

YOUTH

1919

September 28 marked the official organizational meeting of the Pittsboro Baptist Church Baptist Young People's Union, with Pastor Waff and others giving "hearty encouragement and assistance to the young folks." The 26 charter members elected the following officers: V. R. Johnson, president; Flossie Beard, vice president; Jessie Waff, secretary; Elizabeth Chapin, corresponding secretary; J.S. Wrenn, treasurer; Vernon Dezern, chorister; Lee Futrell, librarian.

1960

A special invitation was extended to, and accepted by, the Senior High B.T.U. group of the First Baptist Church in Siler City to visit the Hy Shy NY Intermediate Union of this church on February 28th. The Siler City group was present for the regular Training Union meeting, worship service and youth fellowship.

YWA Song Service-The semi-annual Associational YWA meeting of the Sandy Creek Association was held at the Pittsboro Baptist Church Monday, February 8th at 7:15 p.m. There were ten churches represented with 65 present. Rev. R. F. Smith, Jr. gave the welcome and devotion which was followed by a business session and a musical program presented by various YWA. groups, group singing, and solos by Mr. Harold Davis. Immediately following the meeting a reception was held in the basement of the Educational Building for those present.

1961

YWA member Faye Crutchfield traveled to Glorietta, New Mexico to spend a week at the YWA Assembly. As part of the trip, a group of NC young women spent a week observing the work of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans and Fort Worth. The Griffin Bible Class hosted a Youth Fellowship Supper for young people ages 13-20 in an effort to encourage more young people to attend and take part in the Sunday evening worship service. 25- 30 young people attended

1962

The Youth Fellowship held a discussion on comparative religions.

1963

April 28—Youth Day was led by the Intermediate Training Union. Dr. & Mrs. Noah Wilson were the leaders. Mary Watson Nooe and H. B. Clegg were in charge of the service.

June -Youth Fellowship was disbanded, due to poor attendance.

1964

Young Peoples Training Union and Junior Training Union met every Sunday night. Harold Boone led the Junior Training Union.

Youth Week, March 16-22; Youth Sunday, March 22.

A study was done on "Tomorrow You Marry."

Youth Week, November 18-20

1965

Baptist Young People had retreat in Nags Head, July 26-29, accompanied by Pastor and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bryan. Went to the Lost Colony and the beach. Worked hard to pay for trip – fundraisers – rummage sale, sold vanilla flavoring.

Oct 31, 1965—The Young People were in charge of Baptist Youth Day. Speakers were Colby Tilley, Lora Ann Bowling and Walter Dudley, Jr.

Once a month a layman or young person delivered the message at the evening worship service.. Leon Shaw, a member of the Baptist Young People, led the evening worship service on Nov. 21.

Thirteen Pittsboro High School senior graduates were presented a copy of the New English Bible at the May 30 morning worship service

1966

Baptist Training Union only active department was Young People with enrollment of 23, ages, 13-18.

1967

Youth Week observed March 26

1969

Area-wide youth retreat held at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church.

Church voted on August 3 to participate in “Young American Week” to be held 9/21 – 9/28 in Chatham County at the Paul Braxton Field in Siler City. It was an inter-denominational, inter-racial evangelistic crusade directed to the youth of our area but not excluding adults.

Young American Day observed at PBC August 24.

Halloween Party for Intermediates and Young People. There was a hayride to the Devil’s Tramping Grounds with a wiener roast and ghost stories.

1972

Acteens announced the establishment of the Mary Margaret Griffin Education Loan Fund. The \$400 fund was made possible by the sale of the Pittsboro Baptist Women’s Cookbook. The fund is designed to aid young people desiring to further their education and needing financial assistance. The loan is made to an anonymous recipient meeting specified qualifications.

1974

A group of six UNC Chapel Hill students, who were members of an Intersity (IV) Christian Fellowship Action Group, met with the youth on Sunday evenings. Called “A Happening,” the evenings included fun and fellowship and discussions about their relationship with Christ.. One of the students, Nancy Boone, was a PBC member. One week-end the IV students led a youth retreat at Camp Caraway.

Youth toured Baptist State Convention headquarters, Raleigh Baptist Mission, Dorthea Dix Hospital, Southeastern Theological seminary.

Summer - toured the funeral home, Polk Youth Center, Dix Hospital, then went to Pullen Park for Bible study and recreation.

Youth group visited and sang at the rest home and the jail.
Two car loads of youth went to Caswell, June 10-15.
Pump and Picnic, (an afternoon summer event) with Methodist youth, (15 Baptists, 6 Methodists) bikes were transported to Chapel Hill then group toured campus on bike, went to University Lake for picnic supper,
There was a standing invitation to play volleyball every Thursday at the Methodist Church.
Baptist and Methodist youth had a joint camping trip to Morrow Mountain State Park.
On to College Day: Youth leaving for college led worship.

Prior to 1979

Randy Jetton and Jay Henry served as Youth Ministers, dates of employment unknown.

