



PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

July-August 2023

Pastor Paul, To the members and friends of First Baptist Church.

Blessings to you and peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that your summer is going well and that the presence of God is evident in your day to day walk with Him. On Sunday Mornings I have been preaching the sermon series titled "The Good Ancient Paths." In this journey we are learning or re-learning the lifepaths established by God that lead to blessing. Yes, they can lead to material blessing, but more importantly they lead to internal and eternal blessing. The blessings of the good ancient paths is what so many are missing today– a souls at rest and at peace with God in any circumstance.

The prophet Jeremiah, prophesying to the nation of Judah said to that disobedient nation words from the very heart of God. *"Why has the land been ruined and laid waste like a desert that no one can cross? The LORD said, "It is because they have forsaken my law, which I set before them; they have not obeyed me or followed my law. Jeremiah 9:12b-13*

Dear brothers and sisters we are to follow the ways of God. To refuse to obey the Lord is to live in a barren wasteland.. Jesus died for us because we could not live the law perfectly, and we were dead in our sins. Salvation is a gift, yet true faith in Christ produces obedience to Christ's commands. Jesus said, *"If you love me, keep my commands"* John 14:15. God's laws are not an end to themselves however, our obedience to living the way God would have us to live indicates His presence in our life. In so doing we are walking on the good paths of peace– in the presence of the Prince of Peace, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Glory Be to God.



Hello Church Family!

I am growing increasingly more excited about the coming month of August. Currently our Youth room is undergoing a mini remodel. Feel free to stop in and see the progress over the month of July! In the meantime, Youth will meet in the library for Sunday School!

In other news, we are sponsoring the Washington County HS Football team for their upcoming season, in the form of a donation. Other than giving to the community, this will be helpful to me to meet often with the students and faculty this coming semester and build relationships! The long-term intention is to grow relationships with all local schools, starting right down the road at Washington County HS. I ask that you be praying:



For our young brothers and sisters in Christ.

For students that do not know Jesus as Lord.



For First Baptist Church. That we as a collective always focus on God's will in fulfilling the great commission with our young people.

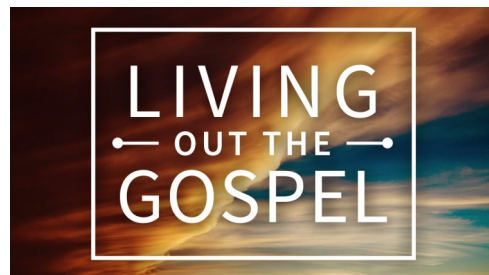
I pray that you are daily filled with the joy that only comes from our wonderful and amazing savior, King Jesus

-Lloyd Jones

Please Keep in Your Prayers

CHURCH FAMILY: Marguerite Hart, Ronnie Matheny, Denise Nobles, Sue Owens, Hulan Williams, Jim Sawyer, Susan Thompson, Leroy and Ann Bland, John Smith, Donna Gray, B.J. Lyle, Tracie Wildman, Phyllis Dickerson, Faye McCombs.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: Family of Sharon Thompson (Daughter of Virginia Lilley), Roy Thompson, Valerie West, Ronnie Coburn, Shirley Harrell (Sister of Alan Barnes), Betty King (Mother of Tammy Wiard), Mary Peed, Charlene Reynolds Pate, Shelton McNair, Sr., Michael Matheny, Donald Chesson, Cordellia Molt Wynne, George & Debbie 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, Jamie Asby, Shelby Flint, Bryson Blount, Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer.



In the Nursing Homes:

Steve Barnes

Autumnfield of Belhaven

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

JULY

We will observe Communion Sunday, July 2.

The Baptist Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, July 2 at 7:30 am. All men and boys are invited to attend.

Buildings & Grounds Committee will not meet Monday, July 3.

The fellowship group will not meet Wednesday, July 5 as Golden Skillet is closed that week.

The Deacons will meet Monday, July 10 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall with Caroline Chandler hosting.

There will be a Quarterly Conference Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is asked to please bring a dessert to share.

AUGUST

We will observe Communion on Sunday, August 6.

The Baptist Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, August 6 at 7:30 am. All men and boys are invited to attend.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet Monday, August 7 at 6:30 pm.

Blood Drive is here Thursday, August 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. If you can help, please call Paul Lilly at 217-8089.

The deacons meeting for August will be scheduled at a later date.

