



# PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**February 2023**

## *A note from Pastor Paul*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the grand themes of the Bible is the priority of relationships. Man with God, brothers and sisters in Christ, our family of origin, husbands and wives and children. God is a "relationship" being and He has created us as relational creatures. Even the connection humans share with animals and animals have with one another points to this reality.

Relationships require effort. They require continual attention and maintenance. To neglect them is to automatically subject them to decay. As many of you probably know I am writing for the Roanoke Beacon each week for their religion section. This is a real honor- it is pro-bono of course, but it is hopefully a great advertisement for the church. More than that however it is a way to reach our surrounding community with the good news of Jesus and Biblical instruction. At this point I have submitted around four articles for the paper, emailing them to Mary Wayt, Editor and Publisher. Everything has gone on without a hitch. Even with that, however, I stopped into the Beacon office a couple of weeks ago just to check in and talk for a few minutes. Though there were no issues to discuss, I have found it wise to meet face to face from time to time, even in these kinds of relationships.

In our tech-driven world with text messages, social media and the like, I still prefer face to face meetings the best. John the apostle, using a messenger (no, not Facebook Messenger!), but a human messenger wrote the following in his letter to his friend Gaius, "*I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.* Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there by name." 3 John 13,14

This month I will be starting a series on human relationships- marriage, the family, grandparenting, relating to relatives and beyond. I am excited about this series and pray that you are as well. We will be touching on many issues that can affect our lives greatly. So plan to join us! Either electronically, or better yet- face to face! God's Best to you this month,

All because of Jesus,

Pastor Paul

# YOUTH MINUTE

Hello Church Family!

As I have already been saying to some of you, I am so excited to see what God has in store for us in 2023! I know when we begin planning or looking into the future it may stir up some anxiety, but remember that Jesus is Lord and King of kings, just as much now in 2023 as He was 2000 years ago when He defeated death, sin, and the grave.

For those that missed our combined Sunday school and Youth meeting, I wanted to share with you the matters I addressed this past Tuesday about current/upcoming events:

Now is the time to swap our focus to Caswell, as it will be here before we know it. The first half of the deposit is due on Feb. 15th. We are aiming to go on July 17th - 22nd.

F.O.C.U.S. Night - This is a night for ALL youth to come together for games like cornhole, ping pong, Pop-darts and tabletop games. Pizza is provided and I will be leading a Bible study during dinner about singleness, *Single: not second-class*. Which is why we decided to call this night the: **Fellowship Of Christians Understanding Singleness**. FOCUS Night will be on **February the 17th** (Friday) in the fellowship hall. Anyone from 6th-12th grade is invited! So let's spread the word about this night of great fellowship!



Just to make sure everyone is aware, the old children's rec. room has become our new youth room! We will begin meeting there on Wednesday nights, where we will also begin our new study on *Christ: The Basis of Faith*. Even though a work-in-progress, I believe this sends a positive message to all youth that Plymouth First Baptist Church cares for and about them. Stop by and see the progress over time!

I pray that in 2023 the Lord moves in the hearts and minds of our young people. Grace be with you. - Loyd Jones

## Please Keep in Your Prayers

**Our Church Family:** Susan Thompson, Leroy and Ann Bland, Larry Nicholson, Steve Barnes, John Smith, Donna Gray, B.J. Lyle, Tracie Wildman, Robert and Phyllis Dickerson, Faye McCombs.

### Friends and Relatives:

Family of Henry Bragg, Wayne Waters, Shelton McNair, Jr., Torin Shaw (Grandson of Judi Lyle), Ingrid Lee, Patty Harrell, Jamie Asby, Jeff Davis, Shelby Flint, Nadine Williams Watson, 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.

**Gwen Phelps**  
The Fountain of The Albemarle Apt. E101



**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 people's hearts to support this important ministry that carries our worship service and Pastor Paul's daily devotion 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 want to listen in, just look up the station on the App, listen in and tell your friends about it!



## Mark Your Calendar

5th—Baptist Men's Breakfast at 7:30 am

5th—Observe Communion

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

7th—Helen Peele at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall

7th—Gail Hardison meets at 6:30 pm in the craft room

13th—Deacons meet at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall with Mary Kay Bradshaw hosting

17th—FOCUS Night Youth Event

Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aniyah Swain 2/1  
 Janet Bundy 2/1  
 Mollie Chandler 2/3  
 Andrew Noell 2/6  
 Judy Wright 2/7  
 McCaskey Brown 2/7  
 Hailey Barnes 2/10  
 Lora Craddock 2/13  
 James Lyle 2/13  
 Scott Chandler 2/14  
 Nancy Ward 2/16  
 Rita Spruill 2/19  
 Ken Watlington 2/25  
 Legend Murdock 2/26  
 Jerry Rhodes 2/27  
 Faith Noell 2/28



Tony & Shelly Brabble  
 2/7  
 Jim & Leverna Copeland  
 2/12  
 Kevin & Robyn Lloyd  
 2/18  
 Mike & Debbie Holcomb  
 2/28



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Psalm 39:7

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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023



## Nursery

### February 5th

Ann Cody

India Jones

### February 12th

Lora Craddock

Glenda Smith

### February 19th

Caroline Chandler

Amy Collins

### February 26th

Faith Noell

Jolie Barnes



North Carolina

Named after two past, beloved leaders of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) of NC, Miss. Fannie E. S. Heck and Mrs. W. N. Jones (Sallie Bailey), this offering supports many missionary programs and is their primary support for funding.

**Our goal is \$500.00.**