

# THE CHALLENGE

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## From the Pastor's Desk

It has been a whirlwind of a summer. Typically, summer is a slow time in the church. But, I would say that this has been one of my busiest summers ever. Nonetheless, busy

or not, have you ever thought about what or who we are within the Church?

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

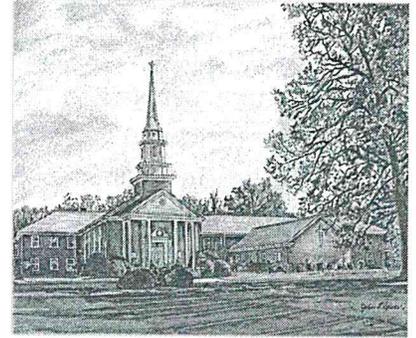
Ambassadors for Christ, sounds good. But there is something you should know: Ambassadors represent the King (or country) who sent them. As an Ambassador for Christ, you represent the one who came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many, and who was despised and rejected by men. Therefore, we are ambassadors who are servants.

Too many people within the Church Universal, think of themselves more as volunteers than servants. A volunteer is "a person who freely chooses to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task." It's a term we've borrowed from social clubs and other non-profit organizations. You have a choice to participate or not; come to a meeting or not; go into the world to minister or not.

A servant does not have that choice. Nowhere in Scripture do we read about the volunteers that God has used to achieve His purposes in this world. During His ministry, Jesus didn't go around recruiting volunteers; He called people to be ambassador servants. When Jesus commands us to take care of the needy, we shouldn't have to ask for volunteers. Instead, we should coordinate the efforts of all the servants in our church, making sure the task is accomplished as efficiently as possible.

When we really stop to think about it, the Body of Christ could never live or survive with volunteers. The option to participate or not would cause the body to not function and collapse, should not enough volunteers show up to worship the Lord and minister in His name. However, as ambassador servants of Jesus Christ, we know that the Lord depends on us for His living Church to survive.

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*Our Mission at Bethlehem UMC  
Is to share the love and spirit of  
Christ, be a welcoming  
fellowship for all, nurture followers  
of Jesus and send them, as  
servants, into the world in need of  
God's grace.*

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## Prayer Concerns

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

### Ongoing Prayer Needs

Vicky Alexander  
Jack Bowman  
Peggy Bowman (home)  
Tommy Bowman (Deena's brother-in-law)  
Suzie Branch  
Edna Coble (Morningview)  
Thomas Dills  
Brad Fields (treatment regimen)  
Cletis Fields (Clapps)  
Cory Fields  
Kelsey Garrett (home)  
Allen Kidd (friend of Sheila M.)  
Dicky Parks  
Mike Underwood (home)  
Nancy Golden  
Melvin Hinshaw (home)

### Ongoing cont.

Ruby Hockett  
Betty Hull  
Carlton & Carolyn Johnson  
Wayne & Ruby Kirkman  
Marjorie Mabe  
Dennis McGee  
Mildred Moser  
Jamie O'Daniel  
Preston Ryan  
Francis Snow  
Sharon Thornton  
Bruce Wall  
All of our homebound

### Immediate Prayer Needs

Wayne Cable (Terry Franklin's friend)  
Jane Dunham  
Ashley Fields  
Clyde Land  
Noel Loftus (Pastor Debra's mom)  
Cindy Noell (Abby Windsor's mom)  
Ernest Wicker  
Betty Wilkins  
**BUMC Military Family**  
Robert Russell (Kylie Spencer's boyfriend)  
Jeffrey Welker



Please help us keep this list up-to-date. (Without updates, names may be removed.) If someone has been omitted who should be on our prayer list, or you know of changes in the prayer needs of anyone we list, please let the church office know. Thank you.

