

THE HISTORY

Biltmore Church of Christ

Introduction

The idea of a history for the Biltmore church of Christ came about in 2014 when Ron Holland recorded an interview with A. B. Wexler and Criss Carter at the home of Criss Carter. Ron did quite a bit of research on the history prior to this interview. (Criss Carter and A. B. Wexler were with the Biltmore church of Christ from it's beginning and were ordained as elders on January 23, 1977.)

Steve Evans then mentioned to Darlene Wexler and Jeanene Wexler (twins) about a history in May 2021 since their father, A. B. Wexler, was one of the remaining founding members still alive. Of course, this was during the COVID pandemic; a perfect time to put together all the information for this history. Steve brought to them all the information he had collected over the years, as he had previously been an elder and also the author of the Year In Review. (Steve gathered all the information over each year and presented a Year In Review for the church. Some of these Reviews are included at the end of this history.) Steve had also collected directories from the years they were published. Steve brought all this information to the Wexler twins.

Freddy Morgan, a current elder, also had an original copy of the 1993 Directory, that he lent to the Wexler twins for this history.

Dwayne Maxwell, a current elder, brought a box to the Wexler twins that included several photo albums, previous church directories, the interview on DVD mentioned in the first paragraph, and several CDs with pictures.

The Wexler twins decided to do this history in sections of 10 years, bringing the history from when the church started in March 1967 with 35 members to the present (November 2021 as of this writing).

This was a combined effort. Many individuals worked tirelessly each time a directory was published. Pictures were taken, information was recorded about each family (names, dates of birth, date of anniversary, addresses, phone numbers, work numbers, email addresses, etc.). The history that you will read about would not be possible if all these individuals, many of who remain nameless, had not worked so tirelessly to provide this information from 1971 to the present. All of this information is located in a clear plastic storage container labeled CHURCH HISTORY.

Thank you is not enough to say to all those individuals who had any part in compiling this history. Without their tireless work, this history would not be possible. Since this history is a collection of stories, both written and oral, handed down through the years some errors may occur. Many of the stories and memories have been shared several times from different sources. If errors are present, they are certainly not intentional. If you notice an error, please submit a correction to one of the current elders (as of November 2021): Ken Anderson, Andy Newberry, Freddy Morgan or Dwayne Maxwell.

The 1960s and 1970s

A group of worshipers (one from Haywood Rd, one from Broadway and one from Hanover) combined to worship together at Vance Street in Asheville. This was in the late 1960s. The Vance Street congregation was near the County Health & Welfare Building and I-240. The City of Asheville purchased this property for re-development and it became necessary to move the worshipers to another location. This one group of worshipers separated due to their home locations, to start a group of worshipers in West Asheville (now Candler church of Christ), North Asheville (now East Chestnut Street church of Christ) and South Asheville, currently the Biltmore church of Christ.

PIC #1 The Biltmore church of Christ began in March 1967 with approximately 35 members. We met in the John B. Cecil room of the Biltmore Dairy Bar. Records indicate the charge was \$6.00 per week. In the Cecil room there were a total of five classes on Sunday morning. Two classes in each end of the room used as an Auditorium, two classes in the kitchen and one class in the Janitor's closet. Criss Carter's wife, Lucille, taught the young children in this closet. In April 1967, we were able to purchase a house and property at 823 Fairview Street in Asheville, NC with an apartment building behind the house. In June 1967, Don Gettys became the first full-time minister. His wife was Jo Gettys. (Both Don and Jo were graduates of Harding College. Don majored in Bible and Jo majored in elementary education.) On July 4, 1967 we began an annual July 4 outing for Christian families in the Western Carolinas, meeting on top of Mt. Pisgah all day to discuss potential plans for the Lord's work in this area. In August 1967 we hosted a lectureship for WNC (Western North Carolina) and conducted our first Vacation Bible School.

PIC #2 Because we were new and small, it was necessary to seek additional assistance to build a permanent building on the property that was purchased. In December 1967, the North Wood Hills church in Florence, Alabama responded to that need and began to give full support to the Gettys. The Westside church in Sheffield, Alabama and the Green Hills church in Nashville, Tennessee also began giving monthly assistance toward a working fund. At the end of 1967, we had 47 members and an average weekly contribution of \$220.00.

In January 1968, a local 15-minute program began on Sunday morning on WISE radio entitled "Faith in Action".

During 1968, the Biltmore congregation helped coordinate efforts to place “Herald of Truth” on the local television station WLOS. In June and August 1968 campaigns were conducted with many outside workers assisting; in these efforts, many were won to Christ and many others heard of the efforts of the churches of Christ to restore New Testament Christianity for the first time.

