

September 2021

“Always Learning”

Dear Church Family,

The Apostle Paul, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God, warned against the danger of those who are “always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:7) We live in a world full of persons who may be described in these terms, especially in our information - internet - interconnected age.

More persons have more access to more information today than at any other time in human history. As the worldwide audience of the worldwide web soaks up untold volumes of information, they are “always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

This reality underscores the principle that we cannot inform or train or educate ourselves out of the inescapable human condition. We are all sinners in need of a Savior, not more information. We must come to know the Lord, not educated to the point of thinking we do not need the Lord. We must be changed from the inside out, not trained in merely overt behavior.

Even after we have become Christians, we need to beware of “learning” without “knowledge.” We cannot afford to sit through Bible sermons, Bible studies, and Bible lessons, thinking we are necessarily growing thereby. We must intentionally, consistently, and diligently apply the truths we learn to the lives we live.

Our thoughts become our attitudes, our attitudes become our actions, and our actions become our behaviors. It is a short distance indeed between the germ of an idea and the establishment of a habit.

I challenge you to conduct a spiritual checkup on yourself. Are you gaining more and more head knowledge with little or no heart knowledge? Are you learning more and more but applying less and less?

May God grant us the grace to be “always learning” while always putting it into practice. May His will and way become our will and way. Practical application of the Word of God is essential. Let us be “always learning” in the best sense of the term. Have a great September!

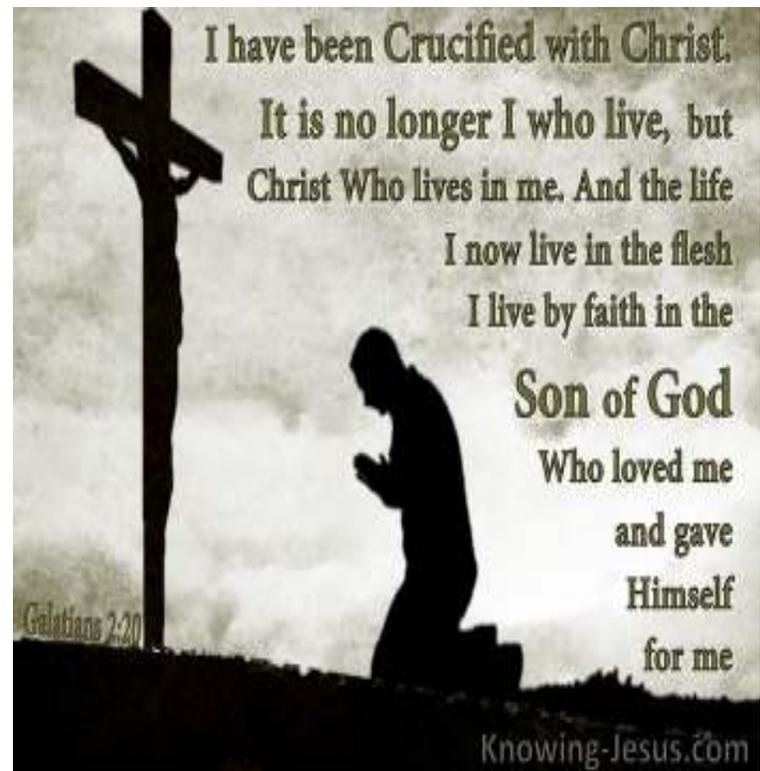
In Christ,  
Pastor Calvin

# Andrews First Baptist Church



## 2021 VISION: Living for Jesus

Galatians 2: 19-20



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## WMU NEWS SEPTEMBER 2021

Well, another month has gone, and we're moving closer to the end of this year. What will the remainder of the year hold for us? It's been a little rough so far, but we do serve the God who knows the end. We keep praying and seeking to serve God and asking for His Peace, not as the world gives. We've witnessed the world's peace and how unstable it is, but God's peace is rock-solid, and we need to be standing on the Rock.

I want to give a big "thank you" to all who came out for our Prayer Walk last Sunday evening. I know all of our schools were completely bathed in prayer for God's protection for all who are involved with our children, their families and for a good year of learning and growing in mind and body. And the ice cream social was definitely a big hit!!

