

The Announcer

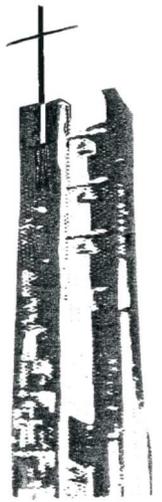
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The View from the Rafters

Work, Worship, and Wonder "What is work?" came the question from the back of the room on Sunday. Our discussion centered on reclaiming "sabbath" as an element of our every-week experience. We were reflecting on what "sabbath" means to each of us, and then I interjected with this reminder, "Any discussion of 'sabbath' (which means 'ceasing') needs to consider the significance of our 'work.'" Asking "What is work?" was certainly a timely question. Work often is defined as that area of labor in which we earn a living. Our work coincides with our jobs, our vocations, and our means of securing income, in order, to sustain our lives and the lives of others. Work is also that activity we undertake to nurture our lives, our families, and the lives of those entrusted to our care. Often, this kind of labor takes place before and after the hours of "punching" the proverbial worksite "time clock." When a man is washing laundry at six in the morning or a woman is mowing the grass at eight in the evening, these are considered productive hours of labor. Work can involve our favorite hobbies and interests as well as volunteer service to our beloved community. Work involves anything, anyone, or any activity that lays claim on our lives in which we labor to produce. With such a broad definition, work consumes most of our waking hours.

Work, Worship, and Wonder To worship God in keeping the sabbath, we need a healthy theology of work (which is to say we need a healthy way of understanding our labor as God sees our labor). Let me share with you a friend's prayer of thanksgiving which may aide us in having a healthier way of understanding our work:

Almighty God, we praise you for all your gifts to us in creation. We acknowledge the skills with which we have been endowed, the materials available for our use, and the opportunities to meet the needs of others. We thank you for what agriculture, industry, commerce, and local government have achieved and for their contribution to our lives. May our gratitude to you be plain in all we do. Help us to use all your gifts wisely and for the good of all, in the knowledge that through our daily work we contribute to Your loving purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A healthy theology of work praises God for His divine gifts; ... acknowledges God as the Holy One who invites us to participate in caring for His good creation; ... recognizes that we are gifted to work for the benefit of others; ... it's a recognition that whether we preach, teach, build, govern, collect trash, wait tables, care for children, drive buses, etc. – all of these are vehicles for God's grace to flow through us for the benefit of others. Our work is to be a divine activity of cooperation with God for the betterment of our communities. When the labor we do is done under the guidance of God's Spirit, our work is sanctioned by God, and God sanctions us in the process for His purposes. In work, we are reminded that God calls us to be actively engaged with Him for the strengthening of the lives of others, and our worship follows as an acknowledgement that God is to be the source, means and ends to all of our labors.

Work, Worship, and Wonder It is a wonder that God created humanity in the midst of a garden. Our design from Creation was to join God in caring for the world in which we live and to have concern for the lives entrusted to us. It is a wonder that we are all given an opportunity – from nurturing children to feeding hummingbirds, from growing a vegetable garden, to growing a deeper spiritual maturity of our walk with God. It is a wonder that life hinges on our care and concern grafted into the beauty of God's eternal grace.

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

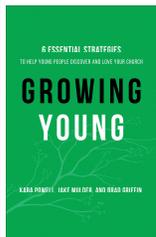


CHURCH COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 29

Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm

Everyone who has agreed to serve on a church committee for the 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.



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 Church Family,

Thank you for all your calls, texts, cards, visits, and prayers during Josh's hospital stay and recovery.

They have all been greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Candice, Josh and Hailey Martin



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, Carol Dunning, Mark Hensley, and Jennifer Hiatt.

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

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

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!

August Primetimers' Trip Information Coming Soon!

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.

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the Boggs Scholarship.

I was honored to be chosen as one of this year's recipients.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Grey Tucker



Addresses Needed for College Students

Our Sunday School classes and missions groups send out care packages at exam time, and we don't want to overlook any-one. We'd like to have this information by August 15.

