

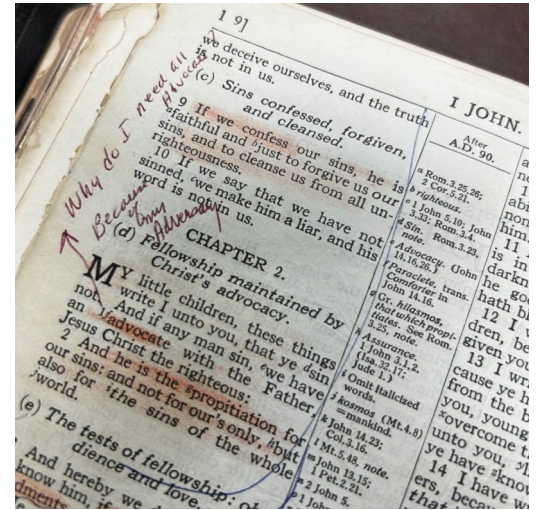


PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

August 2024

Pastor Paul, to the members and friends of First Baptist Church,

Recently, Sherri and I received a Bible that belonged to her Uncle Ray Streets. Uncle Ray, who is now enjoying his heavenly home was a wonderful man who was my pastor in Johnstown PA. He pastored the same church for over 50 years! He passed away in 2009—yet his legacy lives on. As I was looking through his Bible— one of many I remember seeing in his office at the church, I was looking for any notes he had taken in the margins. I stumbled onto one such nugget in 1 John 2:1, the Bible is a King James Version of the Scofield Reference Bible. And reads as follows, “*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*” The picture to the right shows his notation- “Why do I need an advocate? Because of my Adversary.”



What a comfort to know that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Christians advocate as is the Holy Spirit. Through faith in Jesus Christ, in all the things we may face— as we stand against our Adversary, the Devil— the LORD promises to be our Champion. He intervenes and intercedes on our behalf. 1 John 4:2-4 states, “This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” Stand strong in the Lord dear brothers and sisters— The LORD is on your side.



**Help our Students fill the blessing box this summer
by donating items like:**

- Bottled Water*
- Powdered kool-aid/ gatorade packs*
- Shade and Outdoor Protection*
- T-shirts*
- Shorts*
- Hair ties*
- Antiseptic wipes*
- Travel Germ-x*
- Deodorant / Travel Deodorant Spray*
- Wet wipes*
- Travel Toothpaste*
- Tooth Brush*
- Combs*
- Feminine Hygiene Products*
- Non-Perishable Snacks and Nutrition*
- Canned Food items with Pop top lids*

**THANK YOU IF YOU'VE
GIVEN TO OUR**



BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

**COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR
LOCAL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
FOR THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL
YEAR!**

DONATIONS DUE BY: AUGUST 25

Mark Your Calendar

August 2024

4th—Baptist Men's Breakfast at 7:30 am.

5th—Buildings and Grounds meet at 6:30 pm.

10th—Deacon Cookout at the Chandler home at 6:00 pm. Sign up to bring dessert or a side dish.

22nd—Blood Drive from 12-4:00 pm.

MILE OF PENNIES!

We Have Reached our 50th Mile!!

Every year in November we look forward to a visit from a representative of the Baptist Children's Homes. Our church has been a faithful supporter to these homes for several years. "Mile of Pennies" has been a constant ministry to NC Baptist Children's Homes. Each Sunday, coins of all kinds, along with bills are collected for this cause. Once we reach a mile of pennies which is \$844.22, we send a check for that amount to Kennedy Home. Recently we have reached our 50th mile! This is a total of \$42,211.00!! The first 25 miles came before 2015, then the torch was passed on to me. Now we celebrate our 50th mile! Hopefully we've enabled children to have clothes, food, school supplies, Merry Christmases and even a mini Summer Vacation.

On our way to number 51!

Thanks for giving!