Nursery Rotation July/August

July 2-Dianne Swain/Susan Sawyer

July 9-Ann Cody/India Jones

July 16-Lora Craddock/Glenda Smith

July 23-Caroline Chandler/Amy Collins

July 30-Faith Noell/Jolie Barnes

Aug 6-Dianne Swain/Susan Sawyer

Aug 13-Ann Cody/India Jones

Aug 20-Lora Craddock/Glenda Smith

Aug 27-Caroline Chandler/Amy Collins



Bobby & Becky Brown

7.14

George & Carolyn Boyd

7.21

Jerry & Rita Rhodes

7.27

Scott & Mary Kay Bradshaw

8/5

Chris & Sharon Smith

8/19

Jack & Phyllis Faulk

8/28



**The church office
will be closed July
3rd and 4th.**



Faye McCombs 7/2
Nay Nay Raynor 7/3

Peyton Foster 7/5

Jim Copeland 7/7

Fabian Vazquez 7/10

Caroline Chandler 7/11

Aubrey Lloyd 7/14

Judi Lyle 7/15

Kayla Bundy 7/15

Kevin Lloyd 7/18

Tony Bullock 7/20

Wilma Waters 7/24

Shirley Pinner 7/31

Benjie Rogers 8/1

Johnny Barnes 8/1

Donna Gray 8/4

Vicki Stotesbury 8/4

Virginia Dilday 8/6

Austin Rogers 8/7

Elizabeth Benjamin 8/8

Robbie Brown 8/9

Sandy Stotesberry 8/12

Henry Foster 8/13

Jim Sawyer 8/13

Joann Dail 8/14

Jimmy Brown 8/19

Bill Sermons 8/19

Donald Davenport 8/21

Joseph Griffin 8/21

Jolie Barnes 8/24

Amanda Craddock 8/28

Carolyn Boyd 8/30

Martha Estep 8/28

The nominating process for our church begins in August. We will have volunteer sign-up sheets at worship services beginning the first Sunday in August. This includes all committees and councils in our organization. Each position is important, and we need everyone involved. The Deacon, Deaconess and Trustee Ballots will be mailed to you during the month in our nominating and election process. Please return ballots on time. You are asked to prayerfully consider your role in our church body and pray for the leadership of our congregation.



Mission Opportunities

RETIREMENT HOMES OFFERING

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 North Carolina seniors what God intended it to be.... **"The Best of Times" Our Goal is \$1,000.00**



BLESSING BOX

Please continue to support our Blessing Box. It is being used to help those in our community who are in need. Almost daily, people are taking and/or leaving items in the box. It will take the efforts of all of us to keep it supplied. You can either place your items in the box or bring them into the church office. Also, the Gail Hardison Circle has a box in the vestibule that you can place items in on Sundays.



BENEVOLENCE FUND

This fund helps people in the community and our own church family with whatever needs may arise, such as light bills, fuel oil, medicines, and food. There is so much outreach right here in our own backyard and this fund helps us do that.



MILE OF PENNIES

Thank you for your support for our Mile of Pennies. It takes \$844.22 to complete a mile. We are currently working on our 48th mile! When we give to this ministry, we are helping to care for the children in the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. Thanks for giving!!

*The family of Denise Lilley
Jones*

*truly appreciate the kindness
shown during this difficult
time. Your prayers, cards,
words of encouragement, and
genuine concern throughout her
short illness and death brought
sunshine to
our darkest
days.*

*Thank
you*

*Thank you so much for
the many acts of kindness
shown to our family dur-
ing the passing of Robert.
Your cards, calls, visits,
flowers, food, and pray-
ers certainly lifted us up. Thank you for the meal
provided after the service. Thank you to all the
pallbearers. Robert loved all of you at First Baptist
and you have returned that love in so many ways.
It is from the bottom of our hearts that we say
thank you.*



Phyllis Dickerson and family



Plymouth
First Baptist Church

Hope is found here.
Psalm 39:7

309 Washington Street

Plymouth NC 27962

www.firstbaptistplymouth.org

252.793.5026

fbcoff@embarqmail.com

Rev. Paul Harrington,
Senior Pastor

Mr. Loyd Jones,
Associate Pastor,
Youth and Children

Mr. Scott Bradshaw,
Worship Director

Mrs. Danita Davis,
Office Administrator

Mrs. B.J. Lyle, Organist



**Midweek
Fellowship
at**

Golden Skillet!

July 12 & 19

(Golden Skillet is closed July 5- we will not meet.)

Come out and get to know your brothers and
sisters in Christ as we share in a meal,
devotional and prayer.

(everyone orders and pays for their own meal)

This is for all ages, we wrap up around 7.

See you there!

Christmas in July!

**Yes, we are celebrating
Jesus birth on**

July 23, 2023.

11 AM Morning Worship

**Wear your
Christmas
Colors
if you like!**