In late 1968 and early 1969, many of the church’s efforts were turned toward completion of the building. A successful bond issue for \$80,000 was completed. This new facility consisted of six classrooms, a study room for the preacher and an office for secretarial work. It also provided an additional four spaces for classrooms in the fellowship room. The auditorium would be capable of seating about three hundred people. Duyck Construction in Asheville completed the current building at 823 Fairview Street in Asheville. This part of the current building is now the sanctuary (on the road level) and on the level below the fellowship hall and classroom space. The fellowship hall was later divided and is now the resource room and additional classroom space. Lawrence J. Traber was the architect and now has quite a long list on his website of clients over the years. On June 15, 1969 we had a special service to dedicate the use of the building to God’s glory. Following that service, we had a special campaign with outside workers centering around a nightly vacation Bible school.

PIC #4 and #5 These pictures of the original building show the front and inside.

In July of 1971, Victor Jordan was hired to replace Don Gettys. Victor worked with the Biltmore congregation for about a year and a half. Then, Gene Rainey served the congregation for about six months on a part-time basis until a full-time preacher could be hired. As of 1971, we have approximately 75 members and we are growing.

On July 15, 1973, Charles Freeman began working with the Biltmore congregation. The Lord’s work continued to move forward. In three years, the membership doubled. We were able to drop most of the support we had been receiving. In fact, the 4th and Elm Street church of Christ in Sweetwater, Texas was the only congregation supporting us at that time financially. There had been a real spiritual awakening in the Biltmore congregation.

On January 23, 1977, Criss Carter and A. B. Wexler were installed as elders. Biltmore is also an integrated congregation; welcoming everyone who wants to worship and serve the Lord.

In August 1979, Biltmore became fully self-supporting. Six deacons were appointed in November 1979: Carlos Bickford, Max Clubb, J. D. Elmore, Ron Holland, Johnny Moore and Gary Staak. A Teacher's Workshop was held by Brother Don Brown (of the Sweet Publishing Company in Austin, Texas).

The 1980s and 1990s

In 1980 and 1981, Brother Gene Rainey was asked to do most of the pulpit preaching after Charles Freeman left. GENE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB. He was assisted in the preaching and other areas by the newly appointed deacons and other members. The idea of “every member a minister” was set forth. This idea may have come about after a church growth seminar that several Biltmore members attended at Richland Hills in Fort Worth, Texas: one-on-one produces more fruit than knocking on doors.

In June 1981, Brother Bill Cannon and his family moved to Asheville to work with the Biltmore congregation. The Biltmore congregation continued to enjoy steady growth, setting new attendance records and increasing contributions. There were ten baptisms and thirty-seven restorations in just 15 months. Some good and faithful members moved away from this area, and other wonderful Christian people moved into this area. In April 1983 the average Sunday morning attendance was 145; Sunday Bible study was 100. We had more than 200 at some of the services. Pauline Love is the church secretary.

In early 1985, Brother Cannon moved to Kentucky and Brother Tim Alexander began his work with the Biltmore congregation. In 1986, Brother Tim accepted a full-time position with the Federal Government and served as part-time minister until May 1987 when he returned to Knoxville to complete his Masters Degree at the University of Tennessee. Brother Rainey once again did his characteristically good job as interim pulpit preacher until our newly recruited minister, Brother Wayne Hendrix took over the job in late 1987/early 1988.

Our congregation continued to grow and by 1989 we had grown to more than 200 members. That same year planning began for the construction of a new, two-story educational wing to be added to the existing building. **THREE SMALL POLAROID PICS HERE**

Jim Hunter replaced Wayne Hendrix in the early 90s. Members of Biltmore would attend Blue Ridge Assembly (in Black Mountain, North Carolina) each summer along with members from other congregations from all over the Southeast. Jim Hunter now serves as the minister in Black Mountain and was instrumental in establishing the congregation there.

Construction for the new two-story educational wing was completed in late summer of 1990. A “Bring Your Neighbor Day” and “Dedication Day” was held on Sunday, December

2, 1990 and a new attendance record of 308 was established. Gene Rainey conducted the worship service and our present minister, Jim Hunter, conducted the dedication service after the noon meal in the new fellowship hall.

During 1990, twenty-one precious souls were baptized into Christ and seventeen families placed membership. With the increase in attendance, additional parking was needed and a temporary solution was sought. Between the months of May and October 1990 and during 1991, Biltmore began conducting two Sunday morning worship services. The additional property west of the church building was eventually purchased in late 1990 and plans were begun to provide additional parking facilities.

Our Biltmore family is involved in and/or supporting the following:

Quarterly Western North Carolina Christian Workshop (with the Biltmore ladies providing a continental breakfast)

Bryson City and Taylorsville churches of Christ

Mission work in Central America, Africa and China

Southeastern Children's Home in Duncan, SC

Palmetto Bible camp near Marietta, SC

Bob Rigdon's TV ministry

Care Group

Carolina Lectureship (annually)

Ladies' Day Seminars

Ladies Night Out

PIC # 3 On Sunday, April 5, 1992, Biltmore celebrated its 25th Anniversary/Homecoming. Gene Rainey spoke on the subject "Is God Measuring America Today?" A time capsule was buried in what is now the resource room, on the far right wall behind where the sink used to be located.

In 1994 our membership grew to about 350.

