon.

Scripture teaches us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control! It doesn't say anything about if you feel bad, then it's o.k. to set these aside or if you feel well, then you are given an exemption. God expects His people to take on the spirit and the attitude of Christ Jesus. God expects His church to be disciplined and practice the fruit of the Spirit in all seasons of life. God desires that each and everyone who calls upon His name in times of gladness and sadness that we are consistent in our witness - that we represent and show ourselves to be true people of faith and followers of Jesus Christ.

This month, you may find yourself feeling sick or having several weeks of being well, regardless of your physical condition, be God's witness and practice the fruit of the Spirit.

Joy for the Journey, Jay

SOUPer Bowl of Caring, February 4

Once again the 3rd-5th grade class is asking for your assistance in collecting canned food or money for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Members from this class will be stationed in the breezeway and vestibule to receive your donations on Sunday, February 4th. All food and monetary donations will be divided between Yokefellow and the backpack program. Thank you in advance for assistance with this ministry!



Don't Miss The
Youth Super Bowl Party

This Sunday, February 4

At the home of Reece and Katie McDuffie

735 Greenhill Rd, Mt Airy

Meet us there, or be at the church by 6:00pm
for a ride



Bring an appetizer to share



Go???????? (Eagles)

Youth Ski Trip

Saturday, February 10

Winterplace Ski Resort, West Virginia

Deadline to sign up is this

Sunday, February 4

Call the Church office, or text/email Kevin
to reserve your place!!

It appears ski conditions will be great

Don't Miss It



It's a Surprise!

Please join us for

Ralph Cooke's

80th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 -4:00

First Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall

714 N. Main Street

Mt. Airy, NC

No gifts

The Fellowship Continues!
Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45, Fireside Room

February 11-18 is WMU Focus Week.

On Sunday, February 11, WMU members and our Mission Kids will participate in the worship service. Our guest speaker for that morning will be Kim Wyatt, a CBF missionary, who is currently serving in the Research Triangle area with her husband Marc. Kim is passionate about their ministry working with international students, visiting scholars and their families, as well as refugees and immigrants.

Immediately following the worship service, the ladies in our church are invited to eat lunch with Kim and enjoy an informal time of food and fellowship. You do not have to be a member of a WMU group to attend, but we do need to know if you are planning to join us. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, February 8th. Sign-up sheets will be available on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the office and on Wednesday night in the Fellowship Hall. You can call also call the church office to make a reservation.

Caswell Summerfest May 28-June 1 "Enjoying the Journey"

5-day, 4-night retreat for retired and semi-retired adults.

Speaker: Bobby Morrow - **Worship Leader:** Clyde Buckner - **Pianist:** Larry Keesler

Cost for all meals and lodging :\$330

We have 10 fully furnished rooms reserved in Fort Caswell Hotel

Call the church office by MARCH 1 to reserve a space - you will be glad you did!!

Youth Meals

If anyone would like to help feed our youth on a Sunday evening, please sign up on the sheet located on the youth board outside of the church office or let Lesa Hensley know. We have approximately 30 youth each Sunday night in attendance. So instead of just one person providing the meal, we have between 3 to 4 youth parents signed up already to help with the costs. However, we have run out of youth parents for the winter/spring months and are now asking for your help. If a group of you and/or a Sunday School class would like to volunteer, we have no one down for April 29th so that would be good date for a group. Many thanks!

SCOUT SUNDAY,
February 4, 11:00am



Grace Notes

The Chancel Choir is mourning the loss of another much-loved member, Ed Lovell. It was our honor to sing for his funeral Monday, but also so difficult to say good-bye. Ed was with us for about ten years, always faithful, always a leader in his section with his beautiful bass voice. However, as much as we will miss his voice, we will miss his quiet, beautiful spirit most of all. A brilliant man, Ed's humility was a model for all of us. A member of First Baptist, Winston-Salem, who sang in the choir with Ed there, was present at the funeral Monday. She echoed our experience of friendship and music with Ed. I suspect that any acquaintance of Ed's would be equally affirming of his wonderful qualities. How we will miss him!

For the funeral we sang the same anthem that we sang Sunday morning, *Lord of the Small*. It seemed to fit the moment perfectly. For obvious reasons, it meant so much to me when I learned it after Joe's passing. Here are two of the verses:

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,

*Who girds them with courage and lends them
His aid;*

*He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can
speak.*

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill

*Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly
To never be sick and never die.*

Godspeed, Ed.

Sing to the Lord!

