



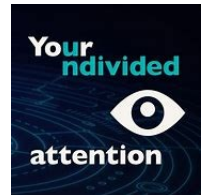
PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2023

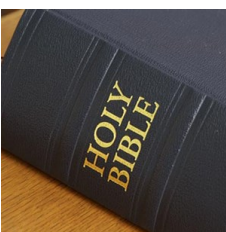
Pastor Paul, To the members and friends of First Baptist Church.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2

Who or What is rewiring your brain? What I mean is that the things that we take into our hearts and minds through the eyes and ears does shape and change the way we think. Every song, every lecture, every talk show every podcast has the potential to radically change our opinions and even the way our brain functions. Ever notice that those who are prominent online are know as “Influencers” with “Followers”. Don’t discount those words and their use. They are conveying reality.



There is a podcast I listen to that is released about once a week named *Your Undivided Attention*. The program is hosted by Tristan Harris who is one of the founders of the *Center for Humane Technology*. He is also a prominent speaker on the documentaries *The Social Dilemma* and *The A.I. Dilemma*. Tristan was a design ethicist at Google early in his career. Over time he became greatly concerned with the dangers of the internet and social media companies. So he formed his own company to work to influence tech companies to be ethical with their use of the power they wield. I would encourage you to listen in if you get a chance or check out the documentaries. It is not a Christian podcast but it is extremely enlightening and concerning. One of the statements that I have heard Tristan make more than once is that the technology one is exposed to, through social media and the like, is literally rewiring the users brain. It is changing the way a person thinks and acts and behaves. There is far to much to all of this to



share here– but I must say, I agree with Tristan. I believe we must all be careful with the powerful tech we hold in our hands or wear on our bodies. It knows more about us than we know about ourselves and often is using it against us. An all powerful defense against all of this is to study and memorize God’s Word. It is the Sword of the Spirit! In fact, we need to be spending far more

time in God’s Word than we spend on our cell phones and computers. So– rewire your brain in a good way– get it rewired by Jesus Himself as you meditate on His Word.

Grace and Peace.

YOUTH MINUTE

Hello Church Family!

September brings the continuation of our Wednesday Night Fellowship. Youth will meet again on September the 13th at 7pm. Take note that Wednesday Night Supper will begin at 6:30. I encourage all Youth and Adults to consider joining us for a weekly meal. Nothing can replicate the joy there is in sharing a meal with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let us pray for these things during the month of September.

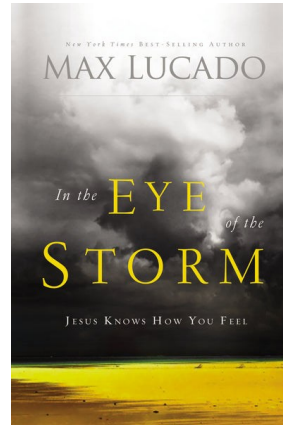
- That the Lord would continue to call sinners to repentance.
- That we, the Church, are bold in declaring the Gospel to the Lost.
- Young people would hear the Gospel and have their lives transformed by God's saving grace.

- Loyd Jones

Please Keep in Your Prayers

CHURCH FAMILY: George Boyd, Amanda Frymier, Tracie Wildman, Jerry Rhodes, Marguerite Hart, Ronnie Matheny, Denise Nobles, Hulan Williams, Susan Thompson, Leroy and Ann Bland, John Smith, B.J. Lyle, Phyllis Dickerson, Faye McCombs.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: Jeff Davis, Thomas and Gretchen Maloney (Brother-in-law and sister of Lora Craddock), Wanda Williams, Brenda Skiles, Chris Lyle, Denise Baldwin (Cousin of Ben Cherry), Marie Cox (Mother of Bill Benjamin) Roy Thompson, Valerie West, Ronnie Courn, Shirley Harrell (Sister of Alan Barnes), Betty King (Mother of Tammy Wiard), Charlene Reynolds Pate, Shelton McNair, Sr., Michael Matheny, Cordellia Molt Wynne, George & Debbie Bagley, Whitney Denton (Niece of Phyllis Faulk), Mack Tripp (Brother of Shirley Barfield), Wayne Waters, Shelton McNair, Jr., Torin Shaw, Jamie Asby, Shelby Flint, Bryson Blount, Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer.



