

The Announcer

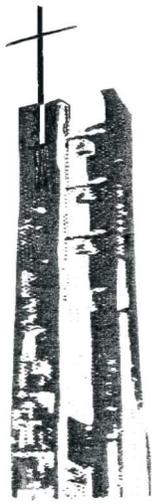
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The View from the Rafters

School is out; kids are at home; families are you ready?

With school out and children having more free time in and out of the home, I thought I would share some insights from a recent article on “family relationships” and building “warmth” or closeness within the family structure. What good is “family time together” if it’s not quality time? In truth, the following insights can help families and individuals at all stages of life, as well as help with a wide variety of relationships. Therefore, whether you have kids or not, this week I invite you to consider ways to build better personal relationships with others.

Here are 5 ways to kill “warmth” with the family:

Words – Our families see us at worst, and often we aren’t as careful with our word choice with them as we are with others. It’s all too easy for us to default to sarcasm or other unkind words that tear down instead of build-up.

Tone of Voice – Sometimes it’s not so much what we say, but how we say it. The wrong tone often happens when we allow impatience and frustration that we are feeling to come through our responses to others.

Body Language: Sighs, Eye Rolls, etc. – Our “negative” body language often takes place without us recognizing that harmful behavior is taking place. Sighs and eye rolls only create walls and barriers in relationships, not trust and closeness.

Technology - Technology—whether in the form of texts, social media, video games, or watching our favorite TV show together—can unite a family. But it can also divide. How many times have you walked through a restaurant only to see families sitting around tables, all of them focused on separate screens; No talking, just texts and social media.

Fatigue – Being tired grows out of stress and the high demands placed on families. Fatigue makes us all grumpy, complaining, and angry, and no one wants to be around a person who weighs down others.

Here are four ways to turn up the “warmth” in your family:

Identify which of the “warmth killers” is the biggest challenge. Ask your family to give you insight and ask what ... is keeping you from being the best you.

If the kids are teens or older, talk with your kids about your struggle. Let them see that you are trying to be a better you, and to care for yourself and others in ways that honor God.

Choose one thing you want to do differently. Turn off your cell phone during mealtimes. Get an extra 30 minutes of sleep. Choose a trusted family member to give you kind reminders when you slip in to harmful responses to others.

Stay mindful to the bigger lessons God is trying to teach you. Richard Rohr calls this the “task within the task.” As you try to increase your own family’s warmth, what is God trying to show you about His warm love for you? What keeps you from resting in that love? What hinders you from being a tunnel that shares that love with others?

Good summer vacation, and good living with yourself and others!

Joy for the Journey, Jay

Youth Happenings

Passport Variety Show Update

I have been told by a very reliable source that a tradition has developed through the years that the youth group from Mt. Airy First Baptist Church has become one of the most anticipated acts in the Passport Variety Show on Thursday night of Passport Camp (ok, maybe I've embellished this info a little). Nonetheless, I understand you do enjoy being in the Variety Show (and in the past the whole youth group has participated). With this being said, we need to come up with our act for this year's Passport Variety Show. What are your ideas? Be thinking of what we can present to our audience at the Variety Show and send me your ideas. On Sunday night, July 8, we will gather together for our Pre-Passport meeting, and spend part of our time rehearsing for the Variety Show. Let's see how creative you can be!

On this **Sunday, July 17**, we will have **Sunday School** at 9:45 am, followed by **Worship** at 11:00 am. Come join us. Since it's Father's Day, we will have no further youth activities in the afternoon. I encourage you to spend the afternoon with your family!

VBS at FBC

is

Sunday, June 24 through Thursday, June 28.

There are many opportunities for you to assist with VBS this year. If you would like to help please contact me or Jennifer Hiatt and let us know of your interest. On Sunday afternoon, June 24, and Tuesday afternoon, June 26, we will have special youth activities prior to VBS.

More info to come!

Are you interested in spending the day at

Emerald Pointe Water Park

in Greensboro on Friday, June 29? Come enjoy a day of water fun and fellowship. Plans are to depart at 8:30am and return around 6:00p. Cost is \$30.00 plus money for food. If you'd like to go, I'll need to know by Tuesday, June 26, so I can get discount tickets.

Hope to see you Sunday - Kevin



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.

Vintage Faith

Learning more about our Savior in the vineyard

Sunday, June 17

Sermon Title: *Your Choice: Discipline ... or Pruning*

Scripture: John 15:2



During the Children's Sermon, Cindy Wilson took the children to the vineyard last Sunday. She talked with them about how Jesus is the Vine, we are the branches, and explained what it means to bear fruit if we abide in Him. John 15:5



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 24-Thursday, June 28

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

- ◆ Registration 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). 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, and cups (8oz).

He that gives should not remember; he that receives should not forget.

