

The Announcer

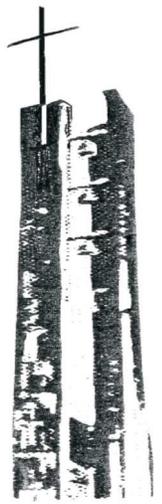
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The View from the Rafters

She turned the page How often have you seen a pianist playing a piece of music and witnessed a trusted friend sitting beside her on the piano bench “turning pages” for the pianist? Not long ago, I attended a worship service and during the service, a young lady moved from the congregation, approached the piano bench and took her place as a “page turner.” The music moved quickly, and the pianist was enthralled in the piece as she moved up and down the keyboard. All the while the trusted page turner followed every note and turned each page at the appropriate time. The beauty of the music and the sweet melody was made possible as the one encouraged the other with a simple, single gesture of turning the page.

They turned the page Earlier this week I gathered in a hospital room with one of our own church families. A beloved son and daughter had brought a birthday dinner to their ailing dad. For his part, he was enjoying a salad, steak, and mashed potatoes. His children were attentive to his every need as they served him his birthday “cheese” cake. As we visited, an on-duty nurse and an off-duty nurse entered the room with gift bags, balloons, and broad smiles. The off-duty nurse had cared for our church member the night before, and now he was going above and beyond his job as a nurse to deliver gifts of joy. After a few more minutes of visiting, a trusted friend entered the room with greetings and conversations of concern. Throughout the day, deacons and church members were coming in to visit and pray. There were others who were making phone calls and others who were speaking prayers throughout the day, and even one who was keeping a precious new grandbaby (enabling her mom to visit in the hospital). All told – numerous encouragers pulled together to speak, act, pray, and minister in ways that helped the one who was sick “turn the page” from a difficult day to a day of gladness, even if it was in a hospital 45 minutes from home.

We are all called to be “page turners” for others Scripture teaches us:

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thess. 5:11

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Heb. 10:23-25

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Pet. 4:8-10

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2

How precious are God's people when we embody the life, love and Spirit of the Living Lord!

Joy for the Journey,

Pastor Jay

Special Called Business Meeting

Sunday, August 12, 11:00AM



- To vote on a recommendation from the Finance Committee and Church Council to sell to the city of Mount Airy a piece of property that was donated to the church. Please contact a member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions regarding this recommendation.
- To approve the 2018-2019 Nominating Report

Attention: The Nominating Committee is seeking Volunteers to fill the following Committee vacancies by Wednesday, August 8. Please prayerfully consider serving on one of the following committees.

- Audio Visual-Need 1
- Nominating Committee-1 Male (2 year Term)
- Kitchen Committee-Need 2
- History Committee-Need 1

Please contact Ben Cooke or call the office for job descriptions for each of the listed vacancies.



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.

**Tune in to WPAQ, Sunday morning services,
August 12, 11:00am-11:30am**



Making sure
it's secure.™

Blue Ridge CareNet Counseling

invites you to join them at our safe and secure
Mobile Shredding Event

CareNet is sponsoring a paper shred event on Saturday, August 18, 9:00am-12:00pm, in the parking lot beside Homeway Furniture, corner of W. Lebanon Street and N. Main Street.

Donations are Tax Deductible - Make Checks Payable to: Blue Ridge CareNet Counseling

** There will be also be a **BINGO** Fundraiser Saturday evening, August 18, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm, Central United Methodist Church. Proceeds will go to Blue Ridge CareNet Counseling. **



Search Committees

Our Music Search Committee is hard at work in search of a new Minister of Music and Worship. Please keep them in your prayers.

Chairperson, Mary Lois Strickland, Gina Brannock, Carole Dunning, Mark Hensley, and Jennifer Hiatt.

Also pray for our Associate Minister for Families search committee as they continue to pray and search a candidate for this position.

Chairperson, Ben Cooke, Jayme Brant, Roger Kerley, Erin Stanley, and Richie Thomas.

