

# The Announcer

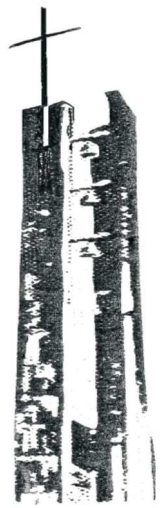
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## *The View from the Rafters*

Writer Anne Lamont reflects upon a scene in which she watches her aged mother and her young adult son, Sam, interact on a beach. In watching both her mother and her son, two generations bridged by her own flesh and blood, Lamont writes ....

“My mother turns to Sam. “Let’s go for a walk,” she says. He doesn’t want to. He always wants to race down to the shore and just plunge in. But he’s glad to be with her. The fact that she’s wearing a sweater does not seem to annoy him. I watch carefully. I tell you, families are definitely the training ground for forgiveness. At some point you pardon the people in your family for being stuck together in all their weirdness, and when you can do that, you can learn to pardon anyone. Even yourself, eventually. It’s like learning to drive an old car with a tricky transmission: if you can master shifting gears on that, you can learn to drive anything. I keep watching. Sam takes his grandmother’s hand. I feel like sobbing with grief that my mother is old, that she won’t always be around, and with despair at what an erratic daughter I am. But it’s not a big deal to Sam. He just wants to help her find her balance.” (“Traveling Mercies” by Anne Lamont, pp. 219-220)

Often I make commentary on the things I read and the insights which come, yet not this week. This week, I simply offer this scene for you to ponder and for you to respond as God leads.

Joy for the Journey, Jay



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SURPRISES

- 1. Sunday Coffee Fellowship** continues throughout the summer, 9:15-9:45, Fireside Room. Come join the fun!
- 2. Sunday School Summer Sampler Class** – Several adult classes are pooling their resources for a new summer adventure. There will be a variety of teachers and Bible Study materials. Whether you are already enrolled in a class or are looking for a new Bible Study opportunity, you are invited to come and sample this short term intergenerational class each Sunday, beginning on June 3. Watch this space for details.

## **Youth Happenings**

Here's the Youth Schedule  
for this Sunday, May 13

### **9:45am – Youth Sunday School**

We will have a short devotion, then we will spend most of our time finalizing plans for our Youth-Led Worship on May 20. All youth are encouraged to be present for this important time of preparation.

There will be food to eat!!

### **11:00am – Worship**

There will be no further youth activities in the afternoon as this Sunday is Mother's Day. Let me encourage you to spend the afternoon with your family!

**Sunday, May 20**, will be a **BIG Day** for the **Youth at FBC**.

We will lead our church family in **Worship** at 11:00am; there will be an **After-Church Luncheon Fundraiser** after worship, as well as a **Silent Auction Fundraiser**. Money raised will help defray the cost of upcoming youth activities, including **Passport**. We'll need all of you present to help make the day meaningful and successful!!

For our afternoon activity, we will meet at the church at 5:30pm for supper, and then go and enjoy a competitive and fun game of **Kickball!!** Plan now to join us!!

Many thanks to the Emmanuel Sunday School Class for providing the youth supper this past Sunday!

Kevin

**Wednesday, May 2**

**Menu:** Vegetable Beef/ Taco/ Potato Soups,  
Toasted Cheese, Cheese Quesadillas, Salad

## **CALLING ALL NURSERY WORKERS SUNDAY, JUNE 3**



## **IMPORTANT TRAINING AND INFORMATION MEETING FELLOWSHIP HALL, 10:30**

You are invited (expected!) if you are:

1. A current Nursery Volunteer, whether you work monthly or only once a year.
2. An adult who is interested in volunteering - we need you!
3. YOUTH who have been approved to work in the Nursery or who are interested in being a part of this ministry.

**Please plan to attend your regular Sunday School Class that morning and then meet in the Fireside Room at 10:30. We have important changes to discuss related to the newly approved Child Safety and Protection Policy.**

## **A Word from the Personnel Committee Regarding Our Music Ministry**

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to Linda for the many ways she has ministered to us over the years. As much as we would like to have her remain as our Minister for Music and Worship, we celebrate this opportunity for her to experience a new chapter in her life as our retired Minister for Music and Worship and a full time mother, daughter, grandmother, traveler, lady of leisure, and any other titles she chooses that she now will have time to claim.

Linda's retirement date is August 1. This day will arrive quickly. We are now faced with the task of finding a person to assume the roles that Linda has performed so well. One of the first steps in this journey is to appoint a Search Committee. To this end, the Personnel Committee has begun the process of forming a Minister for Music and Worship Search Committee. We want to give our congregation the opportunity to participate in this process.

A suggestion box will be placed in the breezeway through Sunday, May 13th. If you feel there is a member of our church who would be a good choice to serve on this committee, we welcome the submission of that person's name as one to be considered for service on this committee. In addition to the congregation at large, we are seeking input from a number of leadership groups within our church, including the ministerial staff, the Church Council, the Diaconate, the Nominating Committee, people directly involved in our music ministry, and the Music Committee. We hope to have the Search Committee in place and ready to begin work as quickly as possible.

The committee will have 5 members. We want it to have representation from those who participate in the various areas of our music ministry and the congregation at large, as well as representing the age span of our congregation. In addition to the suggestion box, names to be considered can be called, mailed, or emailed to the church office through May 13th.

Most importantly, please hold Linda, our church, and the future Search Committee in your prayers as we move forward together in the Lord's service at First Baptist Church.

The Personnel Committee

## Grace Notes



A good time was had by all at the Spring Handbell concert Sunday night. Thanks to all ringers and drummers for a memorable evening!

