



**Plymouth**  
First Baptist Church

**Hope is found here.**  
Psalm 39:7

## Newsletter October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Wednesday nights our Bible study has been focused in on verses from the book of Romans. These verses pertain to renewing our minds. The Word of God teaches us that when we come to faith and trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, We are given a new heart- we are born again and we now have a spiritual heart that is receptive to God's leading and teaching. However, our minds are not made new. They are still a mixture of truth and error. They must be transformed.

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will." Romans 12:1-2*

In other words, we must diligently do all we can to renew our thinking. We are not to pattern our life and thought after the world system that is set against God's ways but pattern our life after Christ and His word. Eph. 4:

*"So, I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. <sup>20</sup>That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

This must be a complete commitment on our part- to live as the Lord would have us to live. Our culture today does not reinforce these kinds of priorities. But we have been called out of the world. I know the current is strong to just go along with the evil that is swirling all around us- but we can together continue to please God while resisting such a current. We are living in days in which we need the fellowship of other believers. Our meeting together is vital to our own personal spiritual health and the spiritual health of the church body. WE NEED ONE ANOTHER.

This month we have some wonderful services planned. I know there are many who are listening on radio or watching on Facebook out of necessity for their own health, however I want to encourage others to come out for Sunday School and Worship. Your brothers and sisters in Christ who are meeting together need the encouragement of your presence! We need to hear the sound of your praise and feel the power of the Holy Spirit as He moves in your life! As your pastor I want to see you in the congregation taking part in our corporate worship each week and Bible Study on Wednesdays! The Bible indicates that in the last days, many will depart the faith. I pray that none of First Baptist will be numbered among them. As your pastor, I desire that all of us be able to stand before the Lord one day and hear him say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" Matt. 25:21*

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## FELLOWSHIP HALL ROOF FUND

Goal:	\$75,000.00
Received:	\$55,200.00
Needed:	\$19,800.00

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Johnny & Jolie Barnes  
10/3*

*Rex & Sandy Stotesberry  
10/16*

*Tim & Janet Ruth Griffin  
10/21*

## DEACONS MEETING

The Deacons will meet Monday, October 18 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall with Tony Dail hosting.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

We will have a quarterly conference on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is asked to please bring a "Sweet or Salty" finger food to share.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Sharon Smith 10/1*

*Marie Bullock 10/5*

*Susan Thompson 10/6*

*Rebecca Harrison 10/10*

*Wayne Marks 10/13*

*Charlene Evans 10/14*

*Carson Brown 10/14*

*Tony Brabble 10/14*

*Ann Cody 10/17*

*Phyllis Faulk 10/20*

*Megan Stotesberry 10/21*

*Morgan Stotesberry 10/21*

*Tim Stotesbury 10/21*

*Emily Chandler 10/22*

*Scott Thompson 10/23*

*Amanda Frymier 10/26*

*Bob Cody 10/29*

*Jamie Leary 10/29*

*Kierstyn Smith 10/31*

## Homecoming and Revival

The Deacons along with Pastor Paul have decided to postpone our Homecoming and Revival services until Spring 2022. More details will follow in months to come. There will however be a special "Southern Baptist Sunday" on October 10<sup>th</sup> with some great Southern Gospel music, a remembrance of those members of FBC who have gone on to be with the Lord and a special sermon by Pastor Paul on the Lord's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming! Join us!

## Appalachian Coalfields Ministry

The Baptist Men are collecting items for backpacks for the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry. The backpacks will be given to children ages 3-14. Age groups include ages 3-5, 6-9, and 10-14.

Items needed are:

1. School supplies such as crayons, notebook paper, pencils, pens, composition books, folders, rulers, and erasers.
2. Small items of NEW clothing such as winter hats, gloves, socks, and underwear.
3. Small POP-TOP canned food such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, and fruit.
4. At least one NEW age-appropriate non-breakable toy (no toy guns please).
5. Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb, shampoo, and deodorant.
6. Individually wrapped candy (no chocolate, as it may melt).

You can give monetary donations also. Please designate "Backpack Ministry."

The backpack may be the only Christmas present this child receives, and it will be a witness of Christ's love. Please consider helping us with this ministry. This year our goal is 100 backpacks. Donated items can be placed in the box that will be in the hallway outside the church office. Thank you for helping us with this project. All donations should be in by October 21.

Please follow these instructions if you plan to fill your own backpack:

**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 will indicate that the backpack is for ages 4-7

Green ribbon for ages 8-10

Red ribbon for ages 11-14

White ribbon for ages 15-17.



### **National Collection Dates November 15 – 22.**

We have the cardboard shoe boxes available in the church office.

## 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.

### MILE OF PENNIES

Thank you for your support for our Mile of Pennies. **We are working on our 39<sup>th</sup> mile!!** Remember, it takes \$844.22 to complete a mile. When we give to this ministry, we are helping to care of the children in the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. Thanks for giving!!

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

***CHURCH FAMILY:** Bill Sexton, B.J. Lyle, Tracie Wildman, Denise Nobles, Hulan Williams, Robert Dickerson & Phyllis Dickerson, Marguerite Sexton Hart, Kristie Nicholson, Faye McCombs, Oliver and Frances Lucas, Barbara Peyton.*

***OTHER CONCERNS:** Nyal Watson, Christi Rogerson, Vicki Livingston, Francis Ward, Waylon Rogers (Son of Wade Rogers), Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer, Jonni Kephart, Don May, Sue Owens, William Sexton, Alfonzo Boyd.*

***NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:** Three Rivers- Christine McMurtrie #208, Sandy McMurtrie #407; River Trace Nursing & Rehab Center, Washington- Pauline Humphreys #418; Carrolton- Tim Elks; Chowan River Nursing Home- Rae Owens.*