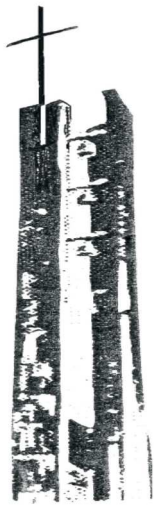


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Quarterly Business Meeting, Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 PM

Please plan to attend our quarterly business meeting and learn what FBC groups and committees are doing. We also will vote on 2018-19 Boggs Scholarship recipients as recommended by our Scholarship Committee.

The View from the Rafters

Most certainly, one of my favorite activities in high school took place in Mrs. Crim's 11th grade English class. We read the classics like Shakespeare and Chaucer; we read poets such as Longfellow and Whitman; we discussed various literary terms and their significance to understanding the printed word. Yet, one day a week we would have a grammar day, and almost always we spent time diagramming sentences which was an activity of immense enjoyment. While it may seem strange that diagramming sentences could be enjoyable, I favored this activity because it gave an opportunity to put various printed words into their respective syntactic places. Diagramming sentences helped me to organize nouns and verbs, independent and dependent clauses. I could clearly understand what was meant to be an adjective, adverb, or conjunction. In diagramming sentences, I found a grammatical order to the English language, which brought harmony, tranquility, and understanding in reading and thought.

Carlyle Marney was brilliant, a bit of a maverick, and much beloved Baptist preacher of another generation! He loved language and often used grammatical references to make a point. For example, what is the word "Christian" grammatically? Marney insisted that "Christian" is a noun, not an adjective. He said, "You'd better hold on to your wallet when "Christian" is used as an adjective." We'd better be careful with the mechanic who advertises that he is a "Christian" mechanic. Advertising that you're a mechanic ought to be enough! John Claypool, in quoting Carlyle Marney, shares, (when it comes to the Christian faith) "**make sure you mind your adjectives and nouns.**" Claypool then goes on to share, "*Church* is a noun, while there are many adjectives that describe 'church', such as *Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian*, etc." Claypool continues, "When it comes to the noun, *Christian*, the apostle Paul shared the modifiers: *male, female, bond, free.*" Claypool concludes, "Too often we emphasize the adjectives, when in fact the emphasis should be on the nouns."

Sometimes in spiritual formation and in being a disciple we confuse our adjectives and nouns, by placing more importance on the modifier rather than the noun. We strain over the description of "*church*" rather than being "*church*". We argue over the style, kind, and category of our "*worship*" rather than undertaking the activity of "*worship*". We often speak of the categories and hues of "*Christians*" and in doing so discount that being a Christian means being a beloved child of the LORD. In a culture that makes too much of "modifiers" and thereby pitting folks one against the other, let us see the unity of the faith community by focusing on the "nouns": church, Christian, worship, discipleship, and love!

Joy for the Journey, Jay

Youth Happenings

We had a great time at Caswell this past weekend at our Youth Spring Retreat. I enjoyed being with all of you and getting to know you better. I continue to give thanks for each of you as individuals, and together as a youth group. As Kyle Matthew's song, "Welcome Home", states:

You are welcome in this family

You are wanted in this place

You have value to your Maker

That your past cannot erase

There is room for all your searching

There is music for your song

There are shoulders you can cry on

And the strength to carry on

You belong here

Welcome Home



We will resume our regular youth activities this Sunday, April 22. Lone Cooke will lead the Youth Group Time as I will be away spending time with my family. I hope you will be present!

Coming Saturday, April 28

Annual Mt Airy High School Prom Breakfast

10:00pm-2:00am

Fellowship Hall

Many, many, many thanks to Patty Carpenter, our chaperone and cook extraordinaire, and to chaperones Mark and Lesa Hensley, for helping make our Youth Spring Retreat possible this past weekend!!

Kevin

Ministry for Sunday: Rev. Jay Meadows ; **Scripture:** John 10:11-18 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Mark & Lesa Hensley ; **Deacon Greeters:** Jim & Joy McGehee ; **Babies:** Lone Cooke & Maggie Nicholson ; **Toddlers:** Kyle & Mary Alice Leonard ; **Preschoolers:** Jayme Brant & Charlotte Hauser ; **Kid's Korner:** Jennifer Hiatt & Morgan Hiatt ; **Children's Sermon :** Marie Niland ; **Sound:** Gina Brannock, Jeffrey Ellis

Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family

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

Hospital

Andy Hennis-Forsyth

College

Anderson Rowe
2408 Raymond Smith Rd
Raleigh, NC 28223

Homebound

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

Becky Hennis
115 Hennis Hill Dr
Mount Airy, NC 27030



April Birthdays

4/21	Richard Williams
4/24	Sandy Tilley
4/26	Larry Blood
4/26	Mary Alice Hayes
4/30	Joseph Brannock
4/30	Claire Hauser

PrimeTimers Trip

Music is Magic!
Saturday, May 5, 2:00pm



11:30pm: Bus leaves the church

12:00pm: Lunch at K&W **2:00pm:** Show Time

Join the Primetimers for an afternoon of entertainment filled with acts of magic by magician, Glen Yost, humor, and the best in a cappella singing. There will also be performances by *Let's Sing* and *Downtown Sound*. Ticket price will be determined on the number of people that sign up. Deadline to sign-up for this trip is April 25. Please call the church office to add your name to the list.