In 1995, we began keeping records of births, marriages, deaths, new members, baptisms and activities. We began listing birthdays and anniversaries in our directories.

According to the Year In Review, in 1995 we had 6 births, 5 marriages, 2 deaths, 4 new families place membership and 10 baptisms. We were involved in about 64 ministries and activities to strengthen our members and to provide outreach for prospective new members.

According to the Year In Review, in 1997 we had 2 births, one marriage, 3 deaths, 3 new families place membership and 5 baptisms. We were involved in about 54 ministries. We purchased a church bus.

In 1999, our preacher selection/screening committee chose Jeff Lovitt as our new minister. Biltmore had four elders: Ron Holland, Freddy Morgan, Jerry Thomas and Del Watson. Biltmore had seven deacons: Jim Anders, Bill Aycock, Rodney Buckner, Carl Hill, Sterling Lawrence, Lonnie Watkins and Rick Woodlee.

2000s

According to the Year In Review, in 2000 we had 4 marriages, 4 deaths, 4 members (families) move, 7 new members (families) and 9 baptisms. We were involved in about 65 outreach ministries.

David Pratt arrived in 2001 as the new pulpit minister. According to the Year In Review, in 2001 we had 2 births, 3 marriages, 1 death, 2 new members (families) and 5 baptisms. We were involved in about 77 ministries/activities.

According to the Year In Review, in 2002 we had 2 births, 2 marriages, 1 death, 3 new members (families) and 5 baptisms. We were involved in about 74 ministries/activities.

According to the Year In Review in 2003 we had 3 births, 3 marriages, 7 new members (families) and 7 baptisms. We were involved in over 80 ministries/activities. We also have 9 deacons: Bill Aycock (Property Maintenance), Rodney Buckner (Administration), Max Clubb (Finance), Ron Holland (Local Evangelism), Sterling Lawrence (Worship), Brian Lewis (Benevolence), Mike Walls (Visitation) and Lonnie Watkins (Family Care). Our Youth Minister is Terron Talley. Our Mission is an anagram of the word Biltmore:

B uild the kingdom
I n
L ove
T hrough
M inistry
O utreach
R elationships
E xalting the name of Jesus Christ!

According to the Year In Review in 2004 we had 2 births, 2 deaths, 9 new members (families) and 1 baptism. We were involved in over 100 ministries/activities.

According to the Year In Review in 2005 we had 2 births, 3 marriages, 3 deaths, 7 new members (families) and 1 baptism. We were involved in over 90 ministries/activities. Matt Goodman joined Biltmore in 2006 as the new pulpit minister. According to the Year In Review in 2006 we had 4 births, 1 death, 8 new members (families) and 5 baptisms. We were involved in about 74 ministries/activities.

According to the 2007 Directory we had five elders (Ken Anderson, Rodney Buckner, Steve Evans, Ron Holland, Freddy Morgan); five deacons (Bill Aycock – Property Maintenance, Justin Cain – Youth, Jeff Goodman – Family Care, Brian Lewis – Benevolence and Dwayne Maxwell – Education.) Our Youth Minister was Terron Talley.

According to the 2008 Directory our deacons were Bill Aycock – Property Maintenance, Justin Cain – Youth, Bob Crawford – Benevolence, Jeff Goodman – Worship, Dwayne Maxwell – Education and Jason Smith – Family Care. We had 5 births, 1 death, 6 new members (families) and 5 baptisms. We were involved in over 71 ministries/activities.

2010s

According to the 2010 Directory we have five elders (Ken Anderson, Rodney Buckner, Steve Evans, Ron Holland and Freddy Morgan). We have nine deacons:

Casey Anderson – Outreach/Leadership Training for Christ or LTC

Bill Aycock – Property Maintenance

Tim Clubb – Elementary Education

Jeff Goodman – Assembly/Pantry

Keith Jackson – Missions

Clay Keeter – Youth

Jason Smith – Life Group/VBS

Chris Starnes – Life Group/CC

Mike Turner – Adult Education.

According to the 2011 Directory our elders remain the same. Our deacons decrease from 9 to 8 (Chris Starnes moved due to a new position where he worked). We continue to meet the needs of the membership.

According to the 2013 Directory our elders decrease due to the death of Rodney Buckner. Our deacons decrease from 8 to 7, combining Elementary Education with Eastern Leadership Training for Christ (ERLTC or LTC).

According to the 2014 Year In Review we had 1 birth, 1 death, 6 new members (families) and 3 baptisms. We were involved in about 65 ministries/activities.

According to the 2015 Year In Review we had 3 births, 11 new members (families) and 8 baptisms. We were involved in about 66 ministries/activities.

According to the 2016 Year In Review we had 3 births, 9 new members (families) and 6 baptisms. We were involved in about 64 ministries/activities.

According to the 2017 Year In Review we had 1 death and 4 new members (families). We were involved in about 69 ministries/activities.

In 2019, we were in search of a new minister and Michael Summers was chosen. He came to Biltmore with his wife, Rachel and son, Josiah.

