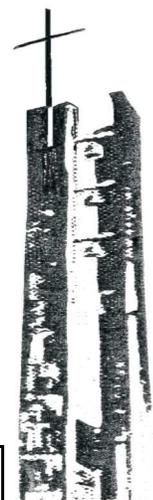


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The View from the Rafters

Join me in celebrating with David and Robin Draughn. This past week, while on a family vacation with their adult children and their three grandchildren, David and Robin took another step of commitment in their faith development. Let me share with you the good news as Robin shared with me by email.

David and I (Robin) were baptized July 12 by our son-in-law David Baker, Pastor of Green Level Baptist Church of Cary, NC. We wanted to be baptized outside and knew the ocean around Topsail Island would be the perfect place for us. Our daughter, Jenna, said a wonderful prayer before we stepped into the water. Our son, Dustin, walked into the water and stood by us, and our three grandchildren sat on the shore with Jenna and our daughter-in-law, Claire, and watched. After being baptized, we walked back to the shoreline where we all held hands as our son-in-law closed with a special prayer. It was a beautiful day!

As I spoke with Robin by phone, I was overjoyed with excitement as she gladly shared of their experience; there were conversations, planning, and then a determined commitment to follow through. I was excited to hear how each member of the family had a unique role to play in the carrying out of their baptisms. What a wonderful model of faith and family!

As a church family and a family of faith, we are summoned by God to rejoice with one another throughout the seasons of life. We are called to encourage God's activity in each other as we see God's grace and work coming alive in each other. Spiritual development and transformation often can be overwhelming and challenging, and to know unqualified support stands at the ready is most certainly a strength. As an element of discipleship, we are bound to love and care for each other, for we are consecrated for participation into a holy community. As the church we take a genuine interest in the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of each other. Through our holy fellowship, made possible by the Spirit of the living Lord, we must extend ourselves to walk alongside one another as a comfort, companion, and confidant. Our cards, calls, and visits make ongoing conversations possible in which we both listen and speak with wisdom. Our investment in one another makes our church family healthier and more of who God wants us to be. Thanks for all who share. Thanks to all who are vulnerable with one another. Thanks to all who trust God to care for our grace-secured souls as we minister in the name of Jesus.

Joy for the Journey,

Pastor Jay

Quarterly Business Meeting
Wednesday, July 25 @ 6:30 PM, Fireside Room

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.)



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

Linda Deyton Denney

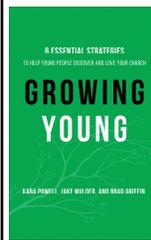
At a reception honoring her retirement

Sunday, July 29, 2018

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



Please pray for our youth group and the adult chaperones who are at Passport Camp at Furman University this week. Pray that their relationship with God will grow and for a safe return on Friday, We are blessed to have this **“super terrific”** group of young people (as Mrs. T. calls them) at First Baptist Church!



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.

2019 Offering Envelopes

It's time to order our 2019 Offering Envelopes! Please contact the church office if you want to add, delete, or make address changes for next year's envelopes. We will place the order AUGUST 15th, so please contact us ASAP!



Coming Soon!

**Watch this space for information
on the**

August Primetimers' Trip!

Our seniors have a great time on these trips, so add your name to the list for the next trip! If you would like to offer suggestions of new places to visit, please contact George Speight, 336-786-6219.

Grace Notes

The days are absolutely rushing toward July 31, the date of my retirement. My to-do list is very long, but in doing I am also remembering. I will write more next week, but till then know that these days are bringing many memories of my years here. I am grateful.

I am just returned from a wonderful trip to Italy with my daughter, Melissa, and my son-in-law, Tom. My life is richer for the experience. Seeing the objects—art, homes, churches—of human endeavor from so long ago was a humbling experience. Hearing languages of many countries was a reminder that I am one of many. Seeing the faces of people from many countries reminded me that God's children are as varied as the stones in the beautiful mosaics I saw in Florence. Studying the stories of history reminded me that "the more things change..." Pondering the great numbers of people who have gone before me was a clear reminder that life is not about me, but I am about life.

I hope to keep the memories fresh so that the lessons continue to teach.

Sing to the Lord!

Linda

The Week Ahead

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

MONDAY, July 23

11:45am Senior "Fellowship" Gathering-FH

TUESDAY, July 24

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

WEDNESDAY, July 25

4:30pm House & Grounds Meeting
6:30pm Quarterly Conference- Fireside Room
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, July 26

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

SUNDAY, July 29

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
2:00pm Reception for Linda Denney

*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.