Ladies Bible Study

It is almost time for our fall Bible study. Join us on Mondays at 10 a.m. beginning September 11, 2023. We will be studying Max Lucado's

In the Eye of the

Storm. We will study the second most stressful day in the life of our Savior. Max shows us the secret of transforming panic into peace, stress into serenity, and chaos into control. If you want to attend and have NOT ordered a book, please contact Mary Kay at 252-799-7072.

Please read Chapters 1 and 2 before Monday, September 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. I look forward to learning together!

In the Nursing Homes:

Steve Barnes

Autumnfield of Belhaven

Pauline Humphreys

River 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

Mark Your Calendar

- ♦ **Sunday September 3, 2023 7 AM**
Baptist Men's Breakfast at the church.
- ♦ **Monday September 4, 2023**
Church office closed.
- ♦ **Tuesday September 5, 2023 7PM**
Helen Peele Meeting
- ♦ **Sunday September 10, 2023**
Election Ballots due.
- ♦ **Monday September 11, 2023**
Handbell Rehearsal Begins
- ♦ **Wednesday the 13th, 2023 6:30 PM**
Wednesday Night Suppers, Adult Bible Study and Youth Group Resumes.



**Month of
September
offering
emphasis.**

**Begins Sunday,
September 3, 2023.
Goal: \$1,000.00**

Nursery Rotation September 2023

September 3 2023

Faith Noel and Jolie Barnes

September 10 2023

Dianne Swain and Susan Sawyer

September 17 2023

Ann Cody and India Jones

September 24 2023

Lora Craddock and Glenda Smith

Happy Birthday!! Happy Anniversary!

Laurie Bland 9/1
Cecilia Spruill 9/1
Katlynn Stotesberry 9/3
Nevis Leary 9/5
William Speller 9/5
Megan Spain 9/6
Sam Rogers 9/7
David Carraway 9/7
Leroy Bland 9/8
Jordan Brown 9/9
Sue Smith 9/13
Terry Thompson 9/17
Steve Barnes 9/24
Brenda Bullock 9/25
Celia Davenport 9/25
Tim Elks 9/27
Lydia Ruth Griffin 9/29

Kyle & Lindsey Modlin
9/12



Appalachian Coalfield Backpack Ministry

It is time again to pack those backpacks! If you would like to contribute to this ministry pick up an empty backpack from the church and fill it with items listed on the instruction sheet available in the church office. The Baptist Men will include a Bible and a copy of the Christmas Story in each backpack.
All Backpacks must be turned in by October 18



Support our Radio Ministry!

Time and again we hear that our radio ministry is making a huge difference in people's lives. This ministry costs \$100.00 per week. For that \$100.00 our Sunday Worship is broadcast twice on Sunday. On weekdays, Pastor Paul or Pastor Loyd deliver devotionals on air several times each day. Your support has the potential to reach thousands with the message of hope in Jesus Christ!





Plymouth
First Baptist Church

Hope is found here.
Psalm 39:7

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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



Wednesday Night Suppers & Bible Study Returns September 13, 2023

6:30-7:00 Supper

Provided by various restaurants in the area. You will be able to sign up with your selections on the bulletin tear off each week.

7:-7:45 Bible Study

We will be studying 1 and 2 Thessalonians this fall and winter.

Youth Group Meets Too!

Midweek Bible Study

1st and 2nd Thessalonians

Led by Pastor Paul on
Wednesdays

after supper 7 PM



**Plymouth First
Baptist Church**

Homecoming

October 8 2023

**Details are in the
works!**

Plan to be with us.