In late 2019, a pandemic known as COVID-19 (Coronavirus 2019) swept through the entire world. This virus influenced how we conduct business within our church, our communities, and throughout the world.

2020s

COVID-19 was so contagious, most businesses shut down completely in early 2020. Those who were able worked from home. Schools transitioned to online learning. Churches offered online worship only. We were all encouraged to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people. And, if we did gather, to limit those in attendance to only those in our current household. If we were in a public space outside of our homes we were encouraged to wear masks.

According to the Spring 2020 directory, we have 4 elders (Andy Newberry, Freddy Morgan, Ken Anderson and Dwayne Maxwell). Jason Smith is our Youth Minister, and we have 9 deacons. We have 6 ministry leaders and established a Board of Trustees numbering 10.

As worldwide and statewide restrictions lifted wearing masks and gathering numbers, we started meeting again in person. (Some businesses began to open as well.) Everyone attending church was encouraged to wear a mask. Vaccines became available in Dec 2020/Jan 2021.

The Delta variant (3 times more contagious than COVID-19) appeared in Spring 2021. But, by November 2021, about 67% of the adult population (age 18+) in North Carolina is fully vaccinated and 71% of the adult population (age 18+) is partially vaccinated. Vaccines have just been made available by November 2021 for those ages 5-17. Vaccines are still in trials for those younger than age 5.

Member's memories

Jo Alice Ruff remembers that her sister, Eleanor Jackson, was the first African American baptized at Biltmore. Jo Alice and Eleanor are daughters of Addie Jones. Edward Jones is their brother. Addie Jones is listed as a member in the 1993 Directory. Jo Alice also remembers that her grandfather (Addie's father) was instrumental in establishing the church at Gaston Street.

A.B. Wexler remembers Don Gettys being the first paid full time minister at Biltmore. A.B., his wife, Phyllis, and his four children (Tony, Kim, Darlene and Jeanene) are listed as members in the 1971 Directory. A. B. also remembers Wilmer Carr was an engineer involved in building a bridge on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Wilmer and his wife, Jackie, are listed as members in the 1971 Directory. A. B. also remembers that L. B. Hood was manager of Environmental Services at the VA. L. B. Hood and his wife, Geneva, are listed as members in the 1971 Directory. A. B. also remembers that Fred Smith owned a construction company and built houses in Black Mountain. Fred and his wife, Bea, are listed as members in the 1971 Directory. A. B. also remembers that Floyd Watts retired from General Motors. Floyd and his wife, Ila, are listed as members in the 1971 Directory. A. B. remembers that Ernest Moses retired from Enka.

Darlene Wexler remembers growing up that the youth (we didn't have a paid youth minister at that time) would gather on Sunday evenings after worship at Pizza Hut or Fuddrucker's to enjoy a meal and fellowship. Darlene also remembers that during Vacation Bible Schools that Danny Carter, who worked for Keebler, provided cookies. Danny, his wife, Nancy, and two children (Rachel and Adam) are listed as members in the 1993 Directory.

Jeanene Wexler remembers Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Moses as members. (Ernest and Adelaide are listed as members in the 1971 Directory). Adelaide had trouble remembering, but Mr. Moses talked and visited with her every day. He would show her pictures every day and talk about the life they had shared, the life she could not remember. Some young people asked Mr. Moses why he bothered to visit with his wife every day since she couldn't remember him. His response was that HE knew who SHE was and that was all that mattered to him.

Tim Carter (son of Criss & Lucille Carter – listed in the 1971 Directory) remembers A. B. Wexler coming to Vance Street with two wicker baskets carrying the Wexler twins to

worship services. Tim also remembers when his father told of meeting in the Dairy Bar before the building on Fairview Street was built. Tim's initial impression was excitement of meeting in an ice cream bar! He soon found out it was "cruel and unusual punishment" not to have access to that ice cream! After all, it was just on the other side of the door! He remembers spending many Saturdays at the new building site on Fairview Street with his father, Criss Carter, and A. B. Wexler. The room we met in was open with little or no dividers for classes. The small children met for class in a small furnace/janitor's closet. Tim remembers his dad telling him about when he came in to count the number of kids in attendance how cute they all looked sitting around the old furnace because that was the only place available to sit in the small tight room. Our knees would almost touch the furnace as we sat around it. He remembers spending many Saturdays at the new building site on Fairview Street with his dad (Criss) and A. B. Wexler. There was no front installed where the green plexiglass material was later installed in the foyer. (It is now all enclosed in clear glass.) At that time, there were only large sheets of plastic draped down to try and stop the wind from blowing through. This particular day, Dad (Criss) and A. B. stood on scaffolding and stained the beams and boards in the auditorium. Tim was given the "job" of walking around picking up nails the workers had dropped while installing the tongue and groove ceiling boards. To Tim it was bitterly cold and there were a lot of nails! Tim submitted copies of several pictures. In one picture, his Dad (Criss) and Tom McKinney are standing to the side of the building in 1974. In another picture Tony Wexler and Greg Vess are playing pool in one of the rooms downstairs in the church building. Yes, there was a pool table at one time in the church building! Oh the good times we had there.