Summer Bible Study

has resumed for the month of August, 12:00pm, in the Fireside Room. This Wednesday, we will go to lunch and fellowship at Olympia's following Bible Study.



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.

Congratulations!

goes to the



Word and Song Class

Perfect Attendance on Sunday, August 29.

Grace Notes

I thought last week's newsletter would contain my final column, but I had to write this week to again say thank you, this time for the lovely reception and for your notes, cards, and gifts. Your words of love were so appreciated. As I said Sunday, you know how to be church and how to do church. It has been my honor to serve with you.

Sing to the Lord!

Linda



Coming on

Sundays....



- September 3:** 9:15am Coffee Fellowship continues in the Fireside Room
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Youth and Children go to new classes
- September 9:** 8:45am *Catch The Excitement* at Sunday School Breakfast for all—Fellowship Hall

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 5

- 8:45am Sunday School Council Meeting-Library
9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise

TUESDAY, August 7

- 7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast— Olympia
6:00pm Called Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 8

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

THURSDAY, August 9

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

SUNDAY, August 12

- 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

*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.

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!

Growing Young Conference

8 ESSENTIAL STRATEGIES
TO HELP PARENTS, PASTORS, AND LEADERS
**GROWING
YOUNG**

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.

Information Coming Soon!

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.

Thank you, God,

for the little things,
that often come our way.
The things we take for granted,
but don't mention when we pray.
The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful,
kindly deed, a hand reached out to help us,
in the time of sudden need.
Oh, make me more aware,
Dear Lord, of little daily graces,
that come to us with "sweet surprise"
from never-dreamed-of-places.

-Helen Steiner Rice



Statistics**Date: 7-29-18**

Sunday School Attendance 142

Worship Attendance 236

Tithes and Offerings**This Week**

Weekly Needs \$10,683.00

Budget Offering \$8,549.00

Weekly Deficit (\$2,134.00)

Designations (summarized below) \$1,379.00

Total Offering \$9,928.00

Tithes and Offerings**Year To Date**

Yearly Needs \$320,490.00

Budget Offering \$269,010.50

YTD Deficit (\$51,479.50)

Designations \$62,270.65

Total Offering \$331,280.46

Weekly Designations

Building Fund \$665.00

Organ Fund Pledge \$385.00

Designated Missions \$64.00

Miscellaneous \$265.00

Building Fund Bal to Date \$29,061.08**Organ Fund** Bal to Date \$41,183.48**Happy Birthday!**

8/3 Janet Handy
 8/4 Thomas Taylor
 8/8 Owen Kerley
 8/9 Barry Ellis
 8/10 Benton Brannock
 8/11 Kallie Hutchens
 8/12 Reece McDuffie
 8/12 Ella Stanley
 8/17 Julie Marion

**Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family**

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

Sympathy

Bonnie Young in the death of her aunt,
 Lola Nelson, Madison, NC

Hospital

Tammy Dowell- Forsyth
 James Hayes-Forsyth

Homebound

Haywood Jordan
 510 Ridgeway Drive
 Mount Airy, NC 27030

Alma Key

1000 Ridgecrest Lane #205
 Mount Airy, NC 27030

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**General Fund**

In honor of Revel and Bonnie Young by:

Harris and Tonita Greene

In honor of Barbara Blood by:

Harris and Tonita Greene

Organ Fund

In honor of Linda Denney by:

Carol Dunning

In honor of Linda Denney by:

Elsie Simpson

In honor of Linda Denney by:

Anne Vaughn, and Brad, Melinda, Justin, and
 Cameron**Ministry for Sunday:** Rev. Jay Meadows**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1-16**Sunday School Greeters:** Bob & Janice Demcio**Deacon Greeters:** Jim & Joy McGehee**Babies:** Paula Brinkley & Maggie Nicholson**Toddlers:** Jarod & Meredith Simmons**Preschoolers:** Barbara Hill & Barbara Blood**Kid's Korner:** Jennifer Hiatt & Morgan Hiatt**Children's Sermon:** Carole Kerley**Sound:** Paul Madren, Mark Hensley**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!

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

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