1979-1981

Youth Minister - Mike Bradshaw

1981-1982

Youth Minister Kent Allred (volunteer)

1983-1984

Youth Minister Bruce Tilley

July 1983: Eleven of our youth attended the world mission week at Caswell. This week was planned by the Baptist State Convention

1984-1985

Youth Minister Connie Everhart Wolfe

1986

Jeff Whiten hired as part-time Minister of Music and Youth, effective 3/23/86

By July, youth group had grown from 3 – 18 members.

1987

Jeff Whiten, Minister of Music/Youth - Mission trip to North Topsail Beach for the week of July 11-18, for youth and adults to help build a sanctuary for the church, a mission of the Baptist Church at Surf City.

Youth sponsored Halloween Carnival October 31, 4- 5:00p.m for small children, as an alternative to the usual Halloween carnival with ghosts. Children were encouraged to dress in costumes with a wholesome theme. The small charge for entry fee went to the Cassidy Cox Fund.

1988

Youth held banquet Feb. 14 for senior adults.

-had Road Rally

-met with youth from Mount Gilead

Jane Nooe coordinated a snack meal every other Sunday for youth.

Summer: 9-10 youth attended Wednesday Youth Bible Studies, 5p.m-7pm

Held a Backyard Bible Club at Pittsboro Village Apartments Aug. 8-12; fifteen children participated

Visited Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond.

1989

Spring--Search began for Minister of Music and Youth.

Youth group participated in CROP walk in October.

William Ellis hired as part time Minister of Music and Youth to begin July 2, 1989.

Aug. -The youth went to Carowinds and a canoeing trip to Ashe County.

1990

Youth ski retreat – March 4-6, Holstead Retreat and Conference Center, Banner Elk

Youth Sunday, May 27

October - 12 enrolled

1991

William Ellis, Minister of Music and Youth led 22 youth and adults on a mission trip to Baltimore and Washington, D.C. working with children. He also took a group to Myrtle Beach to help with VBS

July- William Ellis took 25 youth, children, and adults to Carowinds.

Youth trip to New River-Aug.

Youth Ski Retreat in Banner Elk, N. C.-Dec.

1992

Mission trip to Myrtle Beach, 14 youths, six adults; led a VBS at First Baptist Little River, visited retirement and nursing homes, served a meal in the South Myrtle Beach Soup Kitchen

1993

January – 16 youth participated in YMCA Sandy Creek Associational Lock –in in Asheboro
Youth surveyed the area, inviting people to the new church as adults helped with construction on the Brunswick Island Baptist church mission project at Holden Beach

August – Youth had a lock -in and practiced for a musical with two other churches

The Greater Chatham/Lee area-wide Youth Crusade/Celebration , Sept. 7-9. Meetings were in a different location each night, PBC Youth Minister William Ellis sought assistance from PBC members to serve as counselors

Dec. 27-30 – Ski Trip

1994

April 8-10 – 16 youth and four adults involved in Sandy Creek Association’s Beach Break “94,” in Garden City, SC

June 28-July 27, 1994 – Children’s Summer Camp

July 1-8-Youth Mission trip to Baltimore, MD

July 29 attended Super Summer at Carowinds

As fund-raiser, youth collected \$2/vehicle for convenient Street Fair parking in church parking lot

1995

June - Andre Vlok hired as part-time Minister of Youth

July - attended Super Summer at Carowinds

1996

Andre Vlok: Minister of Youth

“Youth Club” on Saturday evenings, 7-9:30p.m., fifty plus young people regularly attended for fun, games, and a devotional. The church Fellowship Hall was turned into a coffee shop, called, “Club Saturday Night Celebration,” where musically gifted teens could perform before their peers. “Live After 5,” met every Sunday, 5p.m.-7p.m. for Bible Study, snack supper, youth choir, with youth choir singing during the Sunday evening worship service.

Youth provided Senior Adults party with 50’s theme, 40 individuals attended

Youth held basketball tournament for the association

Camp in West VA – July 14-19 -The Youth Club and a group from our church and a group from Rock Springs Baptist Church went to camp in West Virginia. These two groups had an old-fashioned Tent Revival Camp Meeting before school began.

1997

“Let It Rain”, a musical and youth revival, was held at Northwood High School Auditorium with PBC Minister of Music Tim Ames directing and youth minister Andre Vlok preaching.

1998

Tripp Harmon employed as part-time Minister of Youth and Children beginning May 11.

Beginning Oct 25, youth began Youth Survival Kit, 11 weeks

1999

Meetings moved from Saturday to Sunday nights (January)

Two youth following Youth Survival Kits

15 signed up for Caswell

Youth raised \$600 for World Hunger

2000

Tripp Harmon- January 17 –youth ski trip, Feb 19 – Hurricanes game

Feb 26-26 World Hunger – Youth went without solid food for 30 hours Thursday night – through Sat. morning to experience hunger.

