

First Baptist Church
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August 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43b-45

In his excellent book, The Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster writes about many spiritual disciplines. One of the most intriguing chapters concerns the issue of service as a Christian. How does it express itself in the life of a believer? Within this profound chapter Foster writes that,

- True service comes from a relationship with the Divine Other from deep down inside.
- True service finds it impossible to see the difference between "big" and "small" service.
- True service does not fear attention, but it doesn't seek it out. The Divine nod is sufficient.
- True service is free of the need to calculate the results. It delights only in the service.
- True service ministers simply and faithfully because there is a need.
- True service can withhold service as freely as perform it. It can serve by waiting in silence.
- True service builds community.

In the few months I have served as pastor of First Baptist I have found that there are many individuals who serve this church in the ways listed above. Let us keep up the good work! We all should have the goal of serving as our Lord Jesus Christ has served. Let us all be reminded of the scriptures which state, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,"⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do..." Eph 6:7-8b

All Because of Jesus, Pastor Paul

P.S. At our quarterly conference in July, the building and grounds committee let it be known the church needs a new roof over the education wing. Although money from the Yard Sale in March will cover some of this need, the total is about \$17,000 (depending on whether wood needs to be replaced under the existing roof). The committee has secured a contractor who has provided a good estimate and the work can be completed in just a few weeks. Please pray and consider how you can help meet this need. Perhaps you can give- or perhaps at this time you cannot, either way, let us all serve by praying that this need is met.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19

Please Remember in Your Prayer

CHURCH FAMILY: George Boyd, Louie Askew, John Smith, Marguerite Sexton Hart, Luke Leary, Sue Owens, Tracie Wildman, Ann Jackson, Kristie Nicholson, Joyce Harrell, Chris Smith, Claudia Beacham, Faye McCombs, Garland Rea, Oliver & Frances Lucas, Sandy McMurtrie, Clifford Frymier, Barbara Peyton.

OTHER CONCERNS: Ryan Alligood (Nephew of Wade Rogers), Christi Rogerson, Stevie O'Neal, William Sexton, Dr. James Hagwood, Blaine Pittman, Kim Wynne, Mike Ward, Marty Barfield, Jason Phelps, Rodney Rogerson, Frank Winslow.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: *Three Rivers* – Christine McMurtrie #208; *River Trace* – Pauline Humphreys #418, Eunice Carraway #325; *Roanoke Landing* – Alice Dotson #209, Tim Elks #315; *Rich Square* – Annie Griffith #302; *Chowan River* – Rae Owens.

NOMINATING PROCESS

The nominating process for the church begins in August. Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee ballots will be mailed out as usual. In light of our current situation, we are asking that everyone else please continue to serve in their positions for the next church year. We will have to replace the three people rotating off the finance committee to comply with the church by-laws. If you are interested in filling one of those positions, please call the church office.

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacons will meet Monday, August 17 at 7:00 pm in the Craft Room with Terry Thompson hosting.

PLEASE NOTE

If you would like to send a card to Luke and Jamie Leary the address is:

Arlington Court Suites
1200 North Court House Rd.
Arlington, VA 22201

July Tithes and Offerings

Budget	\$23,614.00
Retirement Homes	\$970.00
Radio Ministry	\$155.00
Children's Homes	\$1,000.00

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

All Sunday school teachers are asked to please meet with Karen and Pastor Paul on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

HELP NEEDED

Ted Jackson is looking for someone to help with his mother, Ann. If interested, please call 252-935-5049. This is a paid position.

Online Giving is available
on our church website:

firstbaptistplymouth.org

Happy Birthday

Benjie Rogers 8/1	Wiley Payne 8/18
Johnny Barnes 8/1	Jimmy Brown 8/19
Donna Gray 8/4	Bill Sermons 8/19
Vicki Stotesbury 8/4	Donald Davenport 8/21
Virginia Dilday 8/6	Joseph Griffin 8/21
Austin Rogers 8/7	Dorothy Spencer 8/22
Robbie Brown 8/9	Jolie Barnes 8/24
Sandy Stotesberry 8/12	Pennie Gregory 8/24
Henry Foster 8/13	Faye Peyton 8/27
Jim Sawyer 8/13	Amanda Craddock 8/28
Lisa Askew 8/14	Carolyn Boyd 8/30
JoAnn Dail 8/14	Martha Estep 8/30
Oliver Lucas 8/16	

Happy Anniversary

Scott & Mary Kay Bradshaw 8/5

Bryan & Beth Foster 8/7

Chris & Sharon Smith 8/19

Jack & Phyllis Faulk 8/28

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Please remember that even though we are not back at full capacity yet, we do have ongoing mission opportunities:

- ❖ **MILE OF PENNIES FOR BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES.** We collect coins until we reach a mile; it is then sent to them. For a mile of pennies it takes \$844.22. We are working on our 35th mile!!! Containers are located at the front and back of the Sanctuary and in the church office.
- ❖ **BLESSING BOX:** Please take a moment when you are out shopping and grab a few items to go in the Blessing Box. Food, paper goods, medicine and hygiene products are all needed.

Thanks for all you do to help those around you!!

Worship Opportunities

- Live Radio Broadcast at 11AM on 95.9 FM
- Facebook Live Worship Sundays at 11AM.
- Sermons Uploaded to Website.
- Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:45 pm with Pastor Paul on First Baptist Facebook page.
- Daily Devotions with Pastor Paul on Magic 95.9 at 6:30 am, noon, 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Beginning Sunday, August 2 the service will begin at 10:50 so that we can do announcements and prayers of a personal church family nature before the radio begins at 11:00.

Food Pantry Truck is scheduled for Monday, August 3 at 9:30 am. Help with unloading is greatly appreciated.

ART SHOW

Lorita Simonds, a member of the Japanese Embroidery Guild, is displaying some of her Traditional Japanese Silk Embroidery in the art show Aug. 14- Sept. 17. This is being held at the Dunn Center Mims Gallery on the campus of the NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. Call 252-469-8577 for days, hours open. The closing reception will be at 5:00 pm on Sept. 17. Anyone wishing to go see this exquisite art can call Lorita and she will carpool anyone interested or give easy directions to the Dunn Center.