Senior Gathering, Monday, April 23

11:45-2:00, Fellowship Hall

Transportation will be provided upon request.

Please RSVP to 710-2041.



Health and Wellness Fair

Reeves Community Center Gym

April 20, 9:00am-12:00pm

Grace Notes

I recently read the 23rd Psalm in *The Message*, and was struck by new insight into the very familiar psalm. Here it is; read it as if you had never heard the 23rd Psalm.

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,

you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.

Even when the way goes through Death Valley,
I'm not afraid when you walk by my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.

Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of God
for the rest of my life.

Sunday this beloved psalm will be used in several ways in worship. May it remind you that God's beauty and love chase after us every day of our lives!

Sing to the Lord!

Linda

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 22

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am ****The Church at Worship & Praise**
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

MONDAY, April 23

11:45am Senior Gathering-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, April 24

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

WEDNESDAY, April 25

4:00pm Pre-School-Kindergarten Music & Missions
4:00pm Grades 1-5 Music
4:30pm House & Grounds Meeting
5:15pm Grades 1-5 Missions
5:45pm Family Night Meal
6:30pm Quarterly Conference
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 26

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

SATURDAY, April 28

10:00pm Prom Breakfast-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, April 29

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am ****The Church at Worship & Praise**
4:00pm Children's Handbells
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*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.

What would **YOU** give to help feed
10,000 hungry children?

2 hours of time in June?
\$29 to provide 100 meals?



SAVE the DATE:
Wednesday, June 20
6:30 – 8:30 pm
FBC Meal Packaging Event

Mission Trip Opportunity

If you are interested in participating in a mission trip to Puerto Rico, please notify Bob Demcio by May 1. He is hoping to put together a team of 6-12 members to roof hurricane damaged homes the week of July 22 or 29 for the NC Baptist Men. Two members are needed to do laundry and cook meals for our team at the church each day. Some members will be needed on the ground to cut and supply wood structure up to those above ground.

Prom Breakfast...FBC will once again host the prom breakfast after MAHS prom on Saturday, April 28, 10:00pm-2:00am.



Wednesday, April 25

Menu: Beef Stroganoff w/Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Roll, Dessert

QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Financial Report

31-Mar-18

	2018	2017
Contributions		
General Fund (\$45,573 under budget - 2018)	96,973.00	122,974.00
Building Fund	385.00	4,405.00
Ben Brannock Transportation Fund	-	80.00
Restricted Music Funds	-	100.00
Total budgeted expenses	115,233.00	121,254.00
(\$27,313 under budget - we spent less than we budgeted - 2018)		
(\$13,227 under budget - we spent less than we budgeted - 2017)		
Cash Surplus to date (we spent more than we took in-2018)	(18,261.00)	
Cash surplus to date (we spent less than we took in - 2017)		1,720.00
Mission Expenditures		
Budgeted missions	13,128.00	17,937.00
Unbudgeted missions (home/world missions/Soup Kitchen/etc)	2,804.00	12,068.00
Total	15,932.00	30,005.00
Cash balances		
General Fund	243,221.00	251,908.00
Perpetual Fund	2,335.00	1,960.00
Boggs Foundation	84,076.00	76,230.00
Irvin Gentry Fund	10,529.00	9,769.00
Building Fund	24,088.00	22,380.00
Ben Brannock Transportation Fund	-	467.00
Willard Benevolent Fund	4,873.00	7,090.00
Maintenance Reserve Funds	72,632.00	65,376.00
Restricted Music Funds	10,388.00	10,288.00
Other Funds	98,261.00	111,657.00
Total	550,403.00	557,125.00
Loan balances		
Building loan	-	-

Statistics

Date: 4-15-18

Sunday School Attendance	148
Worship Attendance	154
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	
Weekly Needs	\$10,683.00
Budget Offering	\$5,642.08
Weekly Deficit	(\$5,040.92)
Designations (summarized below)	\$2,891.00
Total Offering	\$8,533.08
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	
Yearly Needs	\$160,245.00
Budget Offering	\$142,409.09
YTD Deficit	(\$17,835.91)
Designations	\$36,521.99
Total Offering	\$178,931.08
<u>Weekly Designations</u>	
Building Fund	\$200.00
Organ Fund Pledge	\$20.00
Designated Missions	\$195.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,404.00
Wednesday Night Meal	\$72.00
Building Fund Bal to Date	\$25,540.08
Organ Fund Bal to Date	\$36,872.48

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Building Fund

In memory of Christine Shelton by:
Revel and Bonnie Young

Friends Helping Seniors

In memory of Irene Belton, Mildred Glenn, and Christine Shelton by:
John and Bobbie Collins

In memory of Ed Jones, Henrietta Bingman, Margaret Taylor, Irene Belton, and Christine Shelton by:
J.T. and Gladys Henson

General Fund

In memory of Christine Shelton by:
Maude Morris

Organ Fund

In memory of Christine Shelton by:
Lisa Parries Shaw

Youth Fund

In memory of Mildred Glenn by:
Doug and Bonnie Cook

**Tune in to WPAQ, Sunday morning services,
April 22, 11:00am-11:30am**

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