

# The Announcer

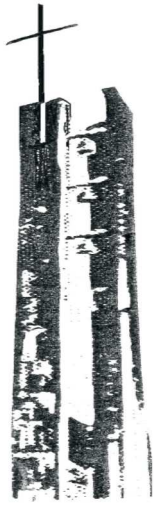
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## *The View from the Rafters*

**This week for kids ....** Excited children throughout our community will experience the end of another school year. Exams are completed; grades and tests scores have been returned to families; end of year activities and celebrations fill the remaining classroom hours, and children throughout our community are exuberant with joy, laughter, smiles, and enthusiasm. No more school buses to wait behind each morning; no more homework to be submitted. The only thing left to do is unpack a worn bookbag and set it aside until next year.

**This month for kids ....** Our church sees the summer break for our children as an opportunity to continue the spiritual formation process with the familiar routine of Vacation Bible School. Yet, VBS is not what it was in our day. Gone are the days of "VBS punch" and three cookies for snack; (it's hard to explain to this generation the "VBS red punch" made from a gallon syrup jug). No longer is there a "stand-up chord" followed by a "sit down chord" on the piano. No, VBS hasn't had a film or slide projector in years. These days VBS is video enhanced with apps and web-based media helps for teachers and volunteers. The kids do not attend a traditional class but are encouraged to journey with the Bible characters in a "marketplace" of experience, activity, and storytelling. This month for kids - our church will host an interactive learning experience based upon the life of Daniel entitled "**Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity**" with every child given biblical insight into how to face change, fear, uncertainty, and loneliness. Alongside these lessons from Daniel's life will be the continual reminder that God is with us during the difficult seasons of life. This month for kids our church will need your prayer support, your generous giving, and your valuable time and presence. What better legacy can you leave than a legacy that you selflessly shared God's word and love with this generation of excited kids? Come and volunteer; invite your neighborhood children; be an agent of outreach and witness for Jesus Christ in a fun and kid-friendly way.

**This life for kids ....** Today's children are facing a headwind of challenges. A quick survey finds children concerned with cyberbullying, school violence, social media pressure, an over-scheduled life, poor dietary habits, obesity, lack of exercise, parental pressure to succeed at all costs – (just to name a few challenges). In church life, children and their families are less frequent in attendance, biblical literacy is declining, and consumeristic tendencies toward faith matters is on the rise. All said – children are exposed to more stress, heartache, and isolation while being given less time and resource for spiritual formation and faith development, as well as the goodness and benefits of a church family who loves unconditionally. As a church we must continually demonstrate an open-arm receptivity to children and their families which requires that we give of ourselves sacrificially. Jesus said it best, "Suffer not the little children to come unto me"

Joy for the Journey,  
Jay

## Youth Happenings

Congratulations to our Mt Airy High School Graduates:

**Corbin Robertson**  
**Simon Cawley**  
**Grey Tucker**  
**Elizabeth Marion**  
**Harrison Morris**

These graduates have contributed tremendously to the Youth Ministry at First Baptist Church over the years providing leadership and commitment. Let's be in prayer for them, and let them know of our love and support, as they begin a new and exciting phase of their Christian journey.

**Plan now to be present for this Sunday, June 10**

for  
**Sunday School at 9:45am**  
and  
**Worship at 11:00am**

Our regular Sunday afternoon activities have ended until the Fall, so there will be no further youth activities in the afternoon. We will have special activities and events throughout the summer. More information to come! Many thanks to Josh Martin, Lone, Ben, Martin, Peter, Hanne Cooke, Eli Stroup, and Anna Wilson for preparing the Graduate Breakfast this past Sunday, for serving the breakfast, and for cleaning afterwards.

Thanks also to Jennifer Hiatt, Marie Hauser, and Marsha Meadows for providing the Youth Supper this past Sunday.

*Kevin*

## Puerto Rico Mission Trip Meeting

If you are interested in going to on the mission trip to Puerto Rico in September, please plan to stay for a brief meeting after worship this Sunday in the library.



### **Meal Packaging Event in less than 2 weeks!**

Make your plans to help feed at least 10,000 hungry children!

Donations still accepted

**Given to date: \$3,443.54**

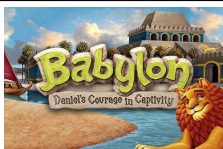
## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **SAMPLER CLASS**

**JUNE 3 – AUGUST 26**

### **FIRESIDE ROOM**

Join an inter-generational group for Bible Study and fellowship each Sunday morning during the summer. We will sample a variety of materials presented by a variety of teachers!



## **Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, June 24-Thursday, June 28**

**Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!**

- ◆ Registration on Sunday night at 5:15 in the breezeway
- ◆ Meet in the sanctuary each night at 5:30
- ◆ For PreK (ages 4 and up) - rising 6th graders
- ◆ Dinner served each evening

Anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Hiatt ([katieandbaby@hotmail.com](mailto:katieandbaby@hotmail.com)). Dinner served each night at 5:30 for everyone! **If you can help supply any of these items listed below, it would be greatly appreciated.**

**You may bring them to the church office.** Lemonade Mix, Cookies, Chips (Nacho & Regular), Mac n' Cheese, Nacho Cheese, Salsa, Taco Seasoning, Hot Dog Buns, Loaf Bread, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Salad (large cans from Sams), Applesauce (large cans from Sams), Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, Cups (8oz), and Plates.

## *Perfect Attendance, June 3*

**Word and Song Class  
&  
Kindergarten Class**



## Called Business Meeting

### Sunday, June 10, 11:00 AM



- ◆ To vote on a proposed job description for an Organ Accompanist.

Please contact the church office to have a copy of the proposed job description e-mailed to you.