Linda



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 4

Scout Sunday

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
9:45am New Members and Prospects Class
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
12:00pm Mary Rowe WMU
4:00pm Children's Handbells
4:45pm Youth Choir
NO Granite City Ringers
5:00pm Griefshare Class
6:00pm Youth Super Bowl Party-McDuffie's Home

TUESDAY, February 6

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

WEDNESDAY, February 7

10:00am Beth Moore-Rebekah Class
4:30pm Grades 1-2 Music; Grades 3-5 Missions
5:00pm Pre-School-Kindergarten Music & Missions
5:15pm Grades 3-5 Music; Grades 1-2 Missions
5:45pm Family Night Meal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 8

5:30pm Feeding Friends Meal
7:00pm *Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

SATURDAY, February 10

Youth Ski Trip

SUNDAY, February 11

WMU Sunday

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9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
9:45am New Members and Prospects Class
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
4:00pm Diaconate Meeting
4:00pm Children's Handbells
4:45pm Youth Choir
5:00pm Griefshare Class
5:30pm Granite City Ringers
5:30pm Youth Supper
6:00pm Youth Group Family Time

*Community Ministry **Hearing Assists / Valet Parking available upon request. Wheelchair spaces are available in the sanctuary for the convenience of those who need to stay in their chairs.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLEAN-UP

– now through Feb. 11

Please take a look around your Sunday School classroom, recycle old materials and discard items no longer in use. Anyone who has stored items in the Children's Resource Room is invited to re-visit that area and let the Children's Dept. Directors (Paula Brinkley and Carol Dunning) know if it should be saved or tossed.

Dear Church Family,

We would like to express our appreciation for all the thoughts and prayers, cards, donations, and food.

It is a blessing to have such good friends.

Thank you for remembering us during this difficult time.

Sincerely, Mark & Anne Towe



Mary Rowe Mission Group

The Mary Rowe Mission Action group will meet in the Fireside Room, Sunday, February 4, immediately following worship. The group will stop for a quick lunch and then participate in a mission project in Dobson. It will be a great time of ministry and fellowship!

Statistics **Date: 1-28-18**

Sunday School Attendance	124
Worship Attendance	165
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Weekly Needs	\$10,683.00
Budget Offering	\$8,246.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$2,437.00)
Designations <i>(summarized below)</i>	\$1,261.01
Total Offering	\$9,507.01
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Yearly Needs	\$42,732.00
Budget Offering	\$29,467.51
YTD Deficit	(\$13,264.49)
Designations	\$5,432.51
Total Offering	\$34,900.02
<u>Weekly Designations</u>	
Building Fund	\$30.00
Organ Fund Pledge	\$250.00
Designated Missions	\$120.00
Miscellaneous	\$747.01
Wednesday Night Meal	\$114.00
Building Fund Bal to Date	\$25,458.48
Organ Fund Bal to Date	\$33,882.48

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Friends Helping Seniors

In honor of Barbara Blood by:
Tonita Greene

Super Bowl of Caring

In honor of Barbara Blood by:
J.T. and Gladys Henson

Ministry for Sunday: Rev. Jay Meadows ; **Scripture:**

I Corinthians 8: 1-13 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** George Powers & Laney Johnson ; **Deacon Greeters:** Revel & Bonnie Young ; **Babies:** Chip & Jenn Fussell ; **Toddlers:** Kyle & Mary Alice Leonard ; **Preschoolers:** Linda Hiatt & Morgan Hiatt ; **Kid's Korner:** Wendy Harmon & Peyton Harmon ; **Children's Sermon :** Marie Niland ; **Sound:** Ben Cooke, Martin Cooke, Peter Cooke

Where can I help?

There are many areas at FBC where one can volunteer your time. **Some areas are:** Friends Feeding Friends, Friends Helping Seniors, Baptist men's projects, visiting the home-bound and sick, or giving someone a ride to a doctor's appointment. If you are interested in any of these areas, just call the church office to sign up. You are a blessing to many, and your service to FBC and others is much appreciated!

Wednesday, February 7

Menu: Pancakes w/Sausage, Gravy, Biscuits
"No Salad Fixings"

Happy Birthday!

- 1/27 Walker Brewer (belated BD wishes)
- 2/2 Mark Hensley
- 2/2 Herbert Inman
- 2/2 Sandra Redman
- 2/2 Jane Tesh
- 2/3 Drew Fussell
- 2/4 Doug Cook
- 2/4 Lisa York
- 2/5 Bobbie Collins
- 2/5 Nelda Goings
- 2/6 Linda Cooke
- 2/7 Mary Alice Leonard
- 2/8 Mike Hiatt
- 2/10 Martin Cooke
- 2/10 Peter Cooke



Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family

Write a note, make a telephone call,
or pay a visit to

Sympathy

Frank, Peter, and Perry Lovill in the death of their
father, Ed Lovell

Hospital

Haywood Vaughn-Trinity Elms Rehab Center, Clemmons
Charlie Goins-Central Continuing Rehab

College

Morgan Meadows
1501 Mercer Univ Dr
MU POB 71566
Macon, Ga 31207

Home or Retirement

Avanelle "Sis" Elder
3106 Summit Hills Trl
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Frances Gwyn
1770 Inglebrook Trl
Mount Airy, NC 27030

*Every morning has a new beginning.
A new hope.
It's a perfect day, because it's God's gift!
~Unknown~*

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