

“About the Father’s Business”

Dear Church Family,

As recorded in Luke 2, Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple:

“And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?” - Luke 2:49

Later in his earthly ministry, The Lord Jesus Christ would state:

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” – John 9:4

These glimpses into the life and ministry of Jesus remind us of two important realities: As followers of Jesus, we, too, must be about the Father’s business. As disciples of Christ, we, too, must work while we can because the time is coming when we can no longer do His work.

September has arrived; the new church year is here. Our God is the God of new beginnings and fresh starts. Our church is open for business – let us be about the Father’s business!

In Christ,
Pastor Calvin



Andrews First Baptist Church



2020 VISION: Know, Be, and Do

“ When they **heard** this, they came under deep **conviction** and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles:

“Brothers, what must we **do**?” - Acts 2:37

Head, Heart, and Hands under the Lordship of Christ

Sunday Services & Classes :

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

Youth Activities 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Services & Classes:

Youth Praise Team Practice 5:30 p.m.

Kids Praise Team 6:00 p.m.

M&M's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study for All Ages 6:30 p.m.

Disciples in Training 6:30 p.m.

Kids Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir & Worship Team 6:30 p.m.

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WMU NEWS SEPTEMBER 2020

September is here! Schools are in session, church services and ministries are starting, Autumn is on its way. Where has this year gone???

This month, September, we will have two special projects. The North Carolina Mission offering (or NC Baptist State Missions) is usually collected during this month. This offering supports the ministries of Baptist on Missions, including disaster response, church plantings, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects, such as dental ministry. Our goal for this offering is \$900 and will be collected during the month of September.

Also, we will be doing a Food Roundup for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. This is the annual project usually held in April, but due to the COVID 19 restrictions, it was cancelled until now. There is a "needs" sheet located outside the sanctuary and a collection container will be in the church foyer. Our church is usually very generous in providing food and paper goods for the Food Roundup; I hope this year will be the same.

Other special events this month will be a resuming of WMU meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Also, Mission Friends will start meeting September 6th during the morning worship hour. This is for children ages 3-first grade. It is good to be able to restart these ministries and regain some sense of normalcy during these trying times. God be praised for His goodness and faithfulness to His church and believers.

Helen

Special Offering



Special Offering
Goal: \$900.00



"Whatever your hands find to do, do with all your strength:" Ecclesiastes 9:10

August Operation Help/Hope Ministry

Food boxes to several families with children, (some foster and adopted)

Scripture goody bags to Principals at AES, AMS, AHS, and Oaks Academy delivered.

Prayers for administration, staff, workers and students at on site campus AES, AMS, AHS and Oaks Academy.

Thank you for principal's bag from Dr. Lisa Fletcher at AHS. Her words: "Knowing I have multiple people praying means more than you will know. Card with Bible verses are the reminder that God does indeed have this situation. Please let everyone in Operation Help/ Hope know prayers are appreciated and to pray daily."

70 toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss to AES for students in need.

Personal hygiene items to AMS thanks to Manna.

Kid's Food Bag Ministry begins Monday, September 14. Since things are different this year, plans are to have 100 Manna bags and 100 supplement bags ready on Mondays for the week's distribution. Attendance is split for face to face in classroom so custodians can pick up their bags as needed. Number is "guessestimate" at this time, will adjust as needed. Sister churches and our packers are ready to resume this needed ministry. Thanks to Dorcas Brooks for getting our Sysco order here and the Bolicks for all their help.

Pampering & Prayers Ministry will be "done from afar" since we are not able to go into our room at AMS and meet with the girls.

Text from a P& P girl: "I hope you have been okay during this time. I've been praying about you hope you are well love you"

A couple of our girls promoted to AHS.

Our last Pampering & Prayers meeting was February when we celebrated Virginia Cox's 100th birthday. We were given some of Virginia's jewelry to share with the girls that attended that meeting along with a picture of the girls with Virginia and a note telling the girl's she prayed for them daily. Jerry gave us her devotional she used and in that devotional she had a picture of each Pampering & Prayers girl with their name. Every visit with her she said I pray for them every day. She was Pampering & Prayers Prayer Chairwoman.

Thank you to Nancy Huffines we were able to resume birthday watches to Celie, Anna, Burke's gift certificate to Kyia, and Abigail

45 gift bags to 5th grade girls welcoming them to AMS.

Our counselor at AMS, Susan Guffey, distributes all our gifts. A small gift to Susan thanking her for being "the fragrance of Christ" at AMS.

Through these challenging times may we minister in Christ's name though Operation Help/Hope Kid's Food Bags and Pampering & Prayers.

Thank you church family for providing a site that meets our needs.

Nancy





Praise the Lord!

With social distancing in place, we have started back Sanctuary Choir practice. We plan to resume our M&M's and Youth & Kids Praise Team on Wednesday, September 2.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Youth Praise Team 5:30 p.m.

Kids Praise Team 6:00 p.m.

M&M's Choir 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir & Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Our Worship Team has been blessed to have the opportunity to bring to our services, whether online, outside or live, a tremendous blend of uplifting harmony and talent through hymns and praise! We look forward to the day when our Praise Team can get together and meet once again!