Keith Jackson remembers worshipers meeting at the Biltmore Dairy Bar. He also remembers a meeting hall on Haywood Rd where a congregation met and also a group of worshipers meeting at the corner of Merrimon Ave and Hillside St. Keith has a copy of a sewer line easement recorded in the Buncombe County Registry on March 7, 1969. Keith became a member of the Biltmore congregation in 1975 and taught high school Sunday school class for 8 years. He and his wife, Rebecca, were married in 1985 and the congregation were witness to their marriage.

Charles Freeman remembers he was late his first Sunday preaching as minister. He and his family had bought a home in Bent Creek and when he got on the interstate, he was traveling in the wrong direction. It took about 10-12 miles before he could get off the

interstate and turn around. He said when he arrived at the church, several men were pacing back and forth in front of the building awaiting his arrival!

Charles also remembers that the baptistry water wouldn't heat. He and A. B. Wexler discovered that the heating element was backwards. They repaired it and left it on all Saturday night. The following Sunday morning, a gentleman responded to the invitation and was ready to be baptized. Charles got into his rubber suit and proceeded into the water. When the gentleman stepped into the water, he quickly stepped out indicating the water was too hot. It took about 30-45 minutes for the baptistry to be partially drained and cold water to replace the hot water that had drained. Charles remembers the congregation being very patient and the gentleman was baptized.

Charles remembers Pauline Love's mother had been taught and wanted to be baptized. However, she was unable to walk. So, she was belted into a chair and two men lowered her in the chair into the baptistry and she was able to be baptized. Pauline was so grateful for this act of love for her mother.

Charles also remembers having a Bible Study with Carl Murray for about 5 weeks. Carl's son, Don Murray, and Don's wife (Faye) were members here at Biltmore. Carl had a heart attack and Charles visited him while he was in the hospital. He would pray with Carl during these visits as well. On one day as Charles was walking to the elevator to leave, Don ran up to Charles and said, "Wait, Daddy wants to talk to you." Charles and Don returned to Carl's room and Carl told Charles, "Brother Freeman, I have not forgotten our studies together. I want to be baptized as soon as I go home from the hospital." Charles agreed to do just that. Carl Murray died in the hospital. In thinking back, Charles would have done whatever he could to baptize Carl in the hospital.

Charles also remembers Tony Wexler coming in to his office to talk and visit with him. Tony affectionately called him "Charlie" and they both had quite a few laughs.

While Charles was minister, a potluck luncheon was held downstairs in the fellowship hall on the first Sunday of every month. Some children got into the communion and ate all the leftovers from that morning – but the adults did not realize this. Bea Smith had prepared the communion that Sunday. When her husband, Fred, got up to serve communion that evening, he realized all of it was gone. He replied in his deep Southern accent, "It appears that the Lord's Supper was improperly prepared." Bea jumped out of the pew and hurriedly fixed it!

Charles said a dinner was held at Pisgah Fish Camp to discuss the Lord's work at Biltmore. One topic discussed was the selection of elders to serve the congregation and another topic was personal evangelism. Charles was asked to preach five sermons on elders and then ask the congregation to make recommendations on who to serve. A questionnaire was completed to nominate men to be elders. Gene Rainey was asked to chair this committee. Several men were nominated (some withdrew their names from consideration). Three men remained: Criss Carter, A. B. Wexler and Charles Freeman. So, Charles served as both a minister and an elder.

The other topic of personal evangelism was tackled. Classes on personal evangelism were started with the Jule Miller Home Bible Study. A series of 5 films were shown to all who wanted to know more about the Bible. Paul and Grace Murphy started having a home Bible Study on Friday evenings to help increase membership. They were both very influential in assisting with this personal evangelism effort. This was held for several weeks and two or three families were being taught each week.

Biltmore decided to reach out to area congregations by having monthly skating parties and we would have as many as 100 people in attendance. Biltmore also sponsored a fifth Sunday congregational singing. Biltmore also sponsored a Valentine/Sweetheart Banquet where area congregations would come together and get dinner catered from the cafeteria (J&S). Area preachers would meet monthly at Biltmore to discuss different topics. Volleyball games were held every Sunday night and lots of young people attended.

Charles would like to make special mention of Gene Rainey. Gene preached at Biltmore and many other area congregations when ministers were away or absent for an extended period of time. Gene also served as a political leader, as Chair of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. Gene and Dorma were very instrumental in influencing this area for the Lord.

Special mention of Paul and Grace Murphy for the many Bible Studies in their home.

Special mention of Max and Ernie Clubb for their support and A. B. and Phyllis Wexler for their support. Charles also indicates that J. D. Elmore and his family were very influential. Fred and Bea Smith, who moved here from Florida, were very supportive of the work at Biltmore. Charles and Jean Parker, who owned Parker Oil, were good contributors to the work. Marci Duty was very encouraging. Charles remembers one weekend was particularly challenging. As he came into work on Monday morning, he discovered that

Marci had placed a dozen roses at his office door to encourage him to have a good day. Charles said that was just what he needed.