Tune in to WPAQ

Sunday morning services, August 12

11:00am-11:30am

Senior Fellowship Gathering-Monday, August 27



FBC Youth

Back to School

Camping and Whitewater Rafting Adventure

Nolichucky River, Erwin, TN

USA Raft

Saturday, September 15-Sunday, September 16



Plans are to depart Mt Airy early Saturday morning and travel to Erwin, TN, camp out Saturday night, (campfire, outdoor night games, etc.), have a time of worship on Sunday morning, and then raft the Nolichucky River. The Nolichucky River is an adventurous river with over 25 named class 2-4 rapids, which makes it one of the top rafting adventures in the East! This is no float trip!

For more information go to USARAF

Cost for rafting, etc. is approximately \$100.00, which includes lunch on the river on Sunday. You will also need money for lunch and supper on Saturday and supper on Sunday. The trip is 9 miles long and will take 4-6 hours to complete (which will give us time to swim, play, and surf the rapids!) If the water level is low enough, you will have the option to use a self-propelled individual funyak (kayak type boat - which is really fun), or you can choose to be in a 6 person raft with a guide.

Let Kevin know by Sunday, August 20 if you plan to go.

If finances are a concern, talk to Kevin. It'll be loads of fun – hope you'll be a part of this adventure!!

Coming on

Sundays....



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| September 2: | 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 | <i>Catch The Excitement</i> at Sunday School Breakfast for all-Fellowship Hall |

Blue Ridge CareNet Counseling

Mobile Shredding Event

Saturday, August 18, 9:00am-12:00pm



CareNet is sponsoring a paper shred event beside Homeway Furniture, at the corner of W. Lebanon Street.

- Donations are Tax Deductible
- Bingo Fundraiser - Central Methodist 6:00-8:30pm



SOUP-ER SEPTEMBER

Starting Wednesday, September 5, 5:15

Come and be a part of something SOUP-ER Spectacular for all age groups in the FBC community

Church Family Fellowship Meal, Bible Study for Adults, Music, and Mission Time for Kids

Watch this space for more details in next week's Announcer!

Statistics

Date: 8-5-18

Sunday School Attendance 116

Worship Attendance 153

Tithes and Offerings

This Week

Weekly Needs \$10,683.00

Budget Offering \$11,524.00

Weekly Surplus \$841.00

Designations (summarized below) \$1,370.00

Total Offering \$12,894.00

Tithes and Offerings

Year To Date

Yearly Needs \$331,173.00

Budget Offering \$280,534.50

YTD Deficit (\$50,638.50)

Designations \$63,640.65

Total Offering \$344,174.46

Weekly Designations

Building Fund \$100.00

Organ Fund Pledge \$125.00

Designated Missions \$820.00

Miscellaneous \$325.00

Building Fund Bal to Date \$29,116.08

Organ Fund Bal to Date \$41,308.48

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Organ Fund

In honor of Linda Denney by:
Charles and Barbara Hill

Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family

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

Sympathy

Larry Blood in the death of his mother,
Patricia Blood, Front Royal, VA

Hospital

Haywood Jordan-Northern
Tammy Dowell- Home
James Hayes-Forsyth

Homebound

Betty Key
542 Allred Mill Rd #304
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Lillian Kirkman
221 Glen Echo Trl
Mount Airy, NC 27030

The Week Ahead

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

TUESDAY, August 14

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

WEDNESDAY, August 15

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

THURSDAY, August 16

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

SUNDAY, August 19

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.

Happy Birthday!

- 8/10 Benton Brannock
- 8/11 Kallie Hutchens
- 8/12 Reece McDuffie
- 8/12 Ella Stanley
- 8/17 Julie Marion
- 8/21 Jean Atkins
- 8/21 Jennifer Bentley
- 8/21 Carol Dunning
- 8/22 Ocean Rowe
- 8/24 James Loflen
- 8/27 Gladys Henson
- 8/28 Ella Brant
- 8/29 Julia Sharpe
- 8/29 Amy Wilson
- 8/30 Anna Norris
- 8/31 Barbie Simmons
- 8/31 Meredith Taylor



Ministry for Sunday: Rev. Jay Meadows

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 25-32

Sunday School Greeters: Benny & Diane Robinson

Deacon Greeters: Jeffrey Ellis & Shirley Brinkley

Babies: Kelly Fussell & Lisa York

Toddlers: Paula Brinkley & Maggie Nicholson

Preschoolers: Gregg Martin & Linda Hiatt

Kid's Korner: Lesa Hensley & Meredith Hensley

Children's Sermon: Becky Keesler

Sound: Benny & Gina Brannock, Wes Parker

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