

PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH May 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A favorite story of many from the life of Jesus is found in Mark chapter 4. For although a true story, it serves as a metaphor for the storms we face in life. As you recall, Jesus was in a boat with his disciples, but was sleeping. A windstorm came up that was so severe waves were breaking over the boat and the disciples feared for their lives. We read in Verses 38-41 "... So they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher! Don't you care that we're going to die?" He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Then he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" And they were terrified and asked one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

We all face various storms in life. Storms personal to our lives, our family or the ones we love. How comforting to know that Jesus is with us and has the power to calm those storms. We have all been in a giant storm together as we see the nations raging in their growing disobedience to the LORD. (See Psalm 2). Sometimes the waves we are facing together as a people seem insurmountable. But Jesus, just as he has authority over the waves, has authority over the nations and our individual circumstances. Throughout his ministry Jesus revealed his authority over all things. Let this bring us comfort as his followers. Jesus is our Savior, Lord, Brother and Friend. The last thing He said to his disciples was that He would be with his followers to the end of the age.



Dear brother or sister in Christ. Take comfort, Jesus is in the boat of your life. He will see you, me and all His people safely to shore.

- Pastor Paul

YOUTH MINUTE

Hello Church Family!

May has snuck up on

me quicker than April or March did! How time flies!

I wanted to take this chance to briefly inform you about some upcoming events for our Youth. At the moment of writing this, I am currently attempting to set up a gathering at Washington County High School, for the National Day of Prayer on May 4th.

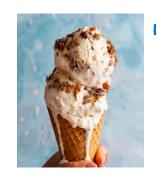
Sticking on the topic of Prayer, I hope to begin a new series with our youth on the topic of prayer during the month of May! My hopes are to draw in some new faces by inviting those I connect with on May 4th to join us for a "big" Wednesday Night Youth gathering of fellowship, with games, food… you know the drill.

I ask that you continue praying for our youth, that these messages would inform our young people about the importance of prayer, especially during the times we live in today. God Bless!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Kay Bradshaw and family in the loss of her mother –Joyce Vaughan, Ronnie Matheny, Denise Nobles, Sue Owens, Hulan Williams, 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: Shelton McNair, Sr., Michael Matheny, Donald Chesson, Kay Roberson, Cordellia Molt Wynne, George Bagley (Cousin of Faith Noell), Whitney Denton (Niece of Phyllis Faulk), Christine Blevins (Boss of Dianne Swain) Mack Tripp (Brother of Shirley Barfield), Wayne Waters, Shelton McNair, Jr., Torin Shaw (Great-Grandson of Judi Lyle), Patty Harrell, Jamie Asby, Shelby Flint, Nadine Williams Watson, Bryson Blount (friend of Jim & Susan Sawyer), Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer.



I Scream, You Scream
We All Scream For
ICE CREAM!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL MAY 17TH

Get your ice cream churns out and dust them off!! We are having an ice cream social on May 17th in the fellowship hall following the last Bible Study at 7:00 pm. We can't wait to see what kind of flavors you come up with! Please contact Micki



Dail (217-9865) or Susan Rea (217-6010) to let us know you'll be bringing ice cream.

We will have all the toppings ready!

In the Nursing Homes:

Pauline HumphreysRiver Trace Nursing & Rehab Center

Tim Elks, Tracie Wildman 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

May Meetings and Gatherings

- 1st-Mission Action Circle meets at 1pm at Golden Skillet
- 1st—Buildings & Grounds meet at 6:30 pm
- ◆ 2nd-Gail Hardison Circle meets at 6:30 pm in the Craft room
- 2nd-Helen Peele Circle meets at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ 7th-Baptist Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30am.
- ♦ 7th-Observe Communion
- 8th-Deacons meet at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall with Brenda Bullock hosting.
- ◆ 17th-Last Bible Study at 7pm followed by Ice Cream Social

Thank You Note

To First Baptist Church,

The family of Christine Ward would like to thank you so much for all that you did for us during her "Heavenly Homecoming." The cards, calls, visits, and food were very much appreciated and the dinner served to the family was outstanding, but the most important thing you did was pray. We knew we were covered in prayer during this time.

God Bless You!

The Family of Christine Ward





David & Faith Noell

5-14

Hank & Janie Edmondson

5-23

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 29th

for Memorial Day.



Nursery Rotation May 2023

May 7—Lora Craddock
Glenda Smith
May 14– Caroline Chandler
Amy Collins
May 21—Faith Noell
Jolie Barnes

May 28-Dianne Swain

Susan Sawyer



Joshua Brown 5/1 Riley Bundy 5/2 Rex Stotesberry 5/2 John Gray 5/3 Sydney Brabble 5/6 Kay Ward 5/7 Kyle Modlin 5/11 Shelley Brown 5/12 Leverna Copeland 5/17 Renee Sexton 5/17 Ronnie Thompson 5/17 Gracen Rogers 5/19 Kathy Wynne 5/20 Dee Gee Griffith 5/23 Caroline Gurganus 5/25 Mike Holcomb 5/26 Larry Nicholson 5/27 Edwina Peele 5/27 Amy Collins 5/31 Bill Benjamin 5/29

Loyd Jones 5/29



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Mrs. B.J. Lyle, Organist

May 2023





Mother's Day Offering for NC Baptist Hospital

The gifts of North Carolina Baptists to the Mother's Day Offering bring life-changing hope to hurting patients and families at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. These gifts help patients suffering from serious illness and overwhelming financial need pay their hospital bills — in the name of Jesus Christ and His love. They are drawn closer to Christ in lasting and heartfelt gratitude.





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