Jerry and Jo Thomas are also a special couple to Charles.

Jane Woodlee did quite a bit of office work and typing/correspondence for Charles.

Biltmore had three campaigns covering Asheville – workers came from all over the country to help Biltmore go door-to-door. One couple came from Mississippi, Richard and Linda Wheeler. They liked it so much, they moved here and started a heating/cooling business. Linda was also instrumental starting a church in Black Mountain.

Charles also remembers Mrs. Lamb. She was unable to speak except for saying, “One, two; one, two.” BUT, she could sing!

While Charles was here, he had over 60 baptisms. An attendance record of 321 was set and Charles really believes in the Great Commission from Matthew chapter 28, verses 19-20: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Christi Woodlee Butman (daughter of Rick and Jane Woodlee – listed as members in the 1993 Directory) remembers growing up in Biltmore from birth to 40 years. She remembers Sunday school classes with Catherine Lawrence, Kathy Holland and Addie Jones. (Catherine Lawrence, Kathy Holland and Addie Jones are listed as members in the 1993 Directory.) Christi remembers going over to Addie’s house after church for lunch. Each Sunday the “guest list” would change. Christi believes Addie rotated through the church for the invites so that everyone got invited. Christi remembers her mom (Jane) and Portia McCurry (Portia and her husband, Clayton, are also listed as a member in the 1993 Directory) hosted a surprise birthday party for Ron Holland in the fellowship hall. (Ron and Kathy Holland are listed as members in the 1993 Directory). Christi remembers as a small child sitting with friends during worship and how that was a big deal. Christi remembers that she, Meg Holland and Jaime Perry would all sit together and rotate which parents they sat with each Sunday. Meg (Meredith) Holland and Jaime Perry are listed as members in the 1993 Directory. Christi remembers Betty and Carlos Bickford, Clayton and Portia McCurry and Carl and Mary Jo Hill as members. Christi remembers that her Mom (Jane) and Portia would “host” a Thanksgiving meal at the church for any

church members/community that didn't have anywhere to go on Thanksgiving. It was a big production. She remembers helping her Mom start cooking the week before. Christi also remembers being a teenager and in the youth group. Jay Shelburn was leader of the youth at that time. They had a skit group called "Creations" where they performed skits for the congregation, for VBS, and during the Mission Trip to Boston. Christi still has the notebook of skits!

Amber Carter Alford remembers when she was a little kid, looking up at the wooden ceiling of the auditorium trying to find the footprints of her father (Tim Carter). Tim assured Amber his footprints were there from when he was a kid helping his father, Criss Carter, and A. B. Wexler on Saturdays when the building was first built on Fairview Street. Amber Carter is listed as a member in the 1993 Directory.

Judy Lewis remembers Merrill Cushen started the pantry by taking food or clothing to people who called the church with a basic need. Merrill and his wife, Evelyn, are listed as members in the 1993 Directory. Judy and her husband, Brian are listed also listed as members in the 1993 Directory. After a few years, Evelyn encouraged Merrill to slow down because of his age. Around 2006 the Deacon over Benevolence was Brian Lewis and he began to help Merrill. Merrill did not completely step away for a bit longer.

Judy then stepped in to assist her husband. Judy contacted Cindy Brown (church secretary) to notify anyone who contacted the church for assistance to come by each Wednesday morning from 10am until Noon. Within a few weeks, Glenna Abney came to assist Judy with completing paperwork. Garry and Cindy Brown are listed as members in the 1997 Directory. Glenna Abney is listed as a member in the 1993 Directory. With so many donations (food and clothing) for those in need, Brian and Judy cleaned and organized what became known as the Pantry. (Brian had spent over 20 years with Publix Super Markets.) Judy and Glenna sorted clothing that had been donated. Manna Food Bank was contacted and Brian and Judy made arrangements to buy food in bulk to distribute to those in need who contacted the church for assistance. The budget for the church was increased to purchase this food. Each week a group from the church would travel to Manna on Mondays to purchase salvage items, stock the shelves and then prepare to distribute food and clothing items on Wednesdays. With Manna as a partner, Nancy Blewett stepped in since more record keeping was required.

Jerry Stamey built shelves and Brian was able to secure some used grocery store shelving. Donations rolled in: Rhonda and Tim Moorefield donated a freezer, Gene Rainey began a

garden in his backyard and donated fresh vegetables and herbs, Panera donated fresh bread and rolls.