March – parent-youth night

June – Carowinds, Lock-in

Caswell – 16 youth, 4 chaperones, stayed in own house and prepared food

Youth Photograph Ministry- youth took photos at special events

Destination Unknown Leadership Team formed to work with Tripp in planning special events and trips

Last Sunday of every month dedicated to some type of local missions; first meeting was to new nursing home, The Hermitage, to play games, talk with residents, sing songs

Destination Unknown – a success, better than last year

Youth will be helping with Puppet Ministry and Drama Ministry

Pittsboro Street Fair sold sausage biscuits as fund-raiser

Box City -Youth stayed overnight in boxes to gain empathy for the homeless; collected clothes for the poor

2001

Tripp Harmon - Association Youth Rally and concert - April 27, 158 registered, 182 registered for concert

20 signed up for Caswell

Destination Unknown was to Myrtle Beach

Lock-in held with youth at Olive Chapel Baptist in Apex

Collected items for Shoebox ministry

At Deacons meeting, Youth presented a mock meeting of the youth and the different ways youth were preparing themselves and the way they conducted their meetings

2002

Charleston Mission Trip – eight youth went

Sponsored a Senior Adult banquet

Youth did Master Life study and Prayer of Jabez

October – Youth Pastor Tripp Harmon became Pastor of Pittsboro Baptist Church

2003

Church work day in Feb.- youth room space enlarged by tearing out two walls

Mike Parker -youth sponsored Senior Citizens' dinner, May 4

Searching for youth pastor

July -15 youth attending

2004

Drew Pilkington became Youth Minister in January

Spring retreat in Charlotte – success – two youth saved, one rededication

Rock-a-thon –raised \$1200

23 youth, 8 adults attended Caswell July 19-23

Over 30 youth attending church youth programs

2005

Drew Pilkington-12 youth, 4 chaperones traveled to Atlanta for mission trip
Youth participated with Olive Chapel Baptist Church in Disciple Now weekend in March
Caswell: 30 youth, 5 adults
John Pister began leading youth on Sunday as volunteer, Karl Shaffer on Wednesdays.
20 Christmas shoe boxes completed

2006

Winter Ski Retreat
Job description for youth minister established,
January 11 - motion passed to hire Jon Pister as interim, part time youth minister,
Sweetheart Banquet – Feb 11
May - Motion passed to change Mary Margaret Griffin Scholarship Fund to the Mary Margaret
Griffin Continuing Education Fund for graduating high school seniors; each senior would receive
\$200 toward their continuing education to be presented at graduation church service.
Youth at Caswell – Theme: Take a Hike, Watch Your Step

2007

Winter Ski Retreat to Teen Valley Ranch -January
Youth held Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser which also included entertainment provided by
the youth.

2008

January -Youth split into a Junior High and a high school group. 6th grade was added to the
Junior High group. Year's focus: discipleship.
January- motion passed to hire Jon Pister as fulltime Minister of Youth and Young Adults starting
immediately.
July –three professions of faith at Caswell,
Middle school group added – 16 in attendance the first two weeks,
Youth Sunday July 27

2009

Great Caswell trip: 55 people went, 3 professions of faith, 3 baptisms. Senior Adult ministry
provided breakfast;
Youth meeting in small groups.
80 young people present for the middle school lock-in in October

2010

D-Now week-end, March 5 & 6
April – Youth assisted with Easter giveaway program at Durham Rescue Mission
Caswell June 14-19, seven Baptisms in the ocean, one first time profession of faith

2013

Caswell week: July 10.

2014

Jon Pister stated the youth budget is getting back in line after some unexpected losses when three churches cancelled at the last minute for the Disciple Now week-end.

The fund-raisers went really well.

Forty kids and five chaperones went to Caswell in July. Theme: Creative Personal Faith
Sharing: Sharing the Good News.

Judgment House in October

New line item, 8156 Northwood High School Football Meals, was added to the budget as a designated account.

2015

Ski trip - Martin Luther King week-end.

Caswell -early July

“Youth are where they need to be spiritually but the challenge is to continually build them up.”

Meals served to Northwood Football team. As of July, funding for three of the four meals had been covered.

Focus on Judgement House held in fall

Fall - Approximately 25- 30 youth regularly attended Sunday nights and a new middle school ministry began in November.

2016

Youth program going well

48 signed up for Caswell,

Yard sale held April 16 as a fund-raiser for Caswell.

Twenty people traveled to Tampa Bay, FL for a summer mission trip.

2018

July Ralph Sears hired as part-time Minister of Youth

2019

Early January-attendance is growing. Lots of activities: Football, breakfasts, broom ball.

July: about 17 attending on Sunday nights

July 27 – Aug. 3 Mission Trip to Cherokee. The youth put together their own VBS and ran a soccer camp.

October: group experiencing exciting growth.

Feed the Stampede –continued for Northwood’s Varsity Football team and Pastor Ralph delivered the devotional.