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Nursery Rotation August

August 4—Lora Craddock, Glenda Smith

August 11—Caroline Chandler, Amy Collins

August 18—Faith Noell, Jolie Barnes

August 25—Dianne Swain, Susan Sawyer



Backpack Ministry

It is time for the Appalachian Coalfield backpack Ministry. Our goal is 150 backpacks. This year we are asking that if you would like to contribute to this ministry, you may donate money or contact Phillip Ward for an empty backpack and fill it with the items listed below. The Baptist men will enclose a Bible and a copy of the Christmas Story in each backpack.

The deadline for this ministry is October 16, 2024.



Items that can be included are as follows:

- A) Small items of **NEW** items of warm clothing such as winter hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc.
- B) Small **pop-top** canned food such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans)
- C) At least 1-2 **NEW, age-appropriate non-breakable toy** (*no toy weapons, please!*) This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, Legos, etc. For oldest age group (15-17) substitute an appropriate item instead of a toy, such as, a flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, books, hunting and fishing magazines for the boys - jewelry, books, skin care products, hair accessories, etc. for girls.
- D) **Hygiene items** including full sized containers of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant, as well as toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb. (*Please fit these items into a one-gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak out into the rest of the backpack.*)
- E) **Fresh, wrapped candy** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt; and no peanut products*)

Age Grouping and Labeling. Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groups for this year are **4-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17**. Due to labels falling off in previous years, we went to a ribbon system for labeling last year, and it proved to be very effective. Each backpack will have two 10 inch ribbons tied to them - one to indicate gender and one for age, as follows:

Gender:

Blue ribbon will indicate a boy's backpack.
Pink ribbon will indicate a girl's backpack.

Age:

Yellow ribbon will indicate that the back pack is for ages 4-7
Green ribbon for ages 8-10
Red ribbon for ages 11-14
White ribbon for ages 15-17.

We ask that you prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives and will be a witness of Christ's love!

As always, thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

August Birthdays

Benjie Rogers 8/1
Johnny Barnes 8/1
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 8/30



August Anniversaries

Scott & Mary Kay Bradshaw
8/5
Chris & Sharon Smith
8/19
Jack & Phyllis Faulk
8/28

In the Nursing Homes

Tim Elks
Carrolton of Plymouth

Steve Barnes
Autumnfield of Belhaven

Nancy Revell
Ahoskie Assisted Living

Shelby Flint
Three Rivers Nursing Home

PRAYER LIST

CHURCH FAMILY:

George Boyd
Mittie Ward
Wilma Waters
Kristie Shaw
Margaret Sugg
Sharon Smith
Chris Smith
Marguerite Hart
Ann Bland
B.J. Lyle
Phyllis Dickerson
Faye McCombs

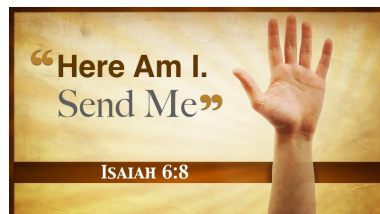


FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Family of Tommy Swain
Mike Bullock
James Maxwell
Shirley Lee
Donna Shaw
Tom Hassell
Steve Peyton
Richard Baker
Stan Dymek (Brother-in-Law of Beth Thompson)
Joelle Dickey (Sister of Beth Thompson)
Joyce Jones (Wife of FBC pastor Terry Jones)
Shirley Harrell (Sister of Alan Barnes)
John C. Mann (Nephew of Lorita Simonds)
Evan Roberson
Betty King (Mother of Tammy Wiard)
Witney Denton (Niece of Phyllis Faulk)
Keith Sawyer

The nominating process for our church begins this month!

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.



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Psalm 39:7

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Mrs. B.J. Lyle, Organist

Benjie Rogers,
Deacon of the Month

August 2024

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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.



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 51st 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!!

*When you can't make it to worship—
join us on the radio! Live on Sunday
at 11 AM!*

