



## Faith Christian Ministries

Item of the Month:

### Peanut Butter, Jelly & Saltines

Each month, Nashville Baptist Church partners with Faith Christian Ministries to provide select items to help stock their local pantry.

Please consider picking up an extra item or two when you are next at the grocery store. Donations can be dropped off Sunday mornings at 10am in the Narthex or during the week at the church office.



# THANK YOU

*To my Church family,*

*Thank you for the cards and notes you have shared with me. They mean so much since I am unable to attend worship with you.*

*A very special thank you to the Nan Strickland Flower Ministry for the monthly flower deliveries. The flowers are always beautiful and bring me such joy. I miss everyone and appreciate your prayers.*

*Love to all,*

*Annie Jackson*

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# THE BYLINE

## JULY 2023

Dear Rev. Kenneth Byrd,

We at My Sister's House, Inc. are truly grateful for the impact our donors and sponsors are making within our organization and throughout Nash and Edgecombe counties. We acknowledge that without your support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking may not have the resources they need to flee from their situations. Your contributions allow each victim to receive the service they need free of charge.

We personally thank you, our "community heroes" for your enduring support. We are appreciative and feel fortunate to be able to share in a community that is committed to supporting those in need. Your compassion and investment are always amazing in impacting the healing of people you may not know!

Again, thank you so much for your kindness! Your generosity and care keep us moving forward toward justice and a world we look forward to living in. May you stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,  
My Sister's House, Inc.



The family of Leland "Royce" Pittman acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.



Nashville Baptist Church family,

Thank you for the beautiful flower you gave to us during the loss of our loved one, Leland Royce Pittman. We truly appreciate your love and prayers.

Love in Christ,

The Leland Royce Pittman family



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resuming Women on Mission  
at NBC, please contact  
Jane Hedgepeth.



# A Note from the Pastor

The miracle of flight intrigues me, and it has since childhood. I would wait with excitement each Summer to hear Daddy say, “Jean Hickman is coming this week.” Jean Hickman was our local crop duster, and when Daddy made arrangements for him to spray the crops, we would gather to watch. I still remember spending Sunday afternoons at the county airport, watching planes land and take off with daddy, and the immense joy of traveling to larger airports like the one in Wilmington.

Apparently, our home is in the direct flight path of the medical flights from UNC Nash. I often find myself working in the yard and hear the familiar sound of a helicopter approaching. Each time I look up from my planting, weeding, watering, or whatever the task might be, to look up as the Airbus EC-135 Twin engine helicopter passes. The Carolina blue and white helicopter shines during the day and illuminates the sky at night with flashing lights.

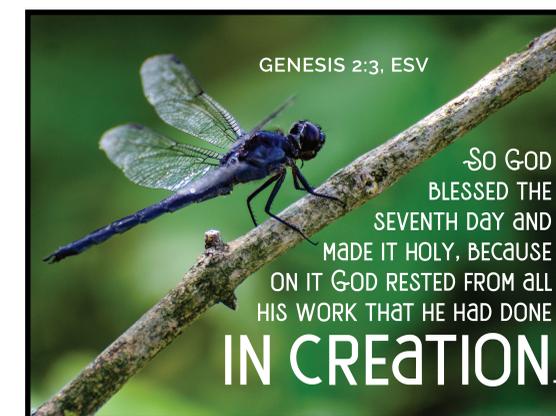
Each time the helicopter flies past, I pray for the patient and flight crew. The human factor became more evident upon meeting a young lady named Denise Denton. Denise is a flight nurse and the daughter of NBC member Linda Cooper. Denise worships with Linda at NBC when her flight schedule allows.

I grew to know Denise more closely while ministering to the family after the passing of Linda’s husband and Denise’s father, Donald, several years ago. This connection highlighted the importance of “life flights” and the crew members responsible. Now, each time I see a hospital helicopter, I am drawn to the fact that others are on the flight besides the patient.

In life, we often find it easier to make blanket statements when referencing a topic, issue, or person with which we are unfamiliar. Offering praise or criticism might flow from us when the personal association does not exist. I never felt negativity toward the flight crew of a “life flight,” I simply did not know a person with whom to make the association. Making a personal connection pulls us closer to that which once was distant.

I pray that everyone who meets me receives an opportunity to make a life-changing connection. Before you think my statement is arrogant, realize it is not meeting me that is of importance. As a believer, I desire a life that glorifies Christ each moment and when someone comes into contact with me, I pray they see Jesus, not me. Christ should not be a distant figure beyond reach; where we stand, so should Christ.

I am excited and humbled as I prepare for my sabbatical journey over the next six weeks. I am excited about the possibilities to grow spiritually, intellectually, and personally. I am humbled by the affirmation shown by my church family and the encouragement shared. I hope during the past eight years, small moments have appeared where you only saw Christ in your pastor and friend. May the Lord work in me and you over the next many weeks to inspire us for NBC in 2023 and all that lies ahead.



#### Office Hours:

Monday: 9 am - 2 pm  
Tuesday: 9 am - 2pm  
Wednesday: 9 am - 2pm  
Thursday: 9 am - 2pm  
Friday: Closed

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#### Service Times:

Sundays at 10:00am

Join us in worship either in-person or via livestream.

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