



# PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**March 2023**

## *A note from Pastor Paul*

At our Wednesday night Bible study, we are studying the life of the Apostle Paul, also known as Saul of Tarsus. Though it is on Facebook, I would invite you all to come out to the building to take part- the fellowship we enjoy cannot be duplicated electronically.

Prior to faith in Jesus, Paul was a persecutor of those who followed the Lord's teachings. Amazingly, he thought he was on God's side while pursuing these people, but in fact he was opposing God. You can read of his conversion in Acts 9. One can only imagine the horror Paul must have felt when he realized that he was actually against the God to whom he claimed loyalty. Though carrying out such wickedness, Christ intervened- got Paul's attention by blinding him. Though the method was severe, our gracious Lord extended mercy to this hard-hearted man. How did He do this? He sent a believer named Ananias to lay hands on him and heal him. He also brings a new friend to stand with him in his new faith, Barnabas, whose name means "son of encouragement." Isn't Jesus amazing? He went out into the desert to get His lost sheep. He breaks Paul's will and then pours grace and mercy into his life. By the way, none of us deserve God's grace and mercy. That's who grace and mercy is for- those who don't deserve it.

Paul writes, *"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. "But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life." 1 Timothy 1: 15-16. Dear Brother or Sister in Christ, That is your God. That is your Savior, the merciful king. Grace and Mercy to you,*

**Pastor Paul**

Hello Church Family!

I feel like 2023 is flying by. January has already passed us, and soon so will February. As a follow up from the last newsletter, here are some updates about recent events.



Caswell is locked in and ready to roll! We are set for Youth Week 5 (July 17th-22nd), and I am super excited for this summer! Praying for a fruitful time at camp.

Focus Night was a great night of both youth fellowship, and taking a moment to reflect on how we can serve and love our single people. I hope to add recurring events similar to this one, in hopes that it might draw in new faces and present Gospel opportunities. I have additional copies from FOCUS night for those that would like a copy. Please feel free to ask me for one! Here is a snippet from our discussion Friday Night:

### 3. Christian Singles Are Treated Poorly When the Church Diminishes Their Struggles

*Singles struggle just as married couples do, just in different ways. Married couples should not diminish the problems of singles by trying to "one up" them with their own. We all benefit when we are **quick to listen and slow to speak**.*

With Youth always in mind, I am currently keeping an eye on the events that are taking place at Asbury. For those unfamiliar, I encourage you to look up "Asbury University Revival". Events like these spark hope that we would see revival in our young people. For that to happen, for true revival, it must be **saturated** with the Gospel. I ask that you pray for the people in Kentucky, and young people all over the world, that we would see a movement that can only be accredited to our wonderful and sovereign God.

Let Christ's glory shine, and shine through us as His Church. Amen. -Loyd

### ***Please Keep in Your Prayers***

**Our Church Family:** Peggy Roberts, Jim Sawyer, 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 Gavin Blount, Mack Tripp (Brother of Shirley Barfield) Wayne Waters, Shelton McNair, Jr., Torin Shaw (Grandson of Judi Lyle), Patty Harrell, Jamie Asby, Jeff Davis, Shelby Flint, Nadine Williams Watson, Bryson Blount, 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 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

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

5th—Communion Observed

6th—Buildings and Grounds Committee meet at 6:30 pm.

6th—Mission Action Circle meets at 1:00 pm at Golden Skillet

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

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

13th—Deacons meet at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall with Tony Dail hosting

## March 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	29	30	31	



honoring

**Emily Chandler**

Sunday, March 12th 2023

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

**First Baptist Church**

309 Washington St · Plymouth, NC

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**Evan Davenport 3/1**

**Marguerite Hart 3/2**

**Bobby Brown 3/6**

**Rexanne Harrison 3/8**

**Tom Harrison 3/9**

**Sherri Harrington 3/10**

**Denise Nobles 3/10**

**Mary Kay Bradshaw 3/14**

**Linda Sermons 3/14**

**Meredith Bradshaw 3/15**

**Heather Carr 3/15**

**India Jones 3/15**

**Claire Dail 3/21**

**Shelly Brabble 3/22**

**Gwen Phelps 3/22**

**Kim Blevins 3/23**

**Sandra Spruill 3/26**



**Nevis & Jamie Leary**

**3/13**

**Jim & Susan Sawyer**

**3/30**

**Mike & Caroline Gurganus**

**3/31**

**Daylight  
Savings  
time begins  
Sunday,  
March 12th!**



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Psalm 39:7

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## **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Annie Armstrong (1850-1938) was a bold advocate for missionaries and their work. She championed

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Since 1895, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has empowered Southern Baptists' missional work to reach the US., Canada and their territories. Generation after generation, we've united to reach people born on our shores and the nations who come here to make a new home.

**Our goal is \$1000.00**

## ***March 2023 Nursery Rotation***

**March 5—Dianne Swain  
Susan Sawyer**

**March 12— Lora Craddock  
Glenda Smith**

**March 19—Caroline Chandler  
Amy Collins**

**March 26—Faith Noell  
Jolie Barnes**