FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH September 6, 2020

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

OTHER CONCERNS: Mack Williams, Faye Lyle, Marvin Peele, William Sexton, Alfonzo Boyd, Adele Ange, Ryan Alligood (Nephew of Wade Rogers), Christi Rogerson, Stevie O'Neal, Dr. James Hagwood, Kim Wynne, Mike Ward, Marty Barfield, Jason Phelps, Rodney Rogerson, Frank Winslow.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: Three Rivers- Christine McMurtrie #208; River Trace Nursing & Rehab Center, Washington- Pauline Humphreys #418; Eunice Carraway #325; Roanoke Landing-Alice Dotson #209, Tim Elks #315; Rich Square Health Care Center - Annie Griffith #108-B; Chowan River Nursing Home - Rae Owens (Mother of Caroline Chandler).

Stewardship – Tithes and Offerings August 30, 2020

Attendance - 52

Budget \$5,620.00
Building Maintenance \$1,135.00
Memorials \$240.00
Radio Ministry \$25.00

Online giving is now available on our website

NORTH CAROLINA STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

We will begin our offering for state missions this morning. Our goal is \$1,000.00.

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.

BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN

Pastor Paul will begin in person Bible study starting next Wednesday, September 9 at 6:45 pm in the fellowship hall. Karen will hold a Bible study for the youth at the same time in the sanctuary. Masks are encouraged and we will have seating spaced out for safety. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

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 hall 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: bchfoodroundup.org

The church office will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

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 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 toy** (*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.

SCARVES FOR BACKPACKS

The First Baptist Church ladies knitting group has hand knitted scarves available to go in the backpacks. If you would like one they can be picked up in the church office. There is no cost for the scarves.