



Plymouth
First Baptist Church

Hope is found here.
Psalm 39:7

Newsletter July 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Plymouth First Baptist!

I must tell you that as your pastor I am filled with joy as I see the ministries of the church restarted. People catching a vision for the future, and desire growing in hearts to be together with one another once again. After such a long year last year, I feel that Sherri and I are getting to know many people for the very first time. We only shared about 10 weeks with many of you all before everything was shut down, and we are thrilled that we can get to know you all better now.

As I look over the congregation each week, I see that a greater majority of our fellowship is coming out and reconnecting- and for this I say- Praise the Lord! But at the same time, I know that there are many who have still not returned to meet with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and to be used of God in the exercise of their gifts and abilities. There is so much to do in our town and county- and we need all hands on-deck to carry out our mission of bringing HOPE to our community. Hope that is found in Jesus Christ alone.

Will you be an active part of the ministry of First Baptist? I hope so. I eagerly anticipate a mighty move of God as we pray and obey. Let us follow our Lord, and pray fervently for spiritual strength, power, and witness. In this newsletter you will find out about two prayer ministries starting up in July. Check them out and join me in prayer for our families, our church, and our communities. Nothing of eternal value is ever accomplished without prayer!

There is a wonderful song that came out a few years ago addressing the fact that God is still at work.

God of this City by Chris Tomlin.

You're the God of this city You're the King of these people.

You're the Lord of this nation- You Are.

You're the light in this darkness, You're the hope to the hopeless,

You're the peace to the restless- You Are.

There is no one like our God. There is no one like our God.

Greater things have yet to come, Greater things are still to be done in this city

Greater things are still to come, And greater things are still to be done here.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." And to this I say, AMEN.

Let us all join together in this work of the LORD.

All Because of Jesus,
Pastor Paul

RETIREMENT HOMES OFFERING

During the month of July, we will receive our offering for Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Every dollar contributed is used to financially assist Older Adults who cannot pay the total cost of their care. Please give as we attempt to make life for these North Carolina seniors what God intended it to be....

“The Best of Times”

Our goal is \$1,000.00.

Christmas in July Service!

Sunday the 25th 11 AM

Christmas Caroling!

Christmas Sermon!

Special Music!

Wear your Christmas Colors!

Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!

Attention Ladies interested in a fall Bible study:

Beginning Monday, September 13 at 10 a.m. and continuing until the end of October, we will do another of Priscilla Shrier's studies. This is a seven-week study entitled: *God is Able*. It studies Ephesians 3:20-21: Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Paul wrote Ephesians 3:20-21 when he was imprisoned, it seems more likely that he would write a litany of his suffering as David did in many Psalms. Instead, Paul found hope in God apart from his circumstances. We can always use hope, confidence in God, and ways to strengthen our times of prayer.

Please let Mary Kay know if you are interested in attending so she can order you a book. Home number: 793-2495 and cell number: 799-7072.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We will observe Communion on the second Sunday, July 11.

The Baptist Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, July 4 at 7:30 am. All men and boys are invited to attend.

There will not be a Food Pantry truck for July.

The Personnel Committee will meet Wednesday, July 7 at 7:00 pm.

The Deacons will meet Monday, July 19 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall with Shirley Barfield hosting.

There will be a Quarterly Conference and Ice Cream Social Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is asked to please bring a container of ice cream. Toppings will be provided.

**The Church Office
will be closed
Monday, July 5th.**

**Have a safe and
Happy 4th!!**

Two Prayer Opportunities!

Text Prayer Group

Each Wednesday, receive a prayer via text that you can pray for our Church. This will not be a list of prayer requests, rather a prayer that Pastor Paul will offer that you can pray from your heart so that although we are not face to face, we will be united in prayer! Just text Pastor Paul at 724-554-2243; make sure you list your name and that you want to be added to the prayer text. The first text will go out on Wednesday July 7th.

Prayer with the Preacher

Starting Sunday, July 11th at 9:20 am in the Pastor's Office. You will not miss Sunday School! This will be conversational prayer for our morning gatherings.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bobby & Becky Brown

7.14

George & Carolyn Boyd

7.21

Jerry & Rita Rhodes

7.27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Claudia Beacham 7/1

Faye McCombs 7/2

Nay Nay Raynor 7/3

Peyton Foster 7/5

Jim Copeland 7/5

Fabian Vazquez 7/10

Caroline Chandler 7/11

Aubrey Lloyd 7/14

Judi Lyle 7/15

Kevin Lloyd 7/18

Christine McMurtrie 7/18

Tony Bullock 7/20

Wilma Waters 7/24

Shirley Pinner 7/31

MISSION 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 are half-way to our 38th 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:** Denise Nobles, Kylee Lee, Hulan Williams, George Boyd, Jim Sawyer, Harry Ward, Robert and Phyllis Dickerson, Tracie Wildman, Louie Askew, John Smith, Marguerite Sexton Hart, Kristie Nicholson, Faye McCombs, Oliver and Frances Lucas, Sandy McMurtrie, Barbara Peyton.*

***OTHER CONCERNS:** Waylon Rogers (Son of Wade Rogers), Kaya Morris (Friend of Kierstyn Smith), Heather Brown (Daughter in law of Bobby & Becky Brown), Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer, Jonni Kephart, Don May, Sue Owens, William Sexton, Alfonzo Boyd.*

***NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:** Ridgewood Rehabilitation, Washington -Freda Cole; Three Rivers- Claudia Beacham #402, 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.*

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls, texts, cards, and food drop-offs during my battle with Covid and Pneumonia. Praise the Lord, my last scan was all clear! I am truly blessed to be part of such a praying and loving church family. May God continue to bless our church.

Love you all,
Lora Craddock

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you so much for the Bible given to me for graduation. Your love and support through the years has been a blessing in my life.

With Much Love,
Hailey Barnes

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of First Baptist,

Words cannot adequately express how much we appreciated all that you did for our family. The service was heart felt and the lunch provided was wonderful! Dad loved his church family and in turn was shown so much love from all of you. May God continue to bless this amazing church.

With Much Love,
Melody Godfrey