Over the years, the Pantry served between 30 and 50 families each Wednesday morning. Many were involved in this ministry including Ron Holland, Freddy Morgan, Brian and Judy Lewis, Merrill Cushen, Glenna Abney, Nancy and Ken Blewett, J. D. Elmore, Donnie Adams (along with Matthew), Gayle and Rebecca Haley (along with infant Evie), Sandra Aycock, Julie Gentilcore (along with infant Cecilia), Janice Hardaway, Stan Thomas, Theresa Bozdog, Ed and Brenda Pagan and various others. Some would come for a day to help. Others were assisting weekly. If you are interested in stories of the Pantry, reach out to one of these volunteers. One story is of a client who came in on a regular basis to receive a box of food and visit with members of the church. When this client passed away, her daughter donated over 500 stuffed teddy bears of various shapes and sizes. These bears were passed along to area law enforcement agencies who distributed them to children involved in traumatic situations.

Several fundraisers were held to help purchase supplies and buy gift certificates to be used during the holidays. The entire congregation would “Sack the Pulpit” on Sundays with all kinds of supplies to aid in the success of the Pantry. Families would fill grocery bags with all kinds of food items and place all these bags in the pulpit, hence “Sack the Pulpit” came to be at Biltmore.

The Biltmore church of Christ was awarded the Full Plate Award from Manna Food Bank and Brian Lewis accepted for all the church had done for the community.

Connie Cannon remembers being involved in the bread ministry. Each Sunday, the ladies would bake bread/cakes for the visitors. A label would be placed on each loaf/cake. This label welcomed visitors to the church. These loaves/cakes were given out to visitors as they entered the building.

Connie Freeman McElrath remembers when her dad, Charles Freeman, interviewed for the job at the church. Her Mom, Dad and Chuck stayed with Paul and Grace Murphy. The five girls stayed with Charles and Jean Parker. The five girls were thrilled to death that the Parkers had a round bed for them to sleep in... and they fought over who got to sleep in it. Chuck set his suit for Sunday on top of the car and they drove off without realizing it. The suit flew off and was never recovered. Our parents had to buy Chuck a new suit for church on Sunday. Connie remembers church volleyball games being such a great time after church on Sunday nights. None of the Freeman girls wanted to be on

their brother Chuck's team because he always yelled at them if they missed the ball. Connie remembers Tony Wexler and Tim Carter painting the men's restroom downstairs and getting in trouble because they made a mess (encouraged by us girls)! Connie also remembers Fred and Bea Smith walking through the parking lot holding hands after church; married for many years – what a great example.

When elders were appointed in the mid 70s, we had a congregational time of prayer and fasting. A meal followed our worship service. Connie has NEVER seen the spread of food to break our fast.

After a Sunday morning worship, we had a potluck, and several kids went upstairs and ate all the leftover communion. When the communion was being served on Sunday evening for those unable to attend the morning worship, it was gone. Services had to halt while it was quickly replenished.

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2002 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Tony Collela
Nathaniel Hensley
Dwayne Maxwell
Amy Merrill
Colby Scroggs

Marriages

Eric & Meg Handley
Barron & Danelle Holland

New Members

Pam Allison
Celia Bain
AB & Betty Joiner

Births

Ethan Edward Cain
Eli Eller Lawrence

Deaths

Don Love

Activities

AGAPE Support
August Alive – Sunday Evenings
Asheville Manor
Assembly Services
Aycock's Hayride & Cookout
Baby Showers
Bible Classes
Biltmore Web Site
Blue Ridge Encampment
Bulletin Board Ministry
Calling Tree
Carolina Men's Fellowship
Children's Church
Christmas Gifts For The Needy
Christmas Parties
Clothing Drive
Church Bulletins
Church Van
Elders/Deacons/Ministers Mtgs
Empty Nesters
Family Communicating Mtgs
Family Fun Fair
Flower Bed Restoration
Hee Haw Evening
Golden Agers Banquet
Graduate Fellowship
Greeters
Honduras Mission Trip

India Support
Infant/Toddler Nursery
Kids For Christ (KFC)
Kids Night Out
Ladies Advance
Ladies Retreats (Spring/Fall)
Making Bears For Children
Manna Food Bank
Memphis Mission Trip
Men's Prayer Dinners
Men's Softball Team
Ministry Job Descriptions
Mixed Softball Team
Mother/Daughter Tea
New Deacons
New Elders
Pantry Items
Parents Of The Youth (POTY)
PBC Summer Camping
Red Cross Blood Drive
Secret Sisters
Shepherding Groups
Shoeboxes For Honduras
"Single Again" Support
S.E. Children's Home Support
Speaker – Billy Mets
Speaker – Charlie Kymes
Speaker – Dale Smith

Speaker – Shawn Fowler
Sunday Evening Youth Service
Sunday Evening Young Adult
Teacher Appreciation Banquet
Thanksgiving Dinner – Outreach
Thanksgiving Dinner – Church
Trunk Or Treat
Vacation Bible School
Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Visitor Card Follow-up
Wedding Showers
Wednesday Dinners
World Christian Broadcasting
Young Adult Outings
Youth Camping Trip
Youth Devotionals
Youth Lock-In
Youth Retreat

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2003 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Jerry Kenney
Samuel Jackson
Chris Starnes
Erin Luquire
Jessica Barnes
Justin Barnes
Tami DeBow
Preston Grondahl