July Senior Gathering Monday, July 23, 11:45am

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for:

A play entitled: 'The Bandits'

Written by: Brack Llewellyn

Directed by: Angela Llewellyn

Sponsored by: The Mount Airy Library

Actors: Dewy Decimal Players

Children from Grace Academy will be here to sing, devotion led by David and Cheryl Hicks, and lunch will be grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer to make homemade ice cream. Transportation will be provided upon request. **RSVP at 336-710-2041**

CHURCH COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 29, 6:30pm, FH

Everyone who has agreed to serve on a church committee for 2018-2019 church year is expected to attend an initial planning meeting.

Please mark your calendar and make this a priority. No meal will be served.



Addresses Needed for College Students

Summer will soon be over, so we know that our college students will soon be settling into their new residences. Please call or email the church office to update your college information. Our Sunday School classes and missions groups send out care packages at exam time, and we don't want to overlook anyone. We'd like to have this information by August 15.

Summer Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study will resume on August 1.

Homebound Seniors

Many of our seniors don't get out as frequently as in time past, so let's take time to send a card, make a visit or a phone call to brighten their day. It always helps to know someone is thinking of you!

Faith is not knowing what the future holds but knowing Who holds the future!

~Unknown~

Statistics**Date: 7-15-18**

Sunday School Attendance 138

Worship Attendance 176

Tithes and Offerings**This Week**

Weekly Needs \$10,683.00

Budget Offering \$8,620.00

Weekly Deficit (\$2,063.00)

Designations (summarized below) \$1,185.00

Total Offering \$9,805.00

Tithes and Offerings**Year To Date**

Yearly Needs \$299,124.00

Budget Offering \$248,999.34

YTD Deficit (\$50,124.66)

Designations \$59,301.65

Total Offering \$308,300.30

Weekly Designations

Building Fund 0

Organ Fund Pledge \$150.00

Designated Missions \$110.00

Miscellaneous \$925.00

Building Fund Bal to Date \$28,251.08**Organ Fund** Bal to Date \$39,778.48**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS****General Fund**In honor of Betty Key by:
Fonda Wooster**Organ Fund**In honor of Linda Denney on her retirement by:
Larry and Barbara Blood
In memory of Haywood Vaughn by:
Adam and Gloria Puckett**Ministry for Sunday:** Rev. Jay Meadows**Scripture:** Mark 6: 30-34; 53-56**Sunday School Greeters:** Bob & Janice Demcio**Deacon Greeters:** Jim & Joy McGehee**Babies:** Lucas & Mary Kate Brewer**Toddlers:** Lee Dancy & Angela Stroup**Preschoolers:** Linda Hiatt & Morgan Hiatt**Kid's Korner:** Lesa Hensley & Meredith Hensley**Children's Sermon :** Marie Niland**Sound:** Wes Parker, Ryan & Cathy Parker**The Announcer** (USPS 597 840) is published weekly, except Thanksgiving and Christmas, by First Baptist Church, 714 N. Main St., Mount Airy, NC 27030-3797. Periodical postage is paid at Mount Airy, NC 27030-9998.**POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to First Baptist Church, 714 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, NC 27030-3797. PH: 336-786-5185; Fax 336-789-3982

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
7/30	James Hayes
7/30	Laurie McGee
7/31	Ken Street

Caring & Sharing in Our Church FamilyWrite a note, make a telephone call,
or pay a visit to**Hospital**James Hayes-Forsyth
Jeanette Belton-Home**Homebound**Frances Gwyn
1770 Inglebrook Trl
Mount Airy, NC 27030Becky Hennis
115 Hennis Hill Dr
Mount Airy, NC 27030**Prayer News:**

Remember that you are being prayed for individually each week by a member of the Diaconate. We thank God for you and ask His blessing on you as we all desire to grow in our faithfulness in following Jesus and in our caring for one another. As always, when you have specific prayer requests, please call the church office.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Where can I help?There are many areas at FBC where you can volunteer your time. **Some areas are:** Friends Feeding Friends, Friends Helping Seniors, Baptist men's projects, visiting the home-bound and sick, or giving someone a ride to a doctor's appointment. If you are interested in providing help in any of these areas, just call the church office to sign up. You are a blessing to many, and your service to FBC and others is much appreciated!