

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With all that has happened in the first 8 months of 2020, we will all agree that this is a year that will not soon be forgotten. For the Christian however, we take comfort in the reality that God will not forget us- ever! He will be faithful to see us through whatever the rest of this year or all the years ahead will bring our way.

For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. Ps. 37:28

All those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus are safely in the hand of Jesus and nothing can take them out of it! He is the good shepherd who watches over his sheep! An important part of this as well is to remember that we are all a member of his flock. We are travelling through this life together as we follow Jesus. I know one of the most difficult things that many have experienced over the last several months is separation from their beloved church family out of health concerns. I have heard many testimonies from you about the sense of loss there has been not having Sunday School, or Wednesday night Bible study together.

As your pastor I have missed seeing so many of you! I know that we are all praying for relief from the concerns that have kept us apart. And I certainly only want people to come out when they believe it is safe to attend. Hopefully very soon we will all be able to be together again under one roof! Until then,

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil. 1:4-6

All Because of Jesus,

Pastor Paul

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries. We begin this

Sunday and **Our goal is \$1,000.00.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR JULY

Budget	\$22,996.00
Retirement Homes	\$976.00
Children's Homes	\$1,000.00
Radio Ministry	\$155.00
Benevolence	\$1,000.00

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Galatians 6:9: AND LET US NOT GROW WEARY OF DOING GOOD, FOR IN DUE SEASON WE WILL REAP, IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.

BLESSING BOX

This is located in the church parking lot. Food, paper goods and hygiene items can be placed directly in the box.

MILE OF PENNIES

Loose change is collected each Sunday until we reach a mile and then it is sent into the Baptist Children's Homes.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this ministry.

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

It's hard to believe that it's time to begin thinking about Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We have free official Samaritan's Purse cardboard boxes in the church office for anyone who would like to use them. Boxes will be due the week of November 16.

FOOD ROUNDUP FOR BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

As you know, the Food Roundup, that normally occurs every April had to be canceled because of Covid-19. You can imagine how bare their shelves are becoming because of this delay. The roundup has been rescheduled for the month of September. There will be a drop off container in the hallway by the church office. Gift cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Food Lion, Piggly Wiggly). For full list of items please go to the **Website: bchfoodroundup.org**

Appalachian Coalfields Ministry

It is time for the Appalachian Coalfield backpack Ministry. This year we are asking that if you would like to contribute to this ministry, please pick up an empty backpack from the church and fill it with the items listed below. The Baptist men will also enclose a Bible and a copy of the Christmas Story in each backpack. The deadline for this ministry is October 30, 2020.

Items that can be included are as follows:

- A) Small items of NEW of warm clothing** such as winter hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc.
- B) Small pop-top canned food** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans)
- C) At least 1-2 NEW, age appropriate non-breakable toys** (*no toy weapons, please!*) This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, Legos, etc. For oldest age group (15-17) substitute an appropriate item instead of a toy, such as, a flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, books, hunting and fishing magazines for the boys - jewelry, books, skin care products, hair accessories, etc. for girls.
- D) Hygiene items** including full sized containers of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and deoderant, as well as toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb. (*Please fit these items into a one gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak out into the rest of the backpack.*)
- E) Fresh, wrapped candy** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt; and no peanut products*)

Age Grouping and Labeling. Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groupings for this year are **4-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17.** Due to labels falling off in previous years, we went to a ribbon system for labeling last year, and it proved to be very effective. Each backpack will have two 10 inch ribbons tied to them - one to indicate gender and one for age, as follows:

Gender:

Blue ribbon will indicate a boy's backpack.
Pink ribbon will indicate a girl's backpack.

Age:

Yellow ribbon for ages 4-7
Green ribbon for ages 8-10
Red ribbon for ages 11-14
White ribbon for ages 15-17.

We ask that you prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives and will be a witness of Christ's love!

As always, thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

OTHER CONCERNS: The Family of Steve Hamblin (Son-in-law of Lorita Simonds), The Family of James Modlin (Brother of Mittie Ward), Mack Williams, Faye Lyle, Marvin Peele, William Sexton, Alfonza Boyd, Ryan Alligood (Nephew of Wade Rogers), Christi Rogerson, Stevie O'Neal, Dr. James Hagwood, Kim Wynne, Mike Ward, Marty Barfield, Jason Phelps, Rodney Rogerson.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: Three River – Christine McMurtrie #208; River Trace – Pauline Humphreys #418, Eunice Carraway #325; Roanoke Landing – Alice Dotson #209, Tim Elks #315; Rich Square Health Center – Annie Griffith #108-B; Chowan River – Rae Owens.

IN MEMORIAM OF GARLAND S. REA

Last week, on August 12, Garland S. Rea departed this earthly life. Garland was the founder of our "Prayer Shawl Ministry" here at First Baptist. Each week, on Tuesday mornings, members of this ministry would gather to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Garland was also a member of Mission Action Circle, Flowers and Memorials Committee and the Ladies III Sunday School class. She will definitely be missed by her church family. Our lives were enriched and blessed by having known her. We are grateful for her dedication and contribution.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laurie Bland 9/1	Sue Smith 9/13
Cecilia Spruill 9/1	Joey Dickerson 9/17
Katlynn Stotesberry 9/3	Terry Thompson 9/17
Tracie Wildman 9/3	Frances Lucas 9/18
Nevis Leary 9/5	Jon Stotesbury 9/22
Megan Spain 9/6	Debra Barkovitz 9/24
Sam Rogers 9/7	Steve Barnes 9/24
David Carraway 9/7	Brenda Bullock 9/25
Leroy Bland 9/8	Celia Davenport 9/25
Jordan Brown 9/9	Tim Elks 9/27
Charles Spruill 9/10	Lydia Ruth Griffin 9/29
Dell Hagwood 9/12	Gail Kimbrough 9/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kyle & Lindsey Modlin 9/12

FROM BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

As you all know, our church building is getting older and often is in need of repair. In order to care for this building that we love, we need to make the needed repairs in a timely matter. To better address these issues, we want to make you aware of the projects that we have done and those that we still need to do. If you would like to help with any of these projects financially, please give your gifts to the Building Maintenance Fund.

*One Air Conditioning unit behind the sanctuary was replaced in July. The cost was \$5,490.00.

*The roof on the Educational Building was replaced. The cost was \$17,160.00. We put out a plea for help with this, and you responded quickly and generously.

*Due to a small fire in some ductwork, we need to replace one of the Air Conditioning units in the Fellowship Hall. The estimate for this is \$7,488.50. All of these units are over 30 years old.

*The ramp leading to our sanctuary is in need of major repairs. We want to keep it in good working order for our people who are in need of the ramp.