

# FIRST BAPTIST NEWS June 2021

Happy June to Everyone!

I pray that this month's newsletter finds you well, in body, mind, and spirit. If you are struggling in one of these areas of life- let me know, I would love to pray for you and with you! When we are struggling and praying for an answer to our prayers, waiting for God's deliverance can be a great challenge. In those times, we may be tempted to doubt God and maybe even argue with His timing. I was talking with a sister in Christ about this the other day and they said, "It's so hard to be patient!" I agree. God's timing can seem so slow! We want it taken care of now! The nation of Israel struggled waiting on God. Through their history they gave in to doubt and disobedience. Psalm 106 recounts just such a time.

*When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles; they did not remember your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea. Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his mighty power known. He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up; he led them through the depths as through a desert. He saved them from the hand of the foe; from the hand of the enemy, he redeemed them. The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived. Then they believed his promises and sang his praise. But they soon forgot what he had done and did not wait for his plan to unfold. In the desert they gave in to their craving; in the wilderness they put God to the test.*

The Lord delivered the Israelites out of slavery and through the sea. Please note, He did it for the sake of His name! Remember, delivering us isn't just about us, it's about Him and His reputation. The Israelite soon forgot what he had done and grew impatient with God's timing and plan. How was this impatience seen in them? Here is a small list:

- They deliberately forgot God's blessings and deliverance in the past.
- They stopped worshipping (serving) the Lord and worshipped (served) other gods.
- They envied others whom they saw as blessed more than they were.
- They despised their leaders and hated where God had led them.
- They complained and grumbled before God and their leaders and despised where he wanted to take them. In summary- they didn't trust Him.

We are all waiting for God to move in some way in our lives. Let us not give in to these things that can ruin the blessings God has for us. May we remember that in those things that God says "no" to He knows what is best for us and will give us the grace to continue in faith and joy never failing to sing praises to Him. By the way that is the mark of a true believer- praising God in all circumstances! Have a great month ahead!

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## Congratulations

Our high school seniors are all from Lawrence Academy, they are:

**Hailey Barnes**  
**Briauna Faulk**  
**Peyton Foster**

UNC Pembroke College graduate:

**Joseph Griffin**

B.S. in Mass Communications with concentration in Public Relations

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We will observe Communion on Sunday, June 6.

The Baptist Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 am. All men and boys are invited to attend.

Food Pantry truck is scheduled for Monday, June 7 at 9:30 am. Help with unloading is greatly appreciated.

The Deacons will meet Monday, June 21 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall with Bill Sexton hosting.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Leroy & Ann Bland*  
6.4

*Paul & Sherri Harrington*  
6.4

*John & Donna Gray*  
6.11

*Tony & Marie Bullock*  
6.30

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for Clifford Frymier will be Saturday, June 12 at 2:00 pm here at First Baptist. The family will receive friends following the service. Jimmy Hagwood will be officiating.

## TEACHER NEEDED

We need a Pre-School Sunday School teacher for the 4- & 5-year-old class. If you are interested, please call the church

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Mittie Ward 6/4*

*Camellia Lee 6/7*

*Tony Dail 6/10*

*Beth Thompson 6/13*

*Lindsey Modlin 6/14*

*B.J. Lyle 6/15*

*Wade Rogers 6/21*

*Briauna Faulk 6/22*

*Phillip Jones 6/22*

*Phillip Ward 6/22*

*Cha Rogers 6/26*

*Carolyn Watlington 6/27*

*Janet Ruth Griffin 6/28*

*John Smith 6/29*

*Melinda Galtress 6/29*

*Janie Edmondson 6/30*

## GOODBYE TO KAREN

Karen's last Sunday with us will be June 6. Please remember to thank Karen for her 10 years of service with a card, small gift, or a monetary blessing. There are baskets at the front and ramp entrances to the sanctuary. We wish Karen much success with her new calling as Minister to the Albemarle Charge.

# MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

## **BLESSING BOX**

Please continue to support our Blessing Box. It is being used to help those in our community who are in need. Almost daily, people are taking and/or leaving items in the box. It will take the efforts of all of us to keep it supplied. You can either place your items in the box or bring them into the church office. Also, the Gail Hardison Circle has a box in the vestibule that you can place items in on Sundays.

## **BENEVOLENCE FUND**

This fund helps people in the community and our own church family with whatever needs may arise, such as light bills, fuel oil, medicines, and food. There is so much outreach right here in our own backyard and this fund helps us do that.

## **MILE OF PENNIES**

Thank you for your support for our Mile of Pennies. We have recently sent in our **37<sup>th</sup> mile!!** Remember, it takes \$844.22 to complete a mile. When we give to this ministry, we are helping to care for the children in the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. Thanks for giving!!

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**CHURCH FAMILY:** *The family of Clifford Frymier, Freda Cole, George Boyd, Jim Sawyer, Harry Ward, Robert Dickerson & Phyllis Dickerson, Tracie Wildman, Louie Askew, John Smith, Marguerite Sexton Hart, Kristie Nicholson, Claudia Beacham, Faye McCombs, Oliver and Frances Lucas, Sandy McMurtrie, Barbara Peyton.*

**OTHER CONCERNS:** *Heather Brown (Daughter in law of Bobby & Becky Brown), Harry Allen, Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer, Mike Ward, Jonni Kephart, Don May, Sue Owens, Greg Spruill, William Sexton, Alfonzo Boyd, Rodney Rogerson.*

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:** *Three Rivers- Christine McMurtrie #208; River Trace Nursing & Rehab Center, Washington- Pauline Humphreys #418; Roanoke Landing- Alice Dotson #209, Tim Elks #315; Chowan River Nursing Home- Rae Owens.*



Friday Evening, June 4  
and  
Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>!