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### MEMORIALS RECEIVED

In **Memory of Worth & Mary Allred**  
By Margaret Royal

In **Memory of Kenneth & Rona Fields**  
By Frances J. Fields

In **Memory of A.C. Weatherly**  
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

In **Memory of Grace Wilkinson**  
By Alan Wilkinson



*Gifts received after publication  
deadline will be listed in next month's  
newsletter.*

### HONORARIUMS RECEIVED

In **Honor of Beverly Fields**  
By David & Ronda Robb

In **Honor of Alex Garrett**  
By Phala Garrett

In **Honor of Todd Garrett**  
By Doug & Kim Garrett

In **Honor of Annie Mae Jones**  
By Margaret Royal

In **Honor of Jerry & Karon Monnett**  
By Dicky & Evonne Parks  
By Margaret Royal  
By David & Ronda Robb

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By David & Ronda Robb

In **Honor of Julia Willis**  
By Jerry & Karon Monnett

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## Budget Results for July 2019

\$295,806.26 Total Budget Money Available July 1, 2019  
+ 30,194.72 Money Received in July  
- 25,359.16 Money Spent in July  
\$300,641.82 Total Budget Money Available July 31, 2019

For the month of July, 2019, the Church Budget received \$4,835.56 more than it spent. For the year, the Church Budget received \$2,379.18 more than it spent.

**Major Maintenance & Repair Fund** – this designated money will be used to pay for major maintenance or repair projects to the Church building, parsonage or parking lot. The Board of Trustees must recommend all expenditures from this fund to the Church Council, and the Church Council must approve all expenditures from this fund. This is a perpetual fund and a minimum balance of \$2,500.00 shall be maintained at all times.

\$24,805.73 Total MM&RF Money Available July 31, 2019

**Other Designated Gifts** – occurs when the Church receives money for a designated purpose and the Church shall only spend this money for the purpose that it was given.

Camp Tekoa	\$ 781.88	Bible Study Books	\$ 1.75
Food Pantry	\$ 1,350.57	Handbells	\$ 160.52
Discretionary Fund	\$ 4,863.54	Scholarship-Religion Ed	\$ 1,983.22
Little Chefs	\$ 26.29	Missions-Undesignated	\$ 18,908.70
Records & History	\$ 561.56	Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 598.56
UMYF	\$20,327.34	Cemetery Fund	\$ 23,818.71
Family Ministries	\$ 1,848.17	Cemetery/Columbarium	\$ 39,692.02
Helen Grady Endowment	\$ 1,383.85	Columbarium Donations	\$ 13,012.06
Flowers	\$ 98.75	Columbarium Niche	\$ 1,000.00
Camp Meeting Fund	\$ 295.00	Veteran's Memorial Pavers	\$ 5,800.00
Choir Fund	\$ 784.46	Col/Vet Mem: Golf Tour.	\$ 2,338.01

Total Other Designated Gift Money Available July 31, 2019 \$139,634.96

## \$101,800.00 **Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund**

In order to plan and provide the necessary funds for the care and upkeep of our cemetery, a Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund was created. This fund was a non-expendable trust fund in which the principle (donations) cannot be spent but the interest earned on the principle can be spent for the care and upkeep of the cemetery. The Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund was capped as of July 17, 2016 by the Church Council and is no longer taking donations.

## \$50,971.94 **Helen Grady Endowment Fund**

The money was donated to our church from the estate of Helen Grady in 2007 to be used for improvements to the church, community, or the development of an individual. The money is at the United Methodist Foundation of WNC, Inc. and the amount that can be spent annually is 5% of the last three (3) years average end-of-year balance.

