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ACOLYTES

March Acolyte Leader: Rebecca Marsh

March 3.....Hannah Parker
Marsh 10.....Natalie Marsh

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

March 3.....Rachel Jones
.....Kevin Young
March 4.....Claude Waters
.....Terry Payne
.....Maxine Moore
March 5.....Jaison Malan
.....John Miller
March 6.....Bailey Graeper
March 7.....Betty Davis
.....Spencer Creswell
.....Jim Herzog
March 9.....Sonya Marshall
.....Michelle McClain

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Laura Hodge

COLLEGE STUDENT

Ashley Bechtel

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Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Catawba Valley Community College

GIFTS

A monetary gift was made to the church in memory of **Jessica Young** by Ellen and Stephen Renison and Edith Hall.

USHERS FOR MARCH

Team 2: Calvin McGinnis, Daryl Camper, Stan Clements, Scott Lawrence, Emily Kay, Vicki Hughes, Ronnie Wilson

Funeral Food Alert

Team #3

Pat Morgan

Barbara Aiken

Records for February 24, 2019

Sunday School Attendance114
Morning Worship Attendance...217
Budget Requirements.....\$8,648.00
Budget Offering\$10,038.00
Special Offerings.....\$493.00
Total\$10,531.00

Budget to Date

Required by 2-24-19 ...\$181,608.00
Received by 2-24-19 ...\$186,332.93

Building Fund

Building Fund.....\$0
To Date..... \$132,993.44



PEANUT BUTTER FOR YOKEFELLOW—MADE IT!

February Goal: 30

February Donations: 30

We just reached our goal for February!

Thank you for thinking of others!

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Alan Herrick and his family in the death of his mother, **Phyllis Herrick** who passed away on Sunday, February 17. Her service was held in Kentucky on Friday, February 22. Our continued prayers are for Alan, Lori and Scott as they deal with this loss.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Richard Justice**. Richard passed away Sunday, February 24. A memorial service for Richard will be here at the church at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 2 with the receiving of friends following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Laverne, and his children, Donna Stephenson, Jack Justice, and Dee Dee Justice.

Sympathy is extended to Jessica Godfrey and her family in the death of her grandmother, **Southell Linda Wood**. She passed away Friday, February 22. Her service was held on Monday, February 25.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

If you have ordered a new church directory they have been published and are ready for distribution. If you would like to have one, you may order one. Copies are \$2.00 each. Please see Beth. She will also have a table in the Welcome Center before Sunday School and after worship for the next couple of weeks.

If you want to down the church directory APP to your phone, instructions to download are available. This app will be continually updated. If you need assistance in downloading, please see Beth, Tim, or John. You must have an email that was published in the directory for the app to download to your phone. If you have an email address but did not submit one, we can go back and add it to the directory.

If you want a PDF copy sent to you via email, please contact Beth.

WEDNESDAY MEAL: Wednesday, Marsh 6

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Cost: Adult \$5.00 (6th Grade and up)
Children \$3.00 (5th Grade and under)
Maximum per family: \$16

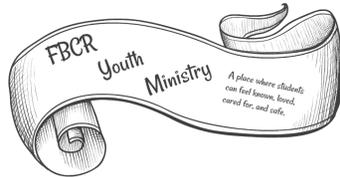
Time: 5:30-6:30 PM



WAIVER FORMS: Any child planning to participate in our children's ministry this year needs to have a 2019 Medical/Waiver form filled out. Please see John for a copy or you can download one on our church site.

LENT FAMILY GATHERING: *TODAY* immediately after our morning service until 3:00pm. Join us in the FH for a great family event!

THIS SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY: There will be No Bible Drill tonight. This Wednesday is our church-wide Ash Wednesday service. In light of this service, our children will have choir at 5:55pm, but they will not have mission groups.



WAIVER FORMS: Any student planning to participate in our youth ministry this year needs to have a 2019 Medical/Waiver form filled out. Please see John for a copy or you can download one on our church site.

THIS SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY: We will not have outreach tonight. This Wednesday is our church-wide Ash Wednesday service. In light of this service, we will not be having Bible study.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I cannot thank you enough for all the support you gave me and those in Eswatini. I was overwhelmed with the graciousness of this church family. Most appreciated were the prayers. Many of you lifted this mission trip in prayer, and that is why we had such favor and were met with so many blessings. I also want to thank you for the donation of scarves and ties. It was such a thrill to see their smiling faces when they got these. Thank you also for the financial support that many of you provided. We were able to bring food to many families, Bibles to many who long for the Word of God, and we were able to train every Baptist church in the country on leading children in the Word. Thank you also to the Mission Council for their generous support as well. Because of each one of you, the Word of God will transform their lives throughout this country. We have a good, good Father! Thanks and Blessings, Judy Bond

PASTOR'S COLUMN

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen. (Luke 9:34-36, NIV)

If there is anything that I have taken away from Guy Sayles, whether it was the sermons he preached for our Renewal Weekend, the doctoral seminar at Gardner-Webb, or the several times I've heard him speak elsewhere, then it is the emphasis he places on our identities as God's children.

