PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH July 2022

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 1 Tim. 2:1-3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you are filled with the peace and joy only He can bring as you follow HIS leading. I pray His grace and strength may abound in your life and the life of your family. How we praise the LORD for his work in our midst. Our attendance for worship and other gatherings has been consistent and strong. The Holy Spirit has certainly moved among us. As we proceed into the heart of the summer, let us not forget to be faithful to serve the LORD wherever we may be and, as much as possible, gather for Bible study and worship. This is an act of service to God which blesses our lives but also fulfills the instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ to serve others.

This month in particular, we should have thankful hearts for the freedoms we still enjoy– granted by God, among which are the *right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness*. This July 4th, as we celebrate Independence Day and those things enumerated in our constitution, all thanks should go to God for the decision of the supreme court, turning the decision of the status of unborn children back to the people of the nation and the state legislatures. As each state makes its decision concerning this very important matter, may we continue to pray for the LORD to move on the hearts of our leaders. But may we also pray for expectant moms and dads everywhere. May they see the precious value of the life being carried made in the image of God. May they trust the LORD God to provide for that life.

Of course we all know that supreme court decisions, congressional legislation and presidential executive orders as important as they may be, cannot change the heart, only the Lord Jesus Christ can do that great work. And that is what First Baptist Church is to be all about– The promotion of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the salvation he brings! As we pray for others, may we also pray in the manner of David, "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139:23,24

Love in Christ, Pastor Paul

The following prayer was offered by Rays Streets Jr. in Johnstown PA. I shared this on Junes 26th during our 11 AM morning Worship, let us join in our hearts – Pastor Paul

Abba Father, will all the fear and turmoil over the Supreme courts Decision, inflation and the prices of food and gasoline, the natural disasters, the effects COVID has had on us, we desperately need Your presence in our lives. In our nation and in the world in which we live. The earth is shaking and the birth pangs of Jesus return are getting stronger.

Abba Father, we long for Your presence to be seen everywhere. Your word tells us that You are looking throughout the earth for those who will give themselves to prayer and seeking Your face. We read in 2 Chronicles 16:9, the eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Abba Father, we have to ask ourselves: are we, am I, fully committed to You. Too often our hearts are not burning for You. We are too busy. We have settled for lessor things. We want to ask for Your forgiveness and ask for a renewed passion for You! Take us deeper than we have ever been into an intimate relationship with You. Then we will see Your miraculous power and salvation demonstrated in our streets and everywhere we go. Use us Abba Father, as instruments in Your hands to change our world. AMEN.

Please keep in your prayers:

Our Church Family:

Kacey and Kimber Mae Noell Pat White Mike Gurganus Paul Lilly Lynn West B.J. Lyle Tracie Wildman Robert and Phyllis Dickerson Marguerite Sexton Hart Faye McCombs Frances Lucas

Friends and Relatives:

Billy Maitland, Jeff Davis, Shelby Flint (Aunt of Dianne Swain), Annette Cedeno (Charlene Evan's Cousin), Sandra Hewitt, Parker Joyner, Nadine Williams Watson, Trevor Cannan, June Basnight, Glenn Hassell, Wayne Britt, Debbie Comstock, Gavin & Bryson Blount, Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer.

In the Nursing Homes:

Christine McMurtrie Three Rivers Nursing and Rehab

Pauline Humphreys River Trace Nursing & Rehab Center

Tim Elks Carrolton Of Plymouth

Rae Owens Chowan River Nursing and Rehab Center.

Other Concerns:

Church Prayer Concerns:

The personnel committee search for a part-time associate pastor. (children and youth emphasis)

All committees and ministries.

The Worship Service, Sunday School, and Bible Studies. Other gatherings.

Upcoming officer elections in the fall.

All church staff as they serve the church.

Scott Setzer as he leads the South Roanoke Baptist Association. Baptist State Convention of NC, The Southern Baptist Convention.

The Town of Plymouth its leaders, and it's many needs and concerns.

The United States, North Carolina and its leaders. Washington County and it's leaders. EMS and Law Enforcement.

Parents as they raise their children in such a challenging time. Those struggling financially. The drug addiction pandemic in our nation.



Remember to give to and pray for our Radio Ministry as we broadcast on Magic 95.9 each Sunday. Listen in to hear the daily devotional "Of this I am Convinced" Our radio program is a mission of FBC is not included in our regular budget so please consider supporting it financially!

JULY MEETINGS

July 2022

3rd - Baptist Men's Breakfast at 7:30 am.

4th— Buildings & Grounds meet at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

11th—Observe Communion.

11th—Deacons meet at 7:00 pm in the craft room with Russell Lee hosting.

20th—Quarterly Conference and Dessert Night at 6:30 pm.

Choir Rehearsal is Sunday July 10th at 6:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Buildings and Grounds Committee needs volunteers to help with cleaning and panting the fellowship hall. They would like to complete this project in July or August. Call the church office or contact Phillip Ward (741-0231) if you are willing to help.

WITH MUCH APPRECIATON

To My FBC Family,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the love and support you all have shown to me. I would especially like to say thank you for the Senior Banquet and for the gifts I received. I will forever cherish the memories. With Love, Claire Dail

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and messages during the loss of our brother, Greg Spruill. Your kind words, encouragement and prayers have sustained us.

Micki Dail and Cecilia Spruill

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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 Kayla Bundy 7/15 Kevin Lloyd 7/18 Christine McMurtrie 7/18 Tony Bullock 7/20 Wilma Waters 7/24 Shirley Pinner 7/31

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Bobby & Becky Brown 7.14 George & Carolyn Boyd 7.21 Jerry & Rita Rhodes 7.27



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Rev. Paul Harrington, Senior Pastor

Mr. Scott Bradshaw, Worship Director

Mrs. Danita Davis, Office Administrator

B.J. Lyle, Organist



Midweek Fellowship at Golden Skillet!

Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Each Wednesday

throughout the summer your brothers and sisters in Christ will be meeting for a wonderful time of Bible devotion, prayer, food and fellowship at Golden Skillet!

Come out and join them to enjoy a meal (everyone selects and pays for their own).

At the same time build your relationships with Jesus and your brothers and sisters!



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 Senior Citizens...

The Best of Times!

Our goal is \$1,000.00