### Grace Notes

Caswell is always a special place, and last week was no exception, as several of us were there for Summerfest. The weather was wonderful, a delightful surprise after the original forecasts. Some favorite memories of the week:

- Beautiful Caswell itself, with all its rich history.
- Time spent with dear friends that included lots of laughter and love. Our group included Becky and Larry Keesler, Carol Dunning, Barbara Hill, Linda Dudley, Rocelle Hart, Roger and Carole Kerley, Jim and Joy McGehee, Melba Jean Umstead, Brenda Goins, and Patsy Garrett.
- Jim McGehee's watch being stolen by a very clever juggler in Monday's entertainment (he got it back).
- Larry Keesler's always-amazing concerts.
- Singing in worship as a worshiper.
- Sharing a hymnal with Melba Jean, her arm around my waist, as we sang together.
- Time on the beach, especially the walk with Rocelle, Becky, Carol, and Barbara.
- Tai Chi class when Linda Dudley got so tickled she couldn't stand!
- Vespers with communion by the river on our last evening.

Stifling giggles during said communion after a gull unloaded on one of us, who shall remain nameless!

These are just a few of the wonderful memories of the week; all who were there could chime in with their own. Consider going to Summerfest sometime; there is a session every May and one every August.

Sing to the Lord!  
Linda



### Vintage Faith

*Learning more about our Savior in the vineyard*

**Sunday, June 10**

**Sermon Title:** *The Cath-Lab in the Vineyard*

**Scripture:** John 15:1-4

### The Week Ahead

#### SUNDAY, June 10

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 Mary Rowe WMU-Fireside Room  
 4:00pm Diaconate Meeting

#### MONDAY, June 11

6:00pm Friends Helping Seniors Meeting-Library

#### TUESDAY, June 12

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia  
 7:00pm Wilson-Wyatt Prayer Group- Bobbie Collins

#### WEDNESDAY, June 13

12:00pm Bible Study-Fireside Room  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, June 14

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

#### SUNDAY, June 17

#### Father'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

\*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.

### Scenes From Caswell Summerfest





**Statistics**

**Date: 6-3-18**

|                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sunday School Attendance           | 154                     |
| Worship Attendance                 | 195                     |
| <b><u>Tithes and Offerings</u></b> | <b><u>This Week</u></b> |
| Weekly Needs                       | \$10,683.00             |
| Budget Offering                    | \$15,057.00             |
| <b>Weekly Surplus</b>              | <b>\$4,374.00</b>       |
| Designations (summarized below)    | \$1,619.32              |
| Total Offering                     | \$16,676.32             |

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b><u>Tithes and Offerings</u></b> | <b><u>Year To Date</u></b> |
| Yearly Needs                       | \$235,026.00               |
| Budget Offering                    | \$201,488.09               |
| <b>YTD Deficit</b>                 | <b>(\$33,537.91)</b>       |
| Designations                       | \$52,566.26                |
| Total Offering                     | \$254,053.66               |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b><u>Weekly Designations</u></b> |             |
| Building Fund                     | \$300.00    |
| Organ Fund Pledge                 | \$150.00    |
| Designated Missions               | \$94.32     |
| Miscellaneous                     | \$1,075.00  |
| <b>Building Fund</b> Bal to Date  | \$27,060.08 |
| <b>Organ Fund</b> Bal to Date     | \$38,607.48 |

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

**General Fund**

In honor of Ben Webb Family by:  
Michael and Neppie Stevens

**Ministry for Sunday:** Rev. Jay Meadows; **Scripture:** John 15:1-4 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Revel & Bonnie Young ; **Deacon Greeters:** Ron Niland & Mary Lois Strickland ; **Babies:** Jarod & Meredith Simmons ; **Toddlers:** Diane Robinson & Becky Keesler ; **Preschoolers:** Linda Hiatt & Morgan Hiatt ; **Kid's Korner:** Lesa Hensley & Meredith Hensley ; **Children's Sermon :** Cindy Wilson ; **Sound:** Paul Madren, Mark Hensley, Wes Parker

# Senior Gathering

**Monday, June 25, 11:45am**

**More information Coming SOON!**

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## Summer Bible Study Wednesday, June 13

Our summer Bible Study began on Wednesday, June 6, 12:00pm, and will continue through June 27. There will not be any Bible Study in July but will resume on August 1. The study will take place in the Fireside Room. Afterwards, those who would like can go to one of our local restaurants to enjoy lunch together.

## Happy Birthday!

- 6/8 Betty Blackmon
- 6/8 Jim Redman
- 6/9 Richard Pyles
- 6/10 Zack Blackmon, Jr.
- 6/10 Suzanne Hennis
- 6/12 Margie Driskill
- 6/13 Deidre Gilbert
- 6/13 Blake Hensley
- 6/14 Lyndsey Bentley
- 6/14 Jeanette Jordan
- 6/14 Barbi Manchester
- 6/14 Nevan Owens
- 6/14 Sofia Reeves
- 6/16 Jean Aldrich
- 6/16 Jeanette Belton
- 6/16 McKennon Hiatt
- 6/16 Avery Leonard
- 6/16 Carr Norris
- 6/16 Nancy Pyles



### Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family

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

#### Sympathy

Anne Vaughn and family in the death of her husband, Haywood Vaughn  
JoAnn Sewell and family in the death of her son, Gary Sewell

#### Homebound

Dora Wood  
207 Parker Rd  
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Betty McNeil  
205 Boyce Sink Ct  
Thomasville, NC 27360



### Sunday Morning Fellowship

Sunday School coffee fellowship continues 9:15-9:45 in the Fireside Room. Please join us! If you are willing to provide treats to go with the coffee, please call the office or sign up on the sheets provided in the Fireside Room.