



Plymouth
First Baptist Church

Hope is found here.
Psalm 39:7

Newsletter August 2021

Dear Members and Friends of First Baptist,

We have been talking a lot about the subject of hope. If there is one thing our world needs today is hope. If you are like many, you may be overwhelmed with a sense of hopelessness. Will anything ever be the same? Will the economy come back? What of my family? The future of our once great nation? The apostles at times felt this way. Our brothers and sisters in Christ down through the ages have faced similar days as ours. We read 2 Cor. 4:7-9

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. “

The treasure that Paul is writing of in this passage is the treasure of the Gospel. The truth of salvation for all eternity by grace through faith in Jesus. This is our ultimate hope. It is that which distinguishes Christianity from all the other religions of the world. We offer to the world a sure and certain hope of a blessed life eternal in heaven. This is why they could go through hard times- but still keep serving Christ with joy!

Let us all desire that First Baptist Plymouth be a lighthouse of hope to our town, county, and state. Let us all ask ourselves how we as God’s people, in this place at this time can promote the hope that is found in Jesus. Remember that famous passage in 1 Corinthians 13? The Love Chapter? Hope is one of the “big three” sources of eternal encouragement. *“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”* 1 Cor. 13:13. These three attributes work together to sustain us through all of life’s joys and discouragements. We learn of God’s Love shown in His son Jesus. We believe in Jesus and His sacrifice for sins, and it results in a sure and lasting hope. May our words and deeds bring hope to our generation. All because of Jesus,

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Choir Practice to Begin!!

The choir will resume practice on Wednesday, August 11 at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in joining the choir, please come. Looking forward to filling the choir loft again!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We will observe Communion on Sunday, August 1.

The Baptist Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, August 1 at 7:30 am. All men and boys are invited to attend.

There will not be a Food Pantry truck for August.

The Deacons will meet Monday, August 19 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall with Johnny Barnes hosting.

Blood Drive is here Tuesday, August 17 from 12:30 to 4:30 in the fellowship hall. If you can help, please call Paul Lilly at 217-8089.

The nominating process for our church begins in August. We will have volunteer sign-up sheets at worship services beginning the first Sunday in August. This includes all committees and councils in our organization. There are lots of vacancies to fill since Covid prevented us from this process last year. Each position is important, and we need everyone involved. The Deacon, Deaconess and Trustee Ballots will be mailed to you during the month in our nominating and election process. Please return ballots on time. You are asked to prayerfully consider your role in our church body and pray for the leadership of our congregation.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Scott & Mary Kay Bradshaw
8/5

Bryan & Beth Foster
8/7

Jewell & Kathryn Fetterton
8/10

Chris & Sharon Smith
8/19

Jack & Phyllis Faulk
8/28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Benjie Rogers 8/1
Johnny Barnes 8/1
Donna Gray 8/4
Vicki Stotesbury 8/4
Virginia Dilday 8/6
Austin Rogers 8/7
Robbie Brown 8/9
Sandy Stotesberry 8/12
Henry Foster 8/13
Jim Sawyer 8/13
Joann Dail 8/14
Oliver Lucas 8/16
Jimmy Brown 8/19
Bill Sermons 8/19
Donald Davenport 8/21
Joseph Griffin 8/21
Jolie Barnes 8/24
Amanda Craddock 8/28
Carolyn Boyd 8/30
Martha Estep 8/28

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 the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all 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 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.

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 working on 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: Emma Cobb, Denise Nobles, Hulan Williams, Jim Sawyer, Harry Ward, Robert Dickerson & Phyllis Dickerson, Tracie Wildman, Marguerite Sexton Hart, Kristie Nicholson, Faye McCombs, Oliver and Frances Lucas, Sandy McMurtrie, Barbara Peyton.

OTHER CONCERNS: The family of Fletcher Pierce, The Family of Billy Oliver, Betty Brake (Aunt of Steve Barnes), Baron Chamblee, 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 NOTE

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the many acts of kindness shown to us during George's illness. Your phone calls, visits, food and especially the prayers have been a source of great comfort for us. We consider ourselves blessed to be a part of this church family.

*With Much Love,
George and Carolyn Boyd.*