The ravishing colors of Fall will soon begin and Summer will have quietly dissipated. We are splashed with many beautiful colors as children of God. We have various talents and gifts that He has so freely blessed us with. Let's not forget to use them, always giving honor and glory to our Heavenly Father. Thank you church family for all your support, encouragement, love and prayer!

Always at His feet,
Jennifer

'O my strength, I will sing praises to You; for God is my stronghold, the God who shows me lovingkindness.'
Psalm 59:17



Hello church family.

We have truly missed meeting with our youth over the last few months but we are excited to announce that we are now meeting back at all three of our weekly meeting times. We hope to see you guys there!

Romans 11:36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen

Evan & Cassie



YOUNG AT HEARTS

A friendly group of 19 gathered for the monthly Young At Heart activity Thursday evening, August 20. An offering of \$14 was given to the food bank.

Chicken from Ingles was the main fare of the evening, and everyone's "Farm to Table" additions made for a yummy meal. Jeanette Wilson and Ronney Craig arranged the tables in a large square to allow plenty of safe distancing between diners. Centerpieces were cornucopias of fruits and vegetables.

For talent, Jim Wilson and Priscilla Cope played a few selections on the piano, Gene Craig played a medley on his harmonica, and Ronney Craig shared some Christmas cards she had made.

Helen Wilson shared a devotional out of a children's book, "Little Talks With God." It was a reminder that, in the midst of all that's going on, we just need to step back and look at the world through a child's eye: "Why?" is a common question asked by inquisitive children. Then, in simple childlike faith, we need to trust God to do what's right, in His time.

It was suggested to have a Hobo Party at the Rest Area, so that's what's on the docket for our September gathering. It will be our last supper meeting of the year, on Thursday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m. Subway sandwiches will be served, along with chips, drinks, and dessert. Plan now to pull out your overalls, straw hats, and other garb to join in the fun. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Our ministry in prayer continues for the following: Marna Chapman, Joyce Hogan, Wade Brooks, Pat Sealy, Reba Gibson, Dana Jones, Mack and Jeannie Huscusson, Bill and Nancy Huffines, Ralph and Charlotte Clutton, Joel and Betty Franks, Winnie Dozier, Modean and Neil McKeehan, June Brooks, and Cricket Gray.

School has started in Cherokee County, and we pray for the safety and well being of all our students and staff, as well as their lights to shine for Jesus. Continue to pray for our town, county, state, and country. Pray for the upcoming election, that those who honor God's values will be voted into office Pray for wisdom for all in authority and having to make decisions about resuming activities and re-opening stores, schools, restaurants, church activities, etc. Pray for the health of Christian family relationships around the world, the persecuted church, Pastor Calvin and his family, deacons and their families, Evan and Cassie Nixon and others working with the youth, Jennifer Farr and musicians, teachers and leaders in the various Sunday ministries and Wednesday evening classes ~ as they begin a new season. Pray for each one who has a unique part in making Andrews First Baptist Church a lighthouse for Jesus.

Nancy Huffines has requested to be removed from our committee, and we thank her for her service We welcome Faye Parker as a new member of our planning team.

The Young At Hearts Committee

Ronney Craig, Jean Higdon, Dana Jones, Jim and Pat Lancaster, Faye Parker, Louise Phillips, and Jeanette Wilson

September Birthdays

2. Jeannie Huscusson 2. Paula Nelson 5. Christy Glenn
5. Faith Ann Revis 6. Dawn Roper 7. Steve Johnson
7. Neil McKeehan 8. Ann Brooks 9. Priscilla Cope
9. Roger Mays 9. Addie Waldroup 11. Hazel Cox
13. Brooke Postell 13. Mary Smith 16. Louise Phillips
17. Paul Revis 17. Cheryl Swink 18. Emily Roper 20. Jay Payne
20. Keith Wood 21. Brysen Newton 22. Matthew Wood
23. Sandra Dockery 25. Jerry Morgan 26. Suzanne Mclelland
28. Shirley Milliman 28. Tommy Turner 29. Ray Hyde

September Anniversaries

7. Larry & Mary Smith
16. Steve & Dorcas Phillips
26. Joel & Betty Franks



Home Delivered Meals (Meals On Wheels)

10:00a.m. –12 Noon

Tues. September 1 Joe Gibson, Volunteer Needed
Tues. September 8 Lane Raxter, Volunteer Needed
Tues. September 15 Sandra Marr, Lane & Marilyn Raxter
Tues. September 22 Volunteer Needed
Tues. September 29 Volunteer Needed

SEPTEMBER 2020 EVENTS

*Please Note:

Due to COVID 19, all services and meetings are subject to change.

Wed 9/2 WMU Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Mon 9/7 Labor Day
Church Office Closed
Fri 9/11 Patriot Day
Thurs 9/17 Young at Heart Dinner 5:30 p.m.
Fri 9/18 Game Night 6:00 p.m.
Sun 9/20 Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Tues 9/22 Fall begins
Thurs 9/24 Food Bank: Priscilla Cope 10 a.m.-Noon
Mon 9/28 Food Bank: Helen Wilson 10 a.m.-Noon

Deacons On Call/September



Michael Higdon-828.361.1919
Steve Johnson-828.557.5918
Joel Mclelland-828.557.5143

