June Servants in Ministry
June Deacon of the Month is Chris Disher, 336-463-2907.

**Ushers**
- Jun 5: Lee Cook, Wayne Reneger
  Harrell Todd
- Jun 12: Edsel Allgood, Ronnie Eads
  Billie Vestal, Bobby Todd
- Jun 19: Lee Cook, Rosie Lynch
  Robin Gough, Charles Holden
- Jun 26: Edsel Allgood, Kent Brandon
  Woodie Gough, Bobby Todd

**Greeters**
- Jun 5: Ronald & Lucille Shore
- Jun 12: Billie & Dorothy Vestal
- Jun 19: Wayne & Catrina Reneger
- Jun 26: Jack Blunk & Kent Brandon

**Parking Assistance**
- Jun 5: Bobby Lynch, Freddie Robinson
- Jun 12: Tommy Collins, Jimmy Merrell
- Jun 19: Billie Vestal, Harrell Todd
- Jun 26: Scott Shore, Ronald Shore

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**The Scroll**

Greetings in the NAME OF CHRIST!
We live in a hurried world. Life seems to move at the speed of light and no one seems to want to slow down. It seems everyone wants something and they want it yesterday. Instant gratification is the “pox” of our age. Christians are not immune; we too have fallen prey to this “pox” of our culture.

The truth is a lot of Christians have applied this hurried worldly standard to their spiritual lives. One big problem. God works in His sovereign ways and in His perfect time. Waiting on God is easy to say, but far more difficult to practice. We are not a patient people. We want things now and we want them our way. Hmm…

In contrast, the Bible teaches that God “acts on behalf of those that wait upon Him.” (Isaiah 64:4) Waiting on God is a spiritual discipline we need to learn if we want to grow in our spiritual life. God does not grow up saints into spiritual maturity overnight. He does not subscribe to the “shake and bake” methodology of spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth takes a lifetime. It involves waiting on God to chisel and mold us into the image of Christ. This process is called sanctification, to be made holy as God is holy.

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a blessing. What we desire might not be in our best self-interest, or the timing might not be right. God is our Heavenly Father and He knows what is best for us at the right time and in the right way. We need to trust that God does in fact have our best interest at heart.

Second, waiting on God builds our confidence in Him. Waiting on God causes us to depend on Him. The end result is our faith grows as we depend on God and watch Him work in our lives. To not wait on God means we do not trust Him. Our lack of trust in God will cause us to plunge ahead to meet our needs and desires in our strength and on our timeline. This is an act of disobedience and can have disastrous results. Remember what happened to King Saul in 1 Samuel 13?

Lastly, waiting on God sometimes means He withholds a blessing to protect us from unseen events or consequences. I have witnessed this in my own life while on active duty in the Army, and as a pastor. God’s vision is always 20/20, perfect. It is only when we have looked in the rearview mirror that we see that God’s wisdom and perfect timing have prepared us for a blessing.

The hurried culture we live in will wear us out. God did not design us to move at the speed of light and burn ourselves out like some passing comet. No, God designed us to rest and wait upon Him. Isaiah had it right, “but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31, KJV). Wise words from God’s Word, may we have ears to hear! Keep moving to the HIGH GROUND!

SELAH...meditate upon these things...
In “the Grip of GOD’S GRACE,”
Rick Page

**Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

**Graduate School**

**Erin Epley** - Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University of Law
Wife of Kolby Epley

**Kelly Hoots** - Masters of Science in Athletic Training from Old Dominion University
Daughter of Teddy & Debbie Hoots

**College**

**Lindsey Williams**—Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University
Daughter of Mickey and Lisa Williams

**High School**

**Hunter Grace Johnson** - Forbush High School Daughter of Phil & Susan Johnson

**Middle School**

**Caitlin Beamon** - Forbush Middle School Daughter of Kevin & Charlotte Beamon

**Maggie Ann Moncus** - Forbush Middle School Daughter of Jeff & Lisa Moncus

**Courtney Myers** - Forbush Middle School Daughter of Jason & Jami Myers

**Lindsay Ray** - Forbush Middle School Daughter of Jamey & Dana Martin

**Elementary School**

**Emily Cook** - Yadkin Elementary School Daughter of Lee & Melinda Cook

**Kayden Taylor** - Forbush Elementary School Daughter of Melissa Taylor
The Growing Issue of Frequency of Attendance

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