



PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

October 2023

To the members and friends of First Baptist Church, Plymouth,

Never thought I'd say this- it must be a sign I'm getting old. I love to watch the birds in our backyard. (When you are young, most people don't give them a second thought) and when your raising kids and in the ministry, there isn't any time to sit around. But now, There are many evenings I can enjoy them, at least for a bit of time.

One thing I found interesting, that I did not expect, was to see some the same birds each evening. This is speaking to my ignorance, but I never really thought of birds staying in the same neighborhood the way humans do. Sherri and I get a pretty good variety of birds to eat are our birdfeeder or splash in our birdbath. We see Barn Swallows, Cardinals, Eastern Towhee's, Carolina Chickadees, Mourning Doves, and a host of others. As we observe them, there is definitely a pecking order! And we experience the glory of God in their design, color and song.

The Bible says that the creation reveals there is a God. The variety of wildlife we can experience, the beauty and magnificence of the heavens, the mountains, valleys and seas all speak to the glory of God. As do the relationships we enjoy with one another. All are to worship the God who made them. Psalm 19 says, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. ⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."*

Even with the change in the seasons, we see the glory of God everywhere. Let us be faithful to give Him the praise and glory in all things. Let us be faithful in our attendance at Sunday School, Worship and Bible Study. Let us be faithful to give of our tithes, offerings and acts of service. With the coming of October, let us be in prayer for all the new committee and board members as they serve and lead our church. We praise God for what he is doing in our midst. May we live our lives worthy of the calling we have received from our Lord. **In Christ, Pastor Paul**

October

YOUTH MINUTE



Hello Church Family!

This year truly is flying by! India and I are truly blessed to have found a Church such as PFBC. You have all quickly become like family. I greatly appreciate the recent encouragement, especially regarding our intended "One and Done" Children's Church Service, which took place only a few weeks ago. It seems as though the Lord had other plans, and after praying on it, we have felt led to encourage a **weekly children's church**, primarily motivated by the same positive feedback I just previously mentioned. Once again, Thank You.

India has been gracious enough to help me get the ball running, but I would encourage all those interested in our Youth/Children's Ministries to consider giving the occasional Sunday to assist in leading Children's Church. **More Information to come this month!**

Our Youth continues in our new Wednesday Night Series, ***What's a Biblical Worldview***, where we are learning about how our worldview shapes the way we interpret the world around us, thus the importance on maintaining a view that is in accordance with scripture.

My prayer this month is to see some biblical fruit from our Children's Church, like our Children obtaining a deeper understanding of who Jesus is as a result of our discussions. God bless!



NC DEPARTMENT OF
INSURANCE
SENIORS' HEALTH INSURANCE
INFORMATION PROGRAM

Gail Spiewak,
from our local
Ship office

will be here Tuesday, October 10 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall to answer your Medicare questions. Everyone is invited. If you know of someone outside of the church who this could benefit, please invite them to come. Medicare open enrollment begins October 15. Write down your questions and come ask Gail. We hope this will help you with your 2024 Medicare options. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Night Suppers & Bible Study

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 are studying 1 and 2 Thessalonians this fall and winter.

Youth Group Meets Too!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

CHURCH FAMILY: The Family of Amanda Frymier, Dewaine Smith, George Boyd, 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: John Mann (Nephew of Lorita Simonds), Shirley Harrell (Sister of Alan Barnes), Jeff Davis, Evan Roberson, Wanda Williams, Thomas and Gretchen Maloney (Brother-in-law and sister of Lora Craddock), Brenda Skiles, Denise Baldwin (Cousin of Ben Cherry), Marie Cox (Mother of Bill Benjamin) Roy Thompson, Betty King (Mother of Tammy Wiard), Charlene Reynolds Pate, Shelton McNair, Sr., 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 (Great- Grandson of Judi Lyle), 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, 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

For October

1st-Communion.

1st-Baptist Men's Breakfast 7:30 am.

**1st-Called Conference after worship for
2023-2024 Committee Report.**

**2nd-Buildings and Grounds Committee
meets at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**2nd- Finance Committee meets at 6:30 pm
in the Craft Room.**

**3rd-Gail Hardison group meets at 6:30 pm
on Jolie's porch.**

8th-HOMECOMING!!

**9th-Mission Action Group meets at 1:00 pm
at Golden Skillet.**

**9th-Deacons meet at 7:00 pm in the Craft
Room with Harry Ward hosting.**

**10th-Helen Peele Group meets at 7:00 pm in
the Fellowship Hall. Chapter 7.**

25th-Quarterly Conference at 7:00 pm.

Nursery Rotation October

2023

Sunday, October 1

Caroline Chandler & Amy Collins

Sunday, October 8

Faith Noell & Jolie Barnes

Sunday, October 15

Dianne Swain & Susan Sawyer

Sunday, October 22

Ann Cody & India Jones

Sunday, October 29

Lora Craddock & Glenda Smith

Happy Birthday!

Sharon Smith 10/1
Marie Bullock 10/5
Rebecca Harrison 10/10
Charlene Evans 10/14
Carson Brown 10/14
Tony Brabble 10/14
Ann Cody 10/17
Phyllis Faulk 10/20
Dewaine Smith 10/21
Emily Chandler 10/22
Amanda Frymier 10/26
Bob Cody 10/29
Jamie Leary 10/29
Kierstyn Smith 10/31

Happy Anniversary!

Johnny & Jolie Barnes 10/3

Rex & Sandy Statesberry 10/16

Bill & Elizabeth Benjamin 10/19

Tim & Janet Ruth Griffin 10/21



****Women's Bible Study
Monday's at 10:00 am
in the fellowship hall.**

****Handbell Practice
Monday's at 5:30 pm.**

****Choir Practice Sun-
day's at 6:00 pm.**



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
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Hope is found here.
Psalm 39:7

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Office Administrator

Mrs. B.J. Lyle, Organist



Plymouth First Baptist Church **Homecoming**

Sunday, October 8 2023

Welcome Back Home

"...while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Luke 15:17-20

Sunday School 9:45

Worship 11 AM

Covered Dish Dinner at Noon

Chicken and BBQ Provided