This month's special offering is for North Carolina Missions offering or better known as NC State Missions offering. Our goal is \$900, but we need to exceed that figure; it's only a starting point. Part of that offering funds the budget on Mission, who are today, working in Haywood County after the flood disaster due to tropical storm Fred. Our Disaster Teams, funded by this offering, are there helping to clean up debris, "tear-out/mud out", feeding people, helping people who lost everything. They're being the hands and feet of Jesus. Some members of our own church have served in this capacity in other disasters and know the important work they do. So, let's come together and give generously to this special offering.

God bless.

Helen



**Andrews First Baptist Church Goal: \$900.00**

..."Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead." Philippians 3:13

Kid's Food Bag Ministry has started work on this school year bags. Beth with Manna says delivery will be after Labor Day. She is awaiting numbers from our counselors as to how many manna bags to deliver. We welcome new counselor AMS- Alex McClure. Confirmation from our sister churches participation: Junaluska, Rowlands Creek, Second Baptist, Beaver Creek. And Dr. and Mackie Garland are ready and able to contribute. We have stressed to our counselors we want week end Kid's Food Bags picked up promptly and delivered to students on Fridays. What a blessing our packers are to us all.

Speaking with Alex McClure at AMS, she is going to keep her eyes, ears and heart open to girls in need of Pampering & Prayers ministry. A back to school Walmart gift card to KL. Thank you to our senior ladies that sponsor Pampering & Prayers. Wanda Beck picked up notebook with Pampering & Prayers forms, ideas, suggestions along with a Pampering & Prayers shirt to take to church in Florida.

Looking forward to 2021-2022 school year at AES and AMS.

Thank you Andrews First Baptist for all done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Nancy



**Join our Music Team and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!!!**

**(September Music Team Schedule:)**

**Wednesdays:**

- Youth Praise Team 5:00 p.m.
- Kids Praise Team 5:30 p.m.
- M&Ms Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

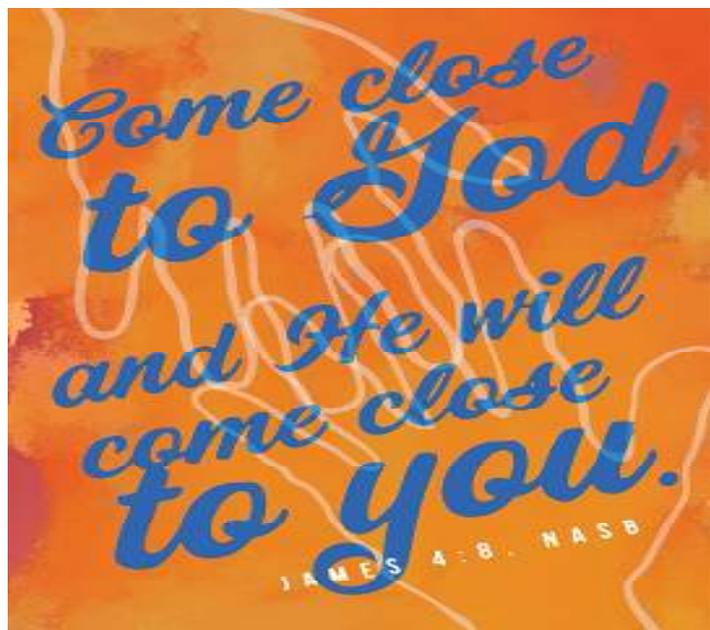
**Sundays:**

Solos & Special Music Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to the new season on its way. Fall, with its beautiful colors and cool temperatures is always a glorious change after a great summer! Also, school has started back! Our children's Wednesday night music and classes will begin again as well and our Sanctuary Choir will soon select a Christmas Cantata! Wow! Wonderful and exciting opportunities are ahead to serve and magnify the Lord!

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Always at His feet! Jennifer

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
<sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
<sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,  
<sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
<sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend,  
 a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."  
 Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8



**YOUNG AT HEARTS**

The Farm to Table theme was carried out by Mark and Phoebe Jackson, as they decorated for the August 19 YAH supper meeting in the church's fellowship hall. Unique chickens adorned each table, accompanied by a basket of eggs, and one lucky person at each table got to take home the fresh eggs (even including a few duck eggs!) A love offering of \$19 was collected from the 22 attendees.

Jim Wilson talked about several prophecies from the Old Testament, and related how they were fulfilled in the New Testament. How thankful we can be that we serve a God who keeps His promises!

