

The Announcer

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SOUP-ER SEPTEMBER

Starting Wednesday, September 5, at 5:15pm

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



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| 5:15-6:00 | Church Family Fellowship Meal
soup, salad, sandwich, beverage and dessert.
Cost: \$5.00/adults; \$2.00/children; \$15 max/
family
<i>Reservations (or cancellations) required by noon each
Tuesday</i> |
| 6:00-7:00 | Bible Study for Adults, Fellowship Hall
Nursery provided for birth through age 2 |
| 6:00-6:30 | Music and Mission Time for Ages 3-5
Children's Choir for Kindergarten-2 nd Graders
Mission Kids for 3 rd -5 th Graders |
| 6:30-7:00 | Music and Mission Time for Ages 3-5
Mission Kids for Kindergarten-2 nd Graders
Children's Choir for 3 rd -5 th Graders |
| 7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

*** Please call or email the church office by Wednesday, August 30, if you would like to be on the permanent list for dinner.***

The View from the Rafters

Journalist Sarah Ellis recently wrote an article entitled "Losing Faith: Why South Carolina is abandoning its churches." I came across the article as I perused religious articles on the *Nurturing Faith News* website. Ellis writes,

Many churches are dying slow deaths, stuck in stagnation if not decline. And if they don't do something, in the near future, they'll share the fate of Cedar Creek United Methodist, a 274-year-old Richland County congregation that dissolved last year; Resurrection Lutheran, a church near downtown Columbia that will hold its last service on Sept. 2; and the dozens of churches that sit shuttered and empty around the state. At the same time, some churches are growing, and some growing quickly. But they might not look much like the churches your grandparents (and their grandparents) were raised in. From meeting in unconventional places to tweaking their traditions, many churches are adapting, offering something different that many people thought the church couldn't do for them.

Ellis does well at drawing attention to the trends in church life, trends that we often see and feel, yet are a bit reluctant to discuss. She gleans information from a variety of religious and secular sources and condenses the information into an informative article in hopes of bringing the discussion of the plight of declining churches into the light of careful and thoughtful discussion. As a follower of Jesus Christ, as a pastor and as a committed servant of the church, I hope her insights will be the springboard that faith communities need today to discuss, listen and learn more about what it means to be the church in the 21st century.

Please be in prayer as fellow members of the FBC faith community travel to FBC Mocksville, NC to attend the "Growing Young" Conference. Sponsored by the NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, churches from around our state will be intentionally engaging in a conversation about the health and well-being of our churches. Not avoiding the hard conversations and being willing to listen to a team of folks associated with the Fuller Institute, we are assembling to avail ourselves to the spirit of God as we seek to understand better what it means to be a healthy, vibrant growing church. These are challenging days for being the church, and church leaders must be intentional on setting our eyes and ears toward discerning the Spirit of God. Like the Israelite nation released from Egyptian slavery, we are wandering in a cultural wilderness needing now to follow the real presence of God in order to take up residence in a promised land of spiritual, physical, emotional and mental stability, and health. Please be in prayer for those who will be attending.

Church health begins with you! Let me encourage you to become more disciplined in prayer and study, to become more committed to making church ministry and mission a personal priority in your weekly schedules, to invite a friend who is not attending church, and to encourage the body of believers in giving of your time, resource, and self. We have a beautiful church family; let's nurture and steward God's faith community for the generations who will follow after us.

Joy for the Journey,

Pastor Jay

CHURCH COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

**Wednesday, August 29
6:30pm-Fellowship Hall**



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.

Mark your calendars for

"The Blessing of the Backpacks"



Sunday, August 26, 11:00am

All children and youth are invited to bring their pre-school or school backpacks on Sunday morning, August 26, for a blessing prayer for all students.



August 26	9:15am	Coffee Fellowship – Fireside Room
	9:45am	Sunday School Last session for Summer Sampler Class
	10:30am	Youth and Children visit new classes
September 2	9:15am	Coffee Fellowship – Fireside Room
	9:45am	Sunday School
September 9	8:45am	Sunday School Break fast for all – FH
	9:45am	Regular Sunday School Class Schedule

COME AND TAKE PART IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



**FBC Members Young and Old
Are Invited to The
August Fellowship Gathering
Monday, August 27, 11:45-2:00**

Join your friends in faith and fellowship for a time of devotion, and a presentation on Alzheimer's Awareness with speakers, Allison Hemric from Hospice, and Kim Blanchard from the Alzheimer's Association. Lunch will consist of chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, and watermelon. **Please RSVP to 336-710-2041**

**Primetimers' Trip
Saturday, September 8, Floyd, VA**

Please make plans to join the Primetimers' as they travel to the beautiful, little town of Floyd, VA, on Saturday, September, 8th. The bus will leave the church at 10am. You will tour main street, lunch downtown, go to the Farmer's Market, and there may be a stop at Nancy's Candy Store in Meadows of Dan on the way back. Lunch will be the only cost for the trip. Please call the office to add your name to the list by Tuesday, September 4th.



**Potluck Youth Kickoff
Sunday, September 9th
5:30pm
FBC Fellowship Hall**

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.



**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, raft on Saturday, camp out on Saturday night, and head home on Sunday. Cost for rafting is \$80.00. You will also need money for (2) lunches, and (1) dinner. Please text or email Kevin by Sunday, August 19 if you plan to go.

Statistics

Date: 8-12-18

Sunday School Attendance 118

Worship Attendance 210

Tithes and Offerings

This Week

Weekly Needs \$10,683.00

Budget Offering \$9,193.00

Weekly Deficit (\$1,490.00)

Designations (summarized below) \$713.93

Total Offering \$9,906.93

Tithes and Offerings

Year To Date

Yearly Needs \$341,856.00

Budget Offering \$289,727.50

YTD Deficit (\$52,128.50)

Designations \$64,354.58

Total Offering \$354,081.39

Weekly Designations

Building Fund \$350.00

Organ Fund Pledge \$150.00

Designated Missions \$33.00

Miscellaneous \$180.93

Building Fund Bal to Date \$29,466.08

Organ Fund Bal to Date \$41,458.48

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Fund

In honor of Linda Denney by:
Carol Burke

Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family

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

**Sympathy
Hospital**

Haywood Jordan-Northern
James Hayes-Forsyth

Homebound

Geneva Proffitt
1287 Newsome St #206
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Maude Morris
307 Robin Rd
Mount Airy, NC 27030

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 phone call to brighten their day. It always helps to know someone is thinking of you!

The Week Ahead

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

TUESDAY, August 21

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

WEDNESDAY, August 22

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

THURSDAY, August 22

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

SUNDAY, August 26

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

MONDAY, August 27

11:45am Senior Fellowship Gathering-Fellowship Hall

*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.

August Birthdays

8/17 Julie Marion
8/21 Jean Atkins
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 5:15-20

Sunday School Greeters: George & Maude Speight

Deacon Greeters: Paul Madren & Barbara Hill

Babies: Lone Cooke & Hanne Cooke

Toddlers: Brant & Amy Snow

Preschoolers: Marsha Meadows & Mercer Meadows

Kid's Korner: Wendy Harmon & Peyton Harmon

Children's Sermon: Marie Niland

Sound: Ben Cooke, Martin Cooke, Peter Cooke

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