

# The Announcer

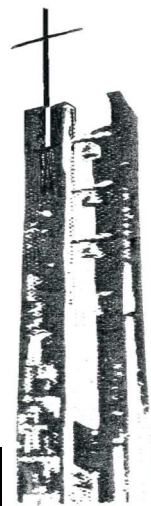
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## *The View from the Rafters*

**“Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise. .... it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest.”** - Proverbs 6:6,8

Through the generations, watching ants bring food into their anthills has been an enjoyable activity for children. There's something about their coordination, their work ethic, their efficiency, and their sheer determination that inspires. Certainly, for the writer of Proverbs, he was keen to see how God instilled even in the smallest of creatures a commitment to take advantage of the summer abundance and store-up provisions for leaner times. Ants, like all living creatures, thrive when sustenance is most abundant. Like an ant, I will take advantage of the Spring harvest, and this week I will be making my annual “onion run” to south Georgia for several cases of Vidalia onions. If anyone in our church family wants to share in the abundance, bring a bag or other small container to take a few home. I will have plenty to share!

**“A child who gathers in summer is prudent, but a child who sleeps in harvest brings shame.”** – Proverbs 10:5

This Sunday our youth will lead us in worship. The seeds of faith were planted long ago in their lives, and we are invited to share in the fruit of their walk with God. Each and every week, we have young people reading scripture, singing, or participating in worship leadership, and this Sunday we excitedly anticipate their godly insights and Christ-centered encouragement. As scripture teaches us and as I have long taught, our young people have an abundance of awareness of God at work in our world. Let us join in worship, and as the spiritual harvest is brought forth, let us rejoice in the fruitfulness of God's ministry!

**“The lazy person does not plow in season; harvest comes, and there is nothing to be found.”** – Proverbs 20:4

Throughout the month of June, our sermon series will be “Vintage Faith: Learning more about our Savior in the Vineyard.” The scriptural basis will be John 15:1-16. The aim is to understand our lives from God's perspective. Each week, we will focus on a different element of the divine-human relationship with emphasis on life's purpose, personal set-backs, God's discipline and divine mission. My hope is that we will all realize that God wants to bring a harvest into our lives. Save the date now as we “chew” upon God's word in this most beloved chapter of the New Testament !

Joy for the Journey,

## **Summer Bible Study Begins on Wednesday, JUNE 6**

Our summer Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, June 6, 12:00pm. The study will take place in the Fireside Room. Afterwards, those who would like can go to one of our good eating establishments and share lunch.



## Youth Happenings

This Sunday, May 20 is

### **YOUTH SUNDAY**

Here's the schedule:

9:15am – All youth come to the sanctuary to make final preparations for the Youth-Led Worship Experience.

9:45am – Youth Sunday School

11:00am – Youth-Led Worship –

Theme: "Family – Welcome Home"

12:00noon – After Church Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraiser – Fellowship Hall

5:30pm – Youth Supper

6:00pm – Youth Kickball Game. If it's raining/too wet we will go bowling so bring some money. Free game if you beat my score!!

Attention all High School Seniors and their families

### **Graduate Sunday is June 3!**



On this day we will honor you for your upcoming graduation with a buffet breakfast for you and your family in the church fellowship hall at 8:30am, followed by recognition and the presenting of a gift from your church during the morning worship experience. Plan to wear your cap and gown for worship, and join us for this special day of celebrating YOU!

Kevin

## **CHILDREN'S MUSICAL SPECTACULAR WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 IN THE IMAGE SANCTUARY, 6:30PM**

Please make plans to come see your children/ grandchildren as they give their end of year musical performance entitled, ***In The Image***, performed in the sanctuary, Wednesday evening, May 23, 6:30pm. If you plan to eat dinner, please call the church office by **Tuesday, May 22**, to make a reservation.

**Note:** Our Wednesday activities for the children ends for the summer break on May 23.



**VBS at First Baptist Church: June 24-28, 5:30pm-8:00pm (Note: Date and Time Change)**

## **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



### **Meal Packaging Event**

Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 - 8:30

We will have jobs for all ages, 5 to 95!

Jobs where you are sitting or standing or even running!

Please plan to help us as we package 10,000 meals!

**Goal: \$2,994.08**

**Given to date: \$2,136.00**

### **Friends Helping Seniors Gathering**

**Monday, May 21, 11:45 am**



Seniors Of All Ages are invited to join your friends in faith and fellowship for devotion, led by Resa Brewington, concert presented by Millennium Charter School, and barbeque for lunch. Transportation will be provided upon request. **Please RSVP to 710-2041.**

### Grace Notes

Children's music ministry will present the musical *In the Image*, Wednesday evening, May 23, at 6:30, in the sanctuary. Composer, Mark Burrows, says that he originally intended to write a musical about the creation story, but he kept feeling that God wanted him to go deeper than a straightforward retelling of the story.

