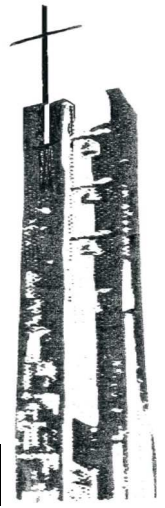


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The View from the Rafters

A mother greeted her son at the breakfast table one Sunday morning, and during the extended conversation reminded him that he needed to get ready to go to church. The son replied to his mother that he didn't want to go to church this morning. She told him nonsense and that he should get up and go to church. "But mom" he replied, "Everybody hates me, the sermons are boring and none of my friends ever come." His mother replied, "Now, son! First, everybody doesn't hate you, only a couple of bullies, and you just have to stand up to them. Second, the sermons mean a great deal to many people. If you listened to them, you'd be surprised at how good they are in encouraging people. Third, you have lots of friends at church. They are always having you over to their houses. And finally, you have to go; you're the pastor!" Getting motivated to go to church is difficult for some, even for those called to work in the church.

In the midst of the hot summer months, there may be other reasons for good church folks to let their Sunday commitment wane, i.e. ... the nice weather makes it a beautiful day to enjoy the outdoors; ... family gatherings always come before time with God's family; ... no one will miss me being out one Sunday to do what I want to do; ... golf anyone? ... sleeping in just to sleep in; ... the lake, the lake. Email me (jay@fbcmountairy.org) your best excuses for skipping church during the summer, and "the sermons are boring" was mentioned in the first paragraph.

Here are a few good reasons to be more fervent in your church commitment over the summer:

Staying spiritually fit requires weekly discipline.

No one but you can appropriate God's word to your life.

The church family is diminished greatly when you are not here.

You alone can share your voice and perspective on what God is doing in your life.

Without your giftedness and presence, others will suffer.

The church family simply needs you.

Who's going to sing out if you sleep in.

Someone who respects you is watching your example.

God asks that we give our best.

We are not promised another day or week, therefore, let's be faithful now.

As pastor, I certainly expect people to travel during the summer months (as our family did the past two Sundays), yet as we do, let us strive diligently to keep our commitments to God and church. Though there will be time away, let us be present all we can, and to those that say there is always a "summer slump," let us add – "not at Mount Airy First." Thanks be to God for your faithful commitment.

Joy for the Journey,
Pastor Jay

Quarterly Business Meeting
Wednesday, July 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 recommendations from the Nominating Committee (should a quorum not be present, this vote will be delayed to Sunday, July 29 @ 11:00 AM.)

Youth Happenings

Passport Camp @ Furman University

July 16-21

34 Youth and 10 Chaperones will be participating in Passport Camp at Furman University in Greenville, SC, from Monday, July 16 until Saturday, July 21! We want to thank you, our church family, for providing us such a great opportunity, and for your prayers as we join together with youth from other churches for this weeklong retreat and mission work. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you in the near future.

Attention All Passport Campers

Here's the latest info for camp:

This Sunday, July 16, at the 11:-00am Worship Time

we will have a

special time of prayer and commissioning for everyone going to Passport (youth and chaperones).

I hope each of you will be present for this meaningful experience as our church family sends us off with their prayers and support!

Plan to be at church on Monday morning, July 16, by 9:00am

with everything you need for a great week at camp!! Call or text me with any questions.

Many thanks to Jayme Brant for teaching youth Sunday School this past Sunday.

Thanks also to Marie Hauser and Brant Snow for chaperoning our recent trip to Emerald Pointe

Kevin



*Please join our First Baptist Family
as we celebrate the many years of
Ministry through Music and Worship*

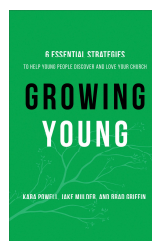
of

Linda Deyton Denney

At a reception honoring her retirement

Sunday, July 29, 2018

2:00pm-4:00pm, Fellowship Hall



Growing Young Conference

**First Baptist Church
412 N Main Street
Mocksville, NC 27028
August 18, 9:00am - 2:30pm**

Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, Growing Young provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain young people.

NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship offers this unique opportunity for our church to set some goals for the future. Call the church office or talk to Becky Keesler. Books are available in the office.

