

A note from the . . .

Shepherd's staff

Perhaps the greatest tribute for our dearly departed Donald Bunn was the family's attendance at worship Sunday. Don and Suzanne loved the Lord, and they loved First Baptist Church of Bryson City.

The family could have used Sunday morning to rest quietly and prepare with a late breakfast for the 3 P.M. Celebration of Life service. Instead, they gathered with us for worship. Their attendance honored the faith, love, and memory of Don and Suzanne better than anything I can imagine.

I also felt the joy of the Lord in Callyn's and Erin's testimony. They both spoke about the impact our student program had on them. Praise God!

Grace and peace,
John Tagliarini

Suggested Scripture Readings:

- James 3:1-12*
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 19
- Mark 8:27-38

Calendar for September 16-22

Sunday, September 16

Light Breakfast in Family Ministry Center	9:30 AM
Church Library Opens	9:30 AM
Sunday School/Bible Study	9:45 AM
Worship at First with Deacon Election	11:00 AM

Monday, September 17

Deacons	6:00 PM
Outreach Ministry (Family Ministry Center)	6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 18

Ladies' Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM
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Wednesday, September 19

Common Thread sale for projects	5:00 PM
Fellowship Meal (<u>prepared meal</u>)	5:30 PM
Youth Discipleship on 3rd floor	6:15 PM
Mission Friends/Children In Action	6:15 PM
Adult Praise & Worship & Business Meeting	6:30 PM
Adult Choir Practice	7:30 PM

Thursday, September 20

Prayer Time -Open to all every Thursday morning in Pastor John's Study	6:30 AM
Ladies' Morning Bible Study (West Wing)	9:30 AM

Friday, September 21

"5th Quarter"(youth) after football game - Swain Rec Park

Saturday, September 22

Common Thread sale for projects	9 AM - Noon
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REFRESHMENTS

September 16-Men's Class
September 23-J.O.Y.

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*Pressures of life met by the presence of God
through worship, welcome, and witness.*

September 12, 2018

MEMBER TO REMEMBER

Nina Brown
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SYMPATHY

We offer our deepest sympathy in Christ's name to Pat and Dave Barry at the loss of her brother recently. Our companions since childhood are hard to part with, and we pray for Pat's peace and comfort at this loss. Please keep her and Dave and the rest of the family lifted up during this time of deepest grief.

DEACON ELECTION

This Sunday, September 16th
in Morning Worship

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor John & Pastor Ted & Pastor J

Eddie Almond	Frances Bowden
Rebeka Birchfield	Teresa Keber
Betty Breedlove	Marvin McHan
Jeff Gunter	Ron Hutchins
Roland Marshall	Dave & Pat Barry
John Monteith	Maureen Denman
John Mattox	Erleen Peterson
Fred & Marion Cooper	Leo Moore
Harriet & Bill Patton	Eloise Newman
Dan & Myrle Chisholm	Betty Hyatt
Kenny Blankenship	Fran Ferrell
Ed & NancyLee Marsh	Sarah Shirley
Anne Bowers	Tracie French
Larry Foster	
Those in the path of Hurricane Florence	
Gary Bevier, Mert Schivinski's cousin's son	
Diane Smith, DeShield Greene's mother	
Pam Johnson, Jake Johnson's sister in FL (cancer)	
Paul Holden, Pat & Dave Barry's nephew	

French Broad Baptist Church in Henderson County celebrated their 229th Homecoming this past Sunday. It was good to be there worshipping with old friends. I also missed being here. It helps to keep a Kingdom perspective. The Body of Christ throughout the world faces unique situations.

Thank you for trusting God enough to step out in new directions of ministry as we discover the methods and models that are most faithful and effective in bearing witness to our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Bryson City and the world need the peace of Christ.

With gratitude,

Ted Duncan

"5TH QUARTER"

Middle & High School Students
Friday, 9/ 21 after game-11:30pm
Swain County Rec Park

OUR CHURCH RECORD

September 9, 2018

Stewardship of Our Time

SS Attendance	9-9-18	100
	9-10-17	101
Morning Worship	9-9-18	204
	9-10-17	191

Stewardship of Our Finances

Needed weekly to meet budget: \$6,475.51

General Fund	\$ 4,701.74
Designated Funds	
Kitchen	\$ 303.00
"5th Quarter"	100.00
Facility rental	200.00
Food Pantry	100.00
Scholarship-in memory of Donald Bunn	325.00
Total Designated Funds	\$ 1,028.00
Total Offering	\$ 5,729.74
Requirement to Date	\$ 323,775.50
Received to Date	\$ 336,851.40
Ahead of Budget	\$ 13,075.90

LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES

Thursdays @ 9:30 am

\$16 - See Barbara Mills

Tuesdays @ 6:30 - 8 pm

\$13- See Robyn Duncan

OCTOBER FIRSTFRUITS

"Let Your Light Shine!"

We will celebrate FirstFruits on Sunday evening, October 7th with our second annual sharing of talents. As with last year's celebration, we welcome exhibits (to be displayed in the Family Ministry Center) and performances. You can sign up on the list that is posted on the big bulletin board out the organ-side door from the Sanctuary

PRAY FOR ME

It's not too late! Contact Jennifer Thomas @ (828) 226-8621 to learn how you can be matched with a student to pray for or a Prayer Champion to pray for you.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY ! SEPTEMBER

16	Rebecca Duncan
17	Angie Maennle
19	Jenna Crutchfield
21	Joe Hayes, Maria Wynn
22	John Mattox

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, September 16

3 - 4 Year Olds

Alva Winchester & Susan Casada

Birth - Age 2

Lisa Sutton & Linda Brucato

OFFERING ENVELOPES

On table in Sanctuary foyer - pick up for use starting on September 23rd. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

PROPOSED CHURCH BUDGET

Copies of the church budget for 2018-2019, as proposed by the Budget and Finance Committee, are available in the Sanctuary foyer. Please look over this document for the coming church year. This budget is presented for church approval on Wednesday night, Sept. 19th.

COMMON THREAD

Our church sewing group will be selling handmade fall and Christmas items here on Wed., Sept. 19, beginning at 5 pm, and on Sat., Sept 22, 9 am-noon. Proceeds fund outreach projects.

HURRICANE FLORENCE UPDATE

Right now, we are planning and preparing to respond to needs after Hurricane Florence makes landfall. It is very likely that we will need clean up volunteers for many weeks (or months) to come. We are making a list of potential volunteers. Let J, Ted, or the church office know of your willingness to help with clean up and recovery/rebuild when we are able to send in volunteers.