Let the Sunshine In!

## Puerto Rico Mission Trip Rescheduled

The bad news is our dates in July are already taken. The good news is that lots of churches are wanting to help! We are trying again to see if we can get a team together to go to Puerto Rico during the week of September 15 -22. We need at least 2 people to cook and do laundry and at least another 6-8 to work on sawing on the ground and rebuilding a roof on a home, men and women! Please let me know by June 10 if you are interested. Cost is still at \$600.00 for the plane flight. We will be staying at a church where the showers and kitchen are located. My cell phone is 336-468-7141. I would like to have a brief meeting of all that are wanting to go on June 10 after church.

Bob Demcio  
N C Baptist Men

## Dear Friends in the Jackson-Meeks-Beck Group,

Thank you for your most generous contribution to the Organ Fund and to the Rise Against Hunger Fund, given in memory of Rene. She missed being able to be an active member of her circle. Your gifts are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
The Belton Family



## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, May 13 Mother's Day

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room  
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am \*\*The Church at Worship & Praise  
**No Evening Activities**

### MONDAY, May 14

6:30pm \*Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Church Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, May 15

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia  
10:30am Jackson-Meeks-Beck Mission Group

### WEDNESDAY, May 16

4:00pm Pre-School-Kindergarten Music & Missions  
4:00pm Grades 1-5 Music  
5:15pm Grades 1-5 Missions  
5:45pm Family Night Meal  
6:30pm Bible Study  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, May 17

5:30pm Feeding Friends Meal  
7:00pm \*Boy Scouts-Scout Hut  
7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting

### SUNDAY, May 20

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room  
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am \*\*The Church at Worship & Praise  
12:00pm Youth Sunday and Fundraiser Lunch  
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.



## YOU can help feed 10,000 hungry children

Wednesday, June 20

6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Goal: \$2,994.08**

**Given to date: \$736.00**



### It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Ashlie and Kevin Pyles on the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Reese Pyles, born on May

6, and weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. Grandparents are James Hayes and Mary Alice Hayes. She has an uncle, Bryan Hayes

## Senior Gathering- Monday, May 21

**Statistics**

**Date: 5-6-18**

Sunday School Attendance	131
Worship Attendance	198
<b><u>Tithes and Offerings</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>
Weekly Needs	\$10,683.00
Budget Offering	\$12,800.00
<b>Weekly Surplus</b>	<b>\$2,117.00</b>
Designations (summarized below)	\$3,268.00
Total Offering	\$16,068.00
<b><u>Tithes and Offerings</u></b>	<b><u>Year To Date</u></b>
Yearly Needs	\$192,294.00
Budget Offering	\$166,667.09
<b>YTD Deficit</b>	<b>(\$25,626.91)</b>
Designations	\$42,407.99
Total Offering	\$209,074.08
<b><u>Weekly Designations</u></b>	
Building Fund	\$225.00
Organ Fund Pledge	\$240.00
Designated Missions	\$1,297.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,395.00
Wednesday Night Meal	\$111.00
<b>Building Fund</b> Bal to Date	\$25,895.08
<b>Organ Fund</b> Bal to Date	\$38,002.48

**Happy Birthday!**

- 5/12 Sarah Houston
- 5/13 Shannon Dowell
- 5/13 Dora Ann Wood
- 5/14 Nancy Russell
- 5/16 Carter Bray
- 5/17 Jim Pickett
- 5/17 Mary Lois Strickland
- 5/18 Ben Cooke
- 5/20 Cathy Akers
- 5/20 Gregg Martin
- 5/20 Ben Webb
- 5/21 Beau Brown



**Ministry for Sunday:** Rev. Jay Meadows ; **Scripture:** Psalm 1 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Hugh Taylor & Marilyn Thomas ; **Deacon Greeters:** Jerry Simmons & Resa Brewington ; **Babies:** Paula Brinkley & Maggie Nicholson ; **Toddlers:** Ron & Marie Niland ; **Preschoolers:** Benny & Gina Brannock ; **Kid's Korner:** Richie & Anna Norris ; **Children's Sermon :** Cindy Wilson ; **Sound:** Paul Madren, Mark Hensley, Wes Parker

**Deadline for senior portraits to be turned into the office is Monday, May 21.**



**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

**Organ Fund**

In memory of Irene Belton by:  
Harold and Nancy Stone

**Rise Against Hunger Fund:**

In honor of Emily Conner, Candice Kerley, and Jennie Kerley on Mother's Day by:  
Roger and Carole Kerley

In honor of Doris Hunter and in memory of Florence Demcio, our mothers, on Mother's Day by:  
Bob and Janice Demcio

In honor of our moms, Patty Carpenter and Connie Hensley by:  
Mark and Lesa Hensley

In memory of Genevieve Henson and Ellen Pickeral by:  
J.T. and Gladys Henson

In memory of our mothers, Mabel Speight and Grace Hill by:  
Charles and Barbara Hill

In honor of Lexene Lee on Mother's Day by:  
Laney Johnson

In loving memory of my mom, Alice Carlton, on Mother's Day by:  
Jeanette Jordan

In memory of Marie Allred Routh and Dorothy Osborne McCullen on Mother's Day by:  
Roger and Vickie Routh

In honor of Becky Kessler and Janice Demcio by:  
Laney Johnson

In memory of Christine Shelton by:  
Laney Johnson

**Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family**

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

**Hospital**

James Hayes-Whitaker Rehab, Forsyth  
Thelma Dowell-Surry Rehab

**College**

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

**Homebound**

Betty Key  
1000 Ridgecrest Lane #213  
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Maude Morris  
307 Robin Rd  
Mount Airy, NC 27030