Frank Willis, Stewardship Ministry Chair

## September Birthdays

9/2	Vivian Wilkinson Gloria Austin Tater O'Daniel
9/3	Barbara Riddle Pam Suggs
9/5	Jeff Eanes
9/8	Harper Garrett
9/9	Ethan Eanes Grace Kirby Desi Williams
9/11	Alex Garrett David Goad
9/12	Dicky Parks
9/16	Krimson Gunter
9/17	Terry Franklin Phala Garrett
9/18	Garrett Owens
9/19	Mary Lauren Bonney Sheila Moser
9/21	David Welborn
9/26	Francis Snow
9/27	Layne Downing
9/28	Floyd Cook
9/30	Buddy Reddick

*Happy  
Birthday!*

## October Birthdays

10/2	Phyllis Dahl Scott Wilkinson
10/4	Travis Franklin
10/5	Jim Smith
10/6	Jack Bowman Lorrie Roth
10/8	Tracy Peele
10/9	Dale Routh
10/11	Courtney Ingold
10/13	Betty Kirkman
10/15	Susan Davis LeeAnne Curtis
10/16	Kristy Robb Noël Loftus
10/17	Bonnie Averill Joseph F. Garrett Pat Snyder Kelli Wilkinson
10/18	Byron Dahl Herbert McClintock
10/20	Braxton Wall
10/22	Cletis Fields
10/23	Alex Haywood
10/24	Carolyn Johnson Kimber Faircloth Donna Younts
10/25	Jeffrey Welker
10/26	Don Short
10/27	Jim Little
10/28	Holly Robb
10/30	Victoria Coble

## A MISSION MOMENT



Submitted by Julia Willis

It's again time to take advantage of those "back-to-school specials" that are such a big part of the Project AGAPE Christmas Shoe Boxes for the children of Armenia. Schooling is very important to these children and school supplies are not so readily available in their part of the world.

These Christmas shoe boxes from Methodists across North Carolina will be distributed to children in the Kashatagh region of Nagorno-Karabakh in Armenia, the oldest Christian country in the world. Join in this project to be a part of a mission project that is so appreciated by the children and families who walk for hours just for a chance to receive a Christmas Shoe Box!

Sheets listing age/gender groups and gift suggestions are available in the church office area.

Ways to donate to the Shoebox Ministry:

- Create your own box(es) in a plastic shoe box or get them in the office area.
- Include \$5 for shipping, if possible.
- Bring items for the collection boxes in the narthex and office area.
- Contribute money through the offering, marked "Shoeboxes" so we can do the shopping or use for shipping costs.



**Sunday, September 15 (during church hours): Bring your shoeboxes to the conference room**

There will be an opportunity for you to help create and inventory shoe boxes in the #206 Young-at-Heart classroom on **Tuesday, September 17, 10am-2pm** (bring your lunch/snack!). All are welcome to join in on the fun & fellowship!!

Boxes will be transported to Hinshaw UMC, West Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, the week of Sept 23-27 or to Pleasant Union UMC on Sept 30th. Volunteers are needed for this transportation.

Groups and classes are encouraged to support this project with a little effort or donations that will be blessed and multiplied to become a big Christmas for children half-way around the world on January 6<sup>th</sup>.



# SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER SERVANTS' SCHEDULE

Date	8:50AM Greeters	11AM Greeters	Altar Flowers	Narthex Flowers	Family Reunions	Communion Stewards (First) 3 STEWARDS NEEDED	Communion Stewards (Second) 3 STEWARDS NEEDED	Opener/ Closer For Month
Sept. 1 Communion	Sid Fields	Jane C. & Shirley Hackett	NO FLOWERS/ COMMUNION			1. Wayne A. 2. Phyllis A. 3.	1. Desi W. 2. Gail W. 3.	<u>SEPT.</u> NEED OPENER; Greg W.(C)
Sept. 8	Wayne & Phyllis A.	Pat Waugh	Faye Fields					<u>SEPT.</u> NEED OPENER; Greg W.(C)
Sept. 15 Grandparent's Sun.	Lois Snow	Lorrie & Joy	Lorrie Roth					<u>SEPT.</u> NEED OPENER; Greg W.(C)
Sept. 22	Jerry & Karon M.	Julie Spencer	Jerry Berry					<u>SEPT.</u> NEED OPENER; Greg W.(C)
Sept. 29	Deena K.	Andrew & Susan C.	Lois Snow					<u>SEPT.</u> NEED OPENER; Greg W.(C)
Oct. 6 World Comm. Sunday	Jerry & Karon M.	Lorrie, Mario, Joy	NO FLOWERS/ COMMUNION		John Fields Family Reunion	1. Clark H. 2. Michelle H. 3.	1. Lorrie 2. Mario 3. Joy	<u>OCT.</u> David Fields (O); Jim Culbertson (C)
Oct. 13 Pastor Appreciation Sunday	Sandie Harris	Jane C. & Shirley Hackett	Jane Snead		McClintock Reunion			<u>OCT.</u> David Fields (O); Jim Culbertson (C)
Oct. 20	Johnny & Barbara Riddle	Debbie Waugh	Phyllis Wicker					<u>OCT.</u> David Fields (O); Jim Culbertson (C)
Oct. 27	Dale & Gloria A.	<b>NEED GREETERS</b>	Robin Bunton					<u>OCT.</u> David Fields (O); Jim Culbertson (C)