You are God's beloved. God takes great delight in you. God will give you everything you need to live the life God has called you to live.

During our renewal weekend, we heard that God values us individually as well as corporately. We heard that all matter to God and to one another. We were challenged to encourage one another – to speak the truth, i.e. the *Gospel*, to one another in love. We were reminded of the wonderful thing that church can be.

Yet, for Guy, it all begins with the acceptance of the above italicized phrase. When Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven confirmed Jesus' identity. Jesus' was God's beloved. The voice continued, declaring that He was pleased with Jesus. And, from there, God provided Jesus with all he needed to live the life he was called to live.

When the disciples saw that Jesus was headed to Jerusalem, with plans to die instead of conquering, the disciples questioned. They doubted Jesus. And, I'm sure that Jesus felt alone, as the disciples, especially Peter, rejected Jesus' revelation of his calling to die on a Roman Cross. Yet, God provided. In a profound miracle, on the mountain, God renewed Jesus' calling in a way that would strengthen the faith of his followers. We call it the *Transfiguration*. Yet, it was a renewal. Jesus knew that God was with him and that the cross was his destiny. Peter, James and John were encouraged to keep following, even though Jesus' calling was more than they expected to bear.

This Sunday is known in the church as Transfiguration Sunday. It is also Baptist Women's Day. It serves as a reminder of the calling God has placed on the lives of women in this church, in Baptist life, and in the church universal – women like Alda Grayson, Fannie Heck, Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong. They, too, are God's beloved, who lived lives that we, like them, are called to live.

Yet, for them, for all, it begins with the realization – the truth – that we are God's beloved. Any life lived before God and for the good of the world begins there.

Grace and peace,
Tim

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
March 3, 2019
10:55 AM**

**BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY
Week of Prayer for North American Missions**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements Linda Harris

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles Hannah Parker, Acolyte

*Hymn 484 "The Love of Jesus Calls Us" ANGEL'S STORY

*Invocation Laura Hodge

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Taylor Gilbert

Message in Music "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" arr. Jones

Volunteer Women's Choir

Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Sandy Smith

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

*Hymn of Offertory 480 "Rescue the Perishing" RESCUE

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Matthew 6:26 Abby Miller

Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Solo "Share His Love" Reynolds

Beth Heffner, Solo and Alison Moore, Accompanist

Mission Meditations Becky Boone

GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Hymn 491 "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" FALLS CREEK

(We invite all who desire to make public professions of faith or transfer church membership to do so at this time. And, we encourage all with special prayer needs to pray with the pastor or pray silently at the altar for personal or intercessory prayer needs.)

Closing Remarks Tim Marsh

*Benediction Amy Revis

Called Business Meeting

*Departing Song (267) "Blest Be the Tie" DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.

*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices

VOLUNTEER WOMEN'S CHOIR

Calling all women in the church! We will have our annual volunteer women's choir for Baptist Women's Day today! Please come to the choir room immediately following Sunday School at 10:45. We will sing an arrangement of a familiar tune. Let's fill the choir loft!



**JOY GROUP MARCH OUTING
LUNCH AT MUTT'S BBQ RESTAURANT
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019
(NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)**

Come and enjoy a great barbeque buffet in Greer, South Carolina! More information to follow! Mark it on your calendar!

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

TO HIRE JILL TAYLOR AS PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST

We will have a called church conference at the conclusion of the worship service to consider Jill Taylor as our part-time church receptionist. The vote will take place by a show of hands. If the vote is affirmative, Jill will begin serving Monday, March 4. She will be available to greet and serve you 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM each day. Her salary will be consistent with that budgeted in the 2018-19 Church Budget. Thank you for your prayerful participation in church business!

TEXT MESSAGE SIGN UPS

*Text "FBCR" to [95577](tel:95577) to receive GENERAL CHURCH announcements

*Text "fbryouth" to [95577](tel:95577) for YOUTH MINISTRY announcements

*Text "fbcchildren" to [95577](tel:95577) for CHILDREN'S MINISTRY announcements

EMAIL SIGN UPS

If you are missing out on receiving church news/prayer requests you may also contact Tim Marsh at timfbc@gmail.com and he will add you to the list.

WORSHIP SERVICES ON WEBSITE

A link to our worship services on YouTube is now located on the front page of our website. Our website address is www.firstbaptistrutherfordton.com