Marriages

Tim & Rhonda Moorefield
Danny & Tami Singleton
Rodney & Lana Jones

Births

Chase Steven Scroggs
Katelyn Nicole Clubb
Cole Anthony Thomas

New Members

Wyndon & Dawn Tysor
Clark King
Linda Levitan
Catherine Wheeler
Michael, Amy, Anna,
& Abigail Turner
Dustin & Trish Freeman
Tyler & Shelly Mitchell

Activities

AGAPE Support
August Alive – Sunday Evenings
Asheville Manor
Assembly Services
Aycock's Hayride & Cookout
Baby Showers
Bible Classes
Blue Ridge Encampment
Book Swap
Bulletin Board Ministry
Calling Tree
Carolina Men's Fellowship
Children's Church
Children's Valentines
Christmas Gifts For The Needy
Christmas Parties
Church Bulletins
Church Directories
Communion to Shut-ins
Congregational Survey
Empty Nesters
Family Communication Mtgs
Family Fun Fair
Food Pantry
Friends Day
Golden Agers Banquet
Graduate Fellowship

Greeters
Honduras Mission Trip
India Support
Infant/Toddler Nursery
Kids For Christ (KFC)
Kids Night Out
Ladies Advance
Ladies Night Out
Ladies Retreats
Laps For Kids – Youth Centers
Light the Night Walk
Manna Food Bank
Marriage University
Memphis Mission Trip
Men's Prayer Breakfast
Men's Softball Team
Mixed Softball Team
New Deacons
Nursery Workshop
Pantry Items
Parenting Class
Parents Of The Youth (POTY)
PBC Summer Camping
Pumpkin Pickin Party
Sack the Pulpit
Secret Sisters
Shepherding Groups

Shoeboxes For Honduras
"Single Again" Support
S.E. Children's Home Support
Speaker – Willie Costas
Speaker – David Heffington
Speaker – Ronnie Morgan
Speaker – Bob Lawrence
Sunday Evening Youth Service
Super Sack Sunday
Thanksgiving Dinner
Trunk Or Treat
Vacation Bible School
Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Wedding Showers
Wednesday Dinners
World Christian Broadcasting
Youth Appreciation Week
Youth Camping Trip
Youth Devotionals
Youth Leadership Retreat
Youth Lock-In
Youth Retreat
Youth Ski Trip
Youth Work Days

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2004 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Megan Faulk

Deaths

Clark King

Grace Murphy

Births

Daniel Best

Ethan Michael Turner

New Members

Richard Anders

Ruth Chambers

Bob & Alene Crawford

Ronnie Godfrey

Britni Hudzietz

Matt & Rebecca Isler

Ben & Dany Mikeal

Terry & Donna Short

Oscar & Barbara Smith

Activities

AGAPE Support

August Alive – Sunday Evenings

Area Wide Singing

Asheville Manor

Assembly Services

Aycock's Hayride & Cookout

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Baby Showers

Bible Classes

Blood Drive (Katelyn Clubb)

Blue Ridge Encampment

Bryson City Church Support

Bulletin Board Ministry

Calling Tree

Car Care Ministry

Carolina Men's Fellowship

Children's Church

Children's Valentines

China Mission Support

Christmas Gifts For The Needy

Christmas Parties

Church Bulletins

Church Cookbook

Communion to Shut-ins

Congregational Survey

David Lipscomb – IMPACT

Directories (Pictorial & Pocket)

Eastern European Mission Support

Fifth Sunday Singing

Fifth Wednesday Prayer Mtg

Flood Relief

Food Pantry

Friendship Loaves

Girls Sleepover

Graduate Fellowship

Greeters

Honduras Mission Support

India Support

Infant/Toddler Nursery

Kids For Christ (KFC)

Ladies Advance

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Retreats

Light the Night Walk

Manna Food Bank

Memphis Mission Trip

Men's Leadership Retreat

Men's Prayer Breakfast/Dinner

Men's Softball Team

Ministry Fair

Movie – Gospel Of John

Murphy Church Support

Pantry Items

Parents Of The Youth (POTY)

PBC Summer Camping & Support

Pumpkin Pickin Party

Relay For Life

Rafting Trip

Scrapbook Party

Secret Sisters

Seeing God In My Job

Shepherding Groups

Shoeboxes For Honduras

S.E. Children's Home Support

Spanish Class

Speaker – George Tien

Speaker – Charlie Walton

Speaker – Lynn Camp

Speaker – Cristobal Echavarria

Speaker – Chuck Monan

Speaker – Jim Collins

Speaker – Chris Mauldin

Speaker – Jack Honeycutt

Speaker – Jack Ables

Spiritual Renewal Weekend

Spring Backpack Retreat

Super Sack Sunday

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving Dinner

Trunk Or Treat

Uganda Mission Support

Vacation Bible School

Valentine Dessert Fellowship

Wednesday Dinners

Western Carolina Ladies Day

World Christian Broadcasting

Young Professionals Night Out