**September Ushers:** David Fields, Glenn Getner, Bud Lauder, Mario Massarelli, Barry Norris

**October Ushers:** David Allen, Jerry Berry, Byron Dahl, Terry Franklin, Kevin Gunter

**Audio/Visual:** Gene Flinchum, Terry Franklin, Wayne Moser, Denny Spencer, Justin Windsor

**Thank you all for serving!**

## SECRET PALS

**TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS** – please pick up a Secret Pal form from the bulletin board outside of the choir room. Please fill it out and return it to Fran Getner as soon as you can so we can select a Secret Pal Sponsor for you.

**From the Pastor's Desk (Continued from page 1)**

We are not a club of volunteers who give their spare time to a good cause. We are a group of servants who were bought at a price, and whose entire lives are devoted to serving a common Master.

I am thankful for the many ambassador servants we have at Bethlehem. Thank you for your dedication in serving the Lord, and may you continue to find ways to serve. As all of us look at our individual lives, and assess whether we have been acting more like a volunteer than a servant, I ask that you to pray for the Lord to show you where He needs you to serve in His name.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Debra



## Rev. Short's September Sermon Titles & Lectionary Scriptures

Sept. 1	"Dinner is Served"	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sept. 8	"Remolding"	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Sept. 15	"Lost in Grace"	Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 22	"Prayers for Everyone"	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Sept. 29	"Hell is a Hell of a Place"	Luke 16:19-31

**Serving Opportunity.** Pastor Debra is asking for people to pray with her (in her office) prior to worship. She is asking for two people for rotation each Sunday. Please see the list of available times below. If you can serve, please let her know.

### PRAYER with PASTOR before 8:50AM Service

Two people for rotation.



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Becky Windsor \_\_\_\_\_

### PRAYER with PASTOR before 11AM Service

Two people for rotation.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Desi & Gail Williams \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday David & Laura Cranfill \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Phyllis Dahl \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Andrew Coward \_\_\_\_\_  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Coward \_\_\_\_\_



**Servants Needed for Children's Moment on 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.** For more information or to sign-up, contact Pastor Debra or call the church office (336)674-0155.

#### 8:50AM Rotation

1<sup>st</sup> Sun. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Pastor Debra  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor Debra

#### 11AM Rotation

1<sup>st</sup> Sun. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Pastor Debra  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor Debra



# SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>Communion, Peanut Butter/Oatmeal Sunday</i> 8:50AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Worship 10AM Sunday School 11AM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship	<b>2 Labor Day</b>  <b>CHURCH OFFICE COSED</b>	<b>3</b> 8AM Breakfast Club (@ Backyard Grill) 10AM StoryTime (Library) 6:45PM Line Dancing (off-site) 7PM Nominations Comm. 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	<b>4</b>  <b>FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM</b>  6:30PM Youth Bible Study 7PM Choir 7:30PM Exercise	<b>5</b>  7:30PM Trustees	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Sanctuary in use 10-4PM (Eagle Scout Ceremony) 10AM UMW Dist. Walk for Mission (Reg. 9AM) College Place UMC - Gboro
<b>8 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:50AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Worship 10AM Sunday School 11AM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship  5:30PM UMYF	<b>9</b>  6:30PM Child Care Board 7PM Evangelism 7PM Scouts (All Girls) ScRm 7:30PM Exercise	<b>10</b> 10AM StoryTime (Library) 10:30AM Friendly Club (FH)  6:45PM Line Dancing (FH) 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	<b>11</b>  <b>FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM</b>  6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7PM Choir 7:30PM Exercise	<b>12</b>  7PM Missions	<b>13</b> FH in use 6-8PM (Cub Scout Round-up) <b>UMW Conference Annual Celebration (Lake Junaluska)</b>	<b>14</b> FH in use 9-7PM (Bridal Shower) <b>UMW Conference Annual Celebration (Lake Junaluska)</b>
<b>15 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>UMW Conf. Cele. (Lake Junaluska)</b> <b>Drop off completed shoeboxes.</b> 8:50AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Worship 10AM Sunday School 11AM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship  5:30PM UMYF <b>7PM Church Council</b>	<b>16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  7PM SPRC 7PM Scouts (All Girls) ScRm 7:30PM Exercise	<b>17</b> 10-2PM Assemble Shoeboxes 10AM StoryTime  6:45PM Line Dancing (FH) 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	<b>18</b>  <b>FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM</b>  6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7PM Choir 7:30PM Exercise	<b>19</b>  2PM Membership Comm.  7PM Worship Committee 7PM Children's Ministries	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> FH & Kit. in use 9- PM (Car Show & Fall Festival)
<b>22 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:50AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Worship 10AM Sunday School 11AM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship  5:30PM UMYF	<b>23 Autumn Begins</b>  7PM Arlene Stokes 7PM Scouts (All Girls) ScRm 7:30PM Exercise	<b>24</b> 10AM StoryTime  6:45PM Line Dancing (FH) 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>  <b>FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM</b>  6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7PM Cantata/Choir 7:30PM Exercise	<b>26</b>  7PM Bradshaw Vet./Mem.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:50AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Worship 10AM Sunday School 11AM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship  5:30PM UMYF	<b>30</b>  7PM Food Pantry Team 7PM Scouts (All Girls) ScRm 7:30PM Exercise	<b>1</b> 8AM Breakfast Club (@ Backyard Grill) 10AM StoryTime (Library) 6:45PM Line Dancing (off-site) 7PM Women in Christ 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> FH & Kit. In use 7-3PM (Brunswick Stew Prep) <b>FOOD PANTRY 3-4PM</b>  5:30PM Fellowship Meal (FH) <b>TENTATIVE</b>  6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7PM Choir 7:30PM Exercise	<b>3</b> FH & Kit. In use 6-3PM (Brunswick Stew Prep)	<b>4</b> FH & Kit. In use 7-3PM (Brunswick Stew Prep)	<b>5</b> FH & Kit. In use 5-3PM (Brunswick Stew Prep)  <b>1PM Stew Sale</b>

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Congratulations to Beth Coble Pulliam** who graduated from the Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) Program at Wake Forest School of Medicine on Sunday August 18, 2019. Beth is the daughter of Debbie Waugh and granddaughter of Pat Waugh.

**COMING UP ...** *World Communion Sunday* takes place each year on the first Sunday in October as Christians of all denominations around the world celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together. This special Sunday embraces our diversity as children of God while uniting us within our local communities and around the globe through the shared experience of Holy Communion. Come, join us on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Holy Communion as members of the **Family of God**.

**1<sup>st</sup> Worship is 8:50AM; Sunday School is 10AM; 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship is 11AM.**

**PHONE TREE** –Unfortunately our phone tree can be uncooperative at times. If you get a call from the phone tree line (336-674-0157) and don't hear anything right away, wait before you hang up the phone. Sometimes there is a delay in it playing a message. Thanks.

**CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM.**

**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS  
Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.**