Dear Friends,

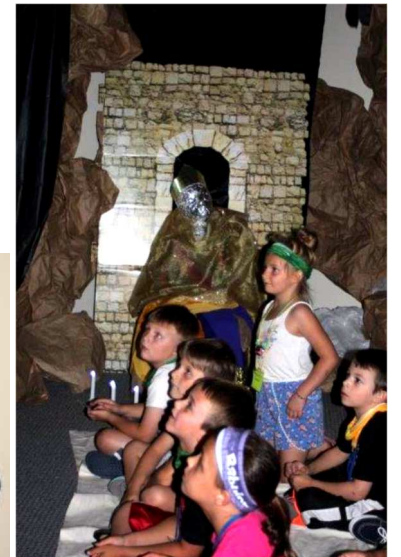
Thank you for your continued prayers and support of God's work here in Shelby. This summer there are 6 children and 3 youth attending church camp with First Baptist. Hearts are being changed and lives transformed because of your faithful prayers and partnership. " I thank God for every remembrance of you."

Grace and Peace,
Cecelia Beck



We have 34 youth and 6 chaperones going to Passport camp this summer. It is an amazing week in the life of our youth! Please begin praying for this year's group. Pray that their relationship with God will grow. If you would like to write a word of encouragement to our youth, please drop off your notes by July 15th. If you have already helped us financially this year **THANK YOU!** If you would like to help sponsor our youth group with a \$50 donation, it would be very much appreciated. You are a loving and supportive church, and we thank you. Please mark all donations "Passport Youth Fund" .

VBS 2018



Many thanks to the kitchen workers, sound operators, musicians, teachers, numerous helpers in crafts, games, registration, decorations, photography, and to all the wonderful children who came during VBS. These are just a few of the photos taken, so take time to look at the bulletin board outside the office. I'm sure you'll find yourself pictured there!

Statistics**Date: 7-8-18**

Sunday School Attendance	119
Worship Attendance	154
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Weekly Needs	\$10,683.00
Budget Offering	\$12,857.00

Weekly Surplus	\$2,174.00
Designations (summarized below)	\$1,158.32

Total Offering	\$14,015.32
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Tithes and Offerings

Yearly Needs	\$288,441.00
Budget Offering	\$240,379.34

YTD Deficit (\$48,061.66)

Designations	\$58,116.65
Total Offering	\$298,495.30

Weekly Designations

Building Fund	\$200.00
Organ Fund Pledge	\$425.00
Designated Missions	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$433.32

Building Fund Bal to Date	\$28,251.08
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Organ Fund Bal to Date	\$39,628.48
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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**General Fund**

In memory of "T" Dancy by:

Linda Cooke

In memory of Gary Sewell by:

Clarence and Nelda Goings

Organ Fund

In memory of Haywood Vaughn by:

Clarence and Nelda Goings

Ministry for Sunday: Rev. Jay Meadows ;**Scripture:** Mark 6:14-29 ;**Sunday School Greeters:** Dot Brannock & Barbara Blood**Deacon Greeters:** Greg Hauser & Carol Dunning**Babies:** Dot Brannock & Maggie Nicholson**Toddlers:** Ron & Marie Niland**Preschoolers:** Kyle & Mary Alice Leonard**Kid's Korner:** Brant & Amy Snow**Children's Sermon :** Carole Kerley**Sound:** Benny & Gina Brannock, Wes Parker

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The Week Ahead**SUNDAY, July 15**

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

MONDAY, July 16

9:00am	Youth Arrive for Passport Trip
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TUESDAY, July 17

7:00am	Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia
5:00pm	CareNet Meeting-Rebekah Class

WEDNESDAY, July 18

7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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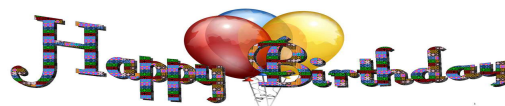
THURSDAY, July 19

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

SUNDAY, July 22

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

*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.



7/15	Conni Tucker
7/16	Amy S Bledsoe
7/18	Kent Morgan
7/19	Henry Rowe
7/20	Martha Morgan
7/23	Roger Gilbert
7/23	Betty Key
7/26	Cathy Pickett
7/27	Marvin Driskill
7/28	Donna Hall
7/29	Rocelle Hart
7/29	Richie Norris

Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family

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

Sympathy

Martha Cagle Griswold, in the death of her mother, Jane Cagle

Hospital

Josh Martin-Home

Homebound

Amy Edwards
542 Allred Mill Rd
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Avanelle "Sis" Elder
1000 Ridgecrest Lane
Mount Airy, NC 27030