The program was to tell where we had worked prior to retirement, and it was very interesting to learn what folks had done in their "former lives."

Thursday, September 16, will be our last supper meeting for the season, at 5:30 p.m. Sheriff Derick Palmer has agreed to be our guest speaker. He is going to address scams and fraudulent activities going on in our area, and measures of protection primarily for seniors. You won't want to miss this informative presentation.

Pray for the family of Dean Dockery, who recently went Home; Kenneth Lloyd and David Brooks, recuperating from surgery; Betty Franks and Shelby O'Neal in rehab centers; and others who have ongoing needs, including Burke and Dianne West, Robert and Nancy Taylor, Dana Jones, Mack and Jeannie Huscusson, Bill and Nancy Huffines, Ralph and Charlotte Clutton, and Art and Kelly Richter. Remember to pray for Neil and Modean McKeegan, June Brooks, Cricket Gray, Gay West, Pat Sealy, and Sara and Steve Booth, who are both recovering from surgeries. Others with physical needs are Pat Sealy, Bettie Barfield, Marna Chapman, Linda Graham, and Ronney Craig. The prayers of saints are like incense to the Lord!

We need to continue to pray for the persecuted church around the world (including in America), and the health and strength of Christian family relationships. Pray for Pastor Calvin and his family, the deacons and their families, the personnel committee as they seek a new youth pastor, and those who are working with the youth. For Jennifer Farr and musicians, choir members, teachers and leaders in the various Sunday ministries, and those in the Wednesday evening classes starting up again this month. Pray for the teachers and students throughout Cherokee County, and those in college and university. Continue to remember our military as they protect our freedoms on a daily basis.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see!

The Young At Hearts Committee  
 Ronney Craig, Jean Higdon, Jim and Pat Lancaster,  
 Faye Parker, and Jeanette Wilson

### 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 5:00 p.m.  
 Kids Praise Team 5:30 p.m.  
 M&M's Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.  
 Disciples in Training (3-Kindergarten) 6:30 p.m.  
 Children In Action (grades 1-5) 6:30 p.m.  
 Bible Study for All Ages 6:30 p.m.  
 Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 2021 EVENTS

Sun 9/5 Lord's Supper  
 Mon 9/6 Labor Day  
 Wed 9/8 WMU Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat 9/11 Patriot Day  
 Sun 9/12 Sunday School Leaders Luncheon 12:00 Noon  
 Church Fellowship Hall  
 Thurs 9/16 Young at Heart Dinner 5:30 p.m.  
 Sat 9/18 School Project  
 Sun 9/19 Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed 9/22 Autumn begins  
 Fri 9/24 Game Night 6:00 p.m.



### September Birthdays

2. Jeannie Huscusson 2. Paula Nelson  
 5. Faith Ann Revis 6. Dawn Roper  
 7. Steve Johnson 8. Ann Brooks 9. Priscilla Cope  
 9. Addie Waldroup 11. Hazel Cox 13. Mary Smith  
 13. Brooke Postell 16. Louise Phillips 17. Paul Revis 18. Emily Roper  
 20. Keith Wood 21. Brysen Newton 22. Jane Birchfield  
 22. Matthew Wood 23. Sandra Dockery 26. Suzanne McLelland  
 28. Shirly Milliman 28. Tommy Turner 29. Ray Hyde

### September Anniversaries

7. Mary & Larry Smith 19. Steve & Dorcas Phillips  
 26. Joel & Betty Franks

### Deacons On Call/September



Lucas Luther-828.361.7138;  
 Josh Postell-828.361.0812;  
 Keith Wood-828.361.4161

### Home Delivered Meals (Meals On Wheels)

10:00a.m. –12 Noon

Tues. September 7 Joe Gibson, Volunteer Needed

Tues. September 14 Lane & Marilyn Raxter

Tues. September 21 Sandra Marr, Lane & Marilyn Raxter

Tues. September 28 Volunteer Needed

"FOR THIS IS WHAT THE LORD  
 ALMIGHTY, THE GOD OF ISRAEL,  
 SAYS: 'HOUSES, FIELDS AND  
 VINEYARDS WILL AGAIN BE  
 BOUGHT IN THIS LAND.'  
 JEREMIAH 32:15, NIV