*In the Image* features a group of children who have just experienced the story of the Creation, and now they are starting to wonder what it really means to be created *in the image* of God. They discover that it is not about physical appearance, but rather about love, creativity, faithfulness, responsibility, and community.

While preparing for the musical, all our children have been taught that they are unique, beloved children of God. They have been told this in our words, and they have learned through singing and acting out the story. They have learned that God has given each of them creative gifts, and, also, that they bear responsibility to take care of God's creation. These are lessons for all of us. Be with us next Wednesday as our children teach us.

Sing to the Lord!

Linda



### The Week Ahead

#### 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

#### MONDAY, May 21

11:45am Senior Gathering-Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm \*Cub Scouts

#### TUESDAY, May 22

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

#### WEDNESDAY, May 23

4:00pm Grades 1-5 Music  
5:15pm Grades 1-5 Missions  
5:45pm Family Night Meal  
**(Last Wednesday Meal until Fall)**  
6:30pm Children's Musical-Sanctuary  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, May 24

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

#### SUNDAY, May 27

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



## 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 inter-generational class each Sunday, beginning on June 3, in the Fireside Room.

Thank you to all who have submitted your senior/college information. If you haven't sent in a photo, please have them in the office by Wednesday, May 23, so I can get them printed in the Announcer on May 31. Thanks again, Jeanette



### YOU ARE INVITED!

**Worship**, led by our youth, followed by an **After-Church Luncheon**

The meal consists of: Ham, Green Beans, Potatoes, Roll, Dessert, Drink, and a **Silent Auction**. Proceeds will help defray the cost of upcoming Youth Activities, including Passport.

**Come join us! No reservation necessary!**

### NURSERY WORKERS TRAINING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

### SUNDAY, JUNE 3

### POSTPONED



**Watch this space for future information!**

**Statistics**

**Date: 5-13-18**

Sunday School Attendance	144
Worship Attendance	263

**Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly Needs	\$10,683.00
Budget Offering	\$7,451.00

**Weekly Deficit** **(\$3,232.00)**

Designations (summarized below)	\$3,592.00
Total Offering	\$11,043.00

**Tithes and Offerings**

Yearly Needs	\$202,977.00
Budget Offering	\$174,118.09

**YTD Deficit** **(\$28,858.91)**

Designations	\$45,999.99
Total Offering	\$220,117.08

**Weekly Designations**

Building Fund	\$710.00
Organ Fund Pledge	\$360.00
Designated Missions	\$1,495.00
Miscellaneous	\$906.00
Wednesday Night Meal	\$121.00
<b>Building Fund</b> Bal to Date	\$26,605.08
<b>Organ Fund</b> Bal to Date	\$38,362.48

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

**Music Ministry**

In memory of my beautiful wife, Katie, on her 5th year anniversary in heaven by:  
Haywood Jordan

**Rise Against Hunger Fund:**

In memory of my mother Erline Ellison by:  
Carol Dunning  
In memory of Bea Holder and Zella Goings by:  
Clarence and Nelda Goings  
In memory of Franklin Marquet by:  
Jean Marquet

**Ministry for Sunday:** Youth Led Worship; **Scripture:**

Luke 15:11-24 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Larry & Barbara Blood ; **Deacon Greeters:** John & Bobbie Collins ; **Babies:** John & Candice Kerley ; **Toddlers:** Chad & Erin Stanley ; **Preschoolers:** Andrew & Alisha Brown ; **Kid's Korner:** Wendy & Peyton Harmon ; **Children's Sermon :** Youth ; **Sound:** Benny & Gina Brannock, Wes Parker

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**Wednesday, May 23**  
**Menu: Smorgasbord**

**No Music Friends Class on Wednesday, May 16 & 23**

**Happy Birthday!**

- 5/18 Ben Cooke
- 5/20 Cathy Akers
- 5/20 Gregg Martin
- 5/20 Ben Webb
- 5/21 Beau Brown
- 5/23 Sue Cooke
- 5/27 Bonnie Watson
- 5/27 Geraldine Slate
- 5/30 Brayden Nicholson
- 5/30 Jasper Simmons
- 5/31 Paul Madren



**Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family**

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

**Hospital**

Bonnie Cook-Home  
John Brewington-Home

**Homebound**

Geneva Profit  
292 Quaker Rd  
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Frances Randleman  
3102 Summit Hills Trl  
Mount Airy, NC 27030

**Focus on Friends Helping Seniors**

MINISTERING TO THE NEEDS OF THE

SENIOR ADULTS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



**Senior Gatherings** - Regularly scheduled,

meaningful monthly meetings are planned

for FBC seniors to meet to share friendship, faith and know- ledge. Lunch and fellowship programs are provided for approximately 50-60 attendees.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers and gifts. Your faithful support is a vital part of this ministry and I am deeply grateful. Together we are making a difference. Recent gifts will be helpful in providing summer church camp opportunities for several children and youth. Please pray for hearts and lives to be transformed.

God bless each of you.  
Cecelia Beck