~Unknown~

Grace Notes

While out on this wonderfully cool morning, Mendelssohn's "O Rest in the Lord" from his oratorio *Elijah* kept running through my head. It is a beautiful piece, more than worthy of the time it takes to look it up on YouTube. The lyrics are from Psalm 37:

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.*

*Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him;
And fret not thyself because of evildoers.*

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And he shall give thee thy heart's desires.*

The experiences of life teach us new layers of meaning to these words. To rest and to wait are often not our natural inclination, but we are instructed to do both. This kind of resting and waiting seems to have more energy than a mere static, hanging around. There is restorative energy in the active awareness of God's presence and the letting go of personal agenda.

It is a sure thing that we will learn in life that the truest desires of our heart may not be the same as what we originally imagine them to be. The beginning of wisdom happens when we can trust God to give us our truest heart's desire. *O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him.*

Sing to the Lord!
Linda



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

SAMPLER CLASS

JUNE 3 – AUGUST 26

FIRESIDE ROOM

Attendance for the Sunday Sampler Class has been good, so we hope you'll make plans to join the 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to serve for Friends Feeding Friends on the 4th Thursday of each month from 5:15pm-6:30pm. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board.

Rise Against Hunger



*2 hours of excitement, fun, purpose, sharing God's love

*Working together with family and friends and the family of God

*Helping to prepare 10,000+ meals for hungry children around the world

What could be better?

Please join us next Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, for our Meal Packaging Event in the Fellowship Hall

Come even if you haven't signed up.

We have jobs for all ages, 5 - 105! Children 5-11 need to work with a parent or grandparent.

LET'S DO THIS!!

Total to Date: \$3,528.97



Church-Wide July 4th Picnic

Immediately following the worship service on Sunday, July 1, the congregation is invited to drive to Riverside Park in Mount Airy for our annual picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and the trimmings will be provided. **You are asked to bring either a dessert, drinks, chips, or watermelon to share.** Please call the church office, or sign up on the Go Between in your Sunday School class by Monday, June 25, if you plan to attend and which food item you will be bringing. **Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!!**

Friends Helping Senior Gathering

Monday, June 25, 11:45

The gathering will consist of devotion, led by Jennifer Thoppil. She will also give a presentation on aging. Our children and youth will be singing and will assist in serving a grilled chicken pita luncheon. Transportation provided upon request. **RSVP at 336-710-2041**

Note: Children/Youth need to arrive at 11:45



Statistics**Date: 6-10-18**

Sunday School Attendance	134
Worship Attendance	175
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Weekly Needs	\$10,683.00
Budget Offering	\$7,177.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$3,506.00)
Designations (summarized below)	\$610.43
Total Offering	\$7,787.43
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Yearly Needs	\$245,709.00
Budget Offering	\$208,665.09
YTD Deficit	(\$37,043.91)
Designations	\$53,176.69
Total Offering	\$261,841.09
<u>Weekly Designations</u>	
Building Fund	0
Organ Fund Pledge	\$200.00
Designated Missions	\$255.43
Miscellaneous	\$155.00
Building Fund Bal to Date	\$27,060.08
Organ Fund Bal to Date	\$38,807.48

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**General Fund**

In honor of Steve Jordan on Father's Day by:
Jeanette Jordan

Organ Fund

In honor of Linda Denney by:
Margaret Harmon

Passport Youth Fund

In honor of the Graduates by:
Larry and Barbara Blood

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

John 15:2 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Steve Dowell & Jane Tesh ; **Deacon Greeters:** Bobby Watson & Hilda Brannock ; **Babies:** Lisa York & Maggie Nicholson ; **Toddlers:** Chip & Jenn Fussell ;

Preschoolers: Gregg Martin & TBA ; **Kid's Korner:** Lone Cooke & Hanne Cooke ; **Children's Sermon :** Carole Kerley ; **Sound:** Benny Brannock, Gina Brannock, TBA

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The Week Ahead**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**TUESDAY, June 19**

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

WEDNESDAY, June 20

12:00pm Bible Study-Fireside Room
4:00pm Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging-FH
No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, June 21

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

SUNDAY, June 24

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 Vacation Bible School

MONDAY, June 25

11:45am Senior Gathering-FH
5:30pm Vacation Bible School- Thursday, June 28

*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.



6/16 Jean Aldrich
6/16 Jeanette Belton
6/16 McKennon Hiatt
6/16 Avery Leonard
6/16 Carr Norris
6/16 Nancy Pyles
6/17 Susan Gentry
6/19 Morgan Hiatt
6/20 Steve Dowell
6/21 Marilyn Thomas
6/23 Oscar Stanley
6/27 Patty Carpenter
6/28 Josh Martin
6/30 Becky Hennis

**Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family**

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

Homebound

Jim & Carole Dowell
627 N Wilson Rd
Lowgap, NC 27024

Claudine Belton
912 Andover St
Mount Airy, NC 27030