# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

# November 2022

# A note from Pastor Paul

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Looking back at the previous month, like you, I am filled with a grateful heart for all that God has done. Yes, Covid has reared its ugly head once again, yet the purposes of God have moved forward. We praise the LORD for his work during our revival services with Steve Cromer. Attendance for each service was very strong– Steve led us through so much truth– helping us to orient ourselves more toward God's ways. We praise the LORD for all the terrific special music each service..

Our homecoming service and dinner was all that we hoped it would be! We had 118 in attendance for both the spiritual food for worship and the wonderful meal served after, strengthening us all in mind, body and spirit. Wow! The pics you see are just a sample of the smiles!

As we move forward into the last couple of months of 2022, let us be filled with thanksgiving and joy for all God has done in our midst. Let us be a people of prayer and faithfulness to God. Let us continue to live the gospel of Jesus in a world that has lost so much hope. By the way, one of the greatest marks of a true believer in Jesus is a heart of thankfulness to God! Every day for the Christian should be Thanks-giving Day.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among



you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." -Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)

> May God's Blessings be upon you– HIS People, Pastor Paul

# A note from Loyd,

To my new Church Family,

I want to start by first expressing my gratitude for the overwhelming amount of love shown to India and me as we have transitioned into First Baptist Church over this last month. Thank you to all

who have gone out of their way to welcome us here. I am overjoyed to see a Church that has a heart for youth just as much if not more than myself. I am constantly praying for the Lord to move in this area for a revival of all ages in Plymouth, the United States, and most importantly the entire world.

I believe my heart for youth truly began when I finished high school and saw all but one person from my youth group completely halt their church attendance after graduation. It broke my heart. I found that this wasn't atypical but has been the norm in youth programs all across the country for some time.

The approach I hope to take towards being the exception to this statistic rather than the example, is by working towards a *family oriented, Gospel centered approach to Youth Ministry*. This is the type of ministry that is whole family focused. As I have heard Pastor Paul say, *"We want whole families"*. Amen to that.

"Following the foundation", is a ministry motto that comes from a mentor of mine. "Live life with them". That means to be genuinely **involved**, **interested** and **devoted** to whom the Lord places in the flock you are shepherding. Students can see the difference between someone *"just doing their job"*, and someone who truly has a heart and interest in them, not just their spiritual well-being. Genuine concern, care, and interest goes miles and miles with our youth.

While there is lots of work to be done, I ask that you be praying:

For Youth: To see bridges built and a revival in the heart of our young people.For Parents: To step into their role to be the primary spiritual leader in their child's lifeFor Myself: To be given wisdom to know how best to serve both students and parents.- Loyd Jones

### Please Keep in Your Prayers

#### **Our Church Family:**

Steve Barnes, John Smith, Donna Gray, Mittie Ward, B.J. Lyle, Tracie Wildman, Robert and Phyllis Dickerson, Faye McCombs, Frances Lucas. The Family of Ken DeMary, friend of Lorita Simonds.

#### Friends and Relatives:

Horace Tripp, Meredith Freier (Mother of Elizabeth Benjamin) Patty Harrell, Dean Gurganus, Andy Porter, Thomas Tarkenton, Jamie Asby, William Walker, Jeff Davis, Shelby Flint (Aunt of Dianne Swain), Parker Joyner, Nadine Williams Watson (Friend of Dianne Swain), Gavin and Bryson Blount (friends of Jim & Susan Sawyer), Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer.



#### In the Nursing Homes:

*Pauline Humphreys* River Trace Nursing & Rehab Center

*Tim Elks* Carrolton Of Plymouth

*Rae Owens* Chowan River Nursing and Rehab Center.

*First Baptist and Magic 95.9 partner to reach people with the good news of Jesus.* Time and again we hear that our radio ministry is making a difference in people's lives. We praise the Lord that he has moved on peoples hearts to support this important ministry that carries our worship service and Pastor Paul's daily devotional to so many. This ministry costs \$100.00 per week. Your support has the potential to reach thousands with

the message of hope in Jesus Christ by tuning in on the radio or downloading the **MyTuner Radio** app. If you do not live in the Plymouth area but wan to listen in, Just look up the station on the App, listen in and tell your friends about it!





## **Mark Your Calendar**

1—The Personnel Committee meets at 6:30 pm in the conference room.

1st- Helen Peele Group meets at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

6th—Baptist Men's Breakfast at 7:30 am.

6th—Gail Hardison Group meets immediately after church. Please don't forget your goodies.

7th—Mission Action Group meets at 1:00 pm at the Golden Skillet.

7th—Buildings and Grounds Committee meets in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm.

7th—Finance Committee meets at 6:30 pm in the conference room.

14th—Deacons meet at 7:00 pm in the craft room with Russell Lee hosting.

#### First Baptist Church FAMILY NIGHT

#### Wednesday

#### December 14 2022



We are counting on our best cooks and bakers to bring out their very best signature recipes this year!

More details will come in the December newsletter, however if you already know what you want to bake for the auction, please contact Jolie Barnes at 252 809 2425 or Amy Collins at 704 798 3577 to be added to our list!! We are looking forward to a record breaking year ~ where there are plenty of marshmallows kisses



# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Susan Sawyer 11/2 Hulan Williams 11/2 Blake Gurganus 11/10 Harry Ward 11/11 Lorita Simonds 11/16 Paul Lilly 11/17 Kayla Stotesbury 11/17 Kristen Stotesbury 11/17 Kristen Stotesbury 11/17 Katelyn Cooper 11/18 Dianne Swain 11/23 Jordyn Lyle 11/23 Gage Brabble 11/28







Robert & Phyllis Dickerson 11/16 Bill & Linda Sermons 11/25 Bill & Renee Sexton 11/25 John & Sue Smith 11/26



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Mr. Loyd Jones, Associate Pastor, Youth and Children

Mr. Scott Bradshaw, Worship Director

**Mrs. Danita Davis,** Office Administrator

Mrs. B.J. Lyle, Organist



Guest Speaker Dennis

Connor

Sunday Nov. 13th, 2022

Be sure to join us for our Sunday Morning Worship on the 13th as Pastor Dennis Connor ministers the Word of God to us.

Dennis serves as a Great Commission Catalyst with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Dennis has been with us before! He always brings a challenging message from God's Word.

# November 2022

Baptist Children's Homes

# Thanksgiving Offering

There is a MISSION FIELD all around us! Did you know 70% of Baptist Children's Homes residents are un-churched and

unreached for Jesus?

When our church participates in the Annual Offering, hope is shared, miracles happen and the lost are introduced to Jesus.

Our Goal this year is \$1500.00.

