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**Hope is found here.**  
Psalm 39:7

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# September 2025

**North Carolina**  
**MISSIONS**  
*Offering*

**GIVE THE  
GIFT OF**  
RELIEF FOR TODAY.  
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

**Our Goal  
is \$1000**

*When you can't make it to worship- Listen on*





# PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## September 2025

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

There is a great old hymn that I and many Christians like- its called "Victory in Jesus."

It's lyrics go thusly:

*"I heard an old, old story, How a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary To save a  
wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, Of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins And won the victory. O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.  
He sought me and bought me With His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood."*

As I said, I love that song, however I want to clarify something for all of us concerning this Christian life. Yes, we all want victory over sin in our daily lives. Victory over trials and temptation. But let us not forget- before victory in Jesus arrives- obedience to Jesus must be present. That's right. Our victorious living comes only through daily discipline and training. Think of champion athletes. Does victory come without the discipline of the mind and body? NO. Victory only occurs in the presence of obedience to those things required to be an exceptional athlete. Eating right, training physically and mental fortitude. To be victorious as a Christian I believe we need all of those things plus the spiritual discipline required of the Lord. We read in the Bible, 1 Timothy 4:7b-9 *train yourself to be godly. <sup>8</sup> For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. <sup>9</sup> This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance.*

*Blessings! Pastor Paul*

**Hello Church Family,**

They say time flies by when you're having fun, I believe it goes by even faster when you are surrounded by wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. We have now seen a majority of our schools resume teaching during the month of August, and with September we also will soon resume our teaching of our youth on Wednesday nights during Youth group. I am super excited about our topic: *Putting on the full Armor of God*. During the month of September, I will be reaching out to the Parents/Grandparents of our current students here at First Baptist, to invite you to join me in planning the future of your and Children's Ministry.



I am also eager to share with you the approaches to outreach that we will and have already begun at this time to encourage local families to join us at First Baptist, but some details are still in need of being ironed out at this time. However, If you have questions, simply reach out to me at any time!

My prayer continues to be that God would work in a way that only He can do, in the hearts of our young people, especially those that are right next door. God bless!

- Pastor Loyd

Ladies,

Our fall Bible study begins Monday, September 8 at 10:00 am. Please read the introduction and chapter 1 All About Eve pages 1-40 for that session. Discussion questions are found on pages 245-246. Don't panic! This is the longest chapter in the book. The rest are shorter. I look forward to learning all about some of the Bad Girls of the Bible. See you on September 8 at 10 am.



Mary Kay

## **Wednesday Night Suppers, Bible Study and Student Ministry**

**Supper will be 6-630PM**

**Bible Study 630-7PM**

**\*Note the time change**

Schedule of Suppers for September:

Sept 10: Pizza Hut pizza buffet and salad.

Sept 17 Hardison's Hamburgers And Hot Dogs

Sept. 24 Hardison's Fried Chicken or BBQ.

Adult Bible Study will be based on some of Pastor Paul's Favorite passages of Scripture.

# September 2025 Meetings and Gatherings

Tuesday, 2nd:

**2:00PM:** Helen Peele meets . Ann Cody & Gwen Mitchell hosting.  
(Chapter 12 in Revelation).

Sunday, 7th:

**7:30 AM:** Baptist Men's Breakfast

Monday, 8th:

**10:00 AM** Ladies Bible Study Begins

**1:00 PM** Mission Action at Golden Skillet

**5:30 PM** Handbells

**7:00 PM** Deacons meet at 7 pm with Bryan Foster Hosting

Wednesday 11th:

**6:00 PM** Church Supper followed by Bible Study and Student Ministries at 6:30

## 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 Jim Sawyer 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, 2025.

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.



## *Birthdays*

**Laurie Bland 9/1**

**Cecilia Spruill 9/1**

**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**

**Steve Barnes 9/24**

**Brenda Bullock 9/25**

**Celia Davenport 9/25**

**Tim Elks 9/27**

## *Anniversaries*

**Kyle & Lindsey Modlin  
9/12**



### **In the Nursing Homes**

#### **Tim Elks**

*Carrolton of Plymouth*

#### **Steve Barnes**

*Autumnfield of Belhaven*

#### **Nancy Revell**

*Ahoskie Assisted Living*

#### **Shelby Flint**

*Windsor House*

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **CHURCH FAMILY:**

Ruby Harris  
Virginia Dilday  
George Boyd  
Mittie Ward  
Margaret Sugg  
Chris Smith  
Marguerite Hart  
Ann Bland  
B.J. Lyle  
Faye McCombs  
Kristie Shaw

### **FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:**

Family of Keith Sawyer  
Jason Groe  
James Griffin  
Jo Carol Waters  
Zak Manning  
Whitney Denton  
Mike Ownbey  
Shirley Harrell  
Amanda Thompson  
Mary Will Browning  
Kevin Phelps  
Aiden Bishop  
John C. Mann  
Ronnie Collier  
Jeff Davis  
Mary Bunting  
Danny Barber  
Stan Dymek  
Joyce Jones  
Evan Roberson  
Jamie Asby

## **Nursery Rotation September**

Sept. 7 Faith Noell and Jolie Barnes  
Sept. 14 Dianne Swain and Susan Sawyer  
Sept. 21 Ann Cody and India Jones  
Sept. 28 Lora Craddock and Glenda Smith



## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MORE DETAILS  
COMING SOON!**

**Homecoming Celebration!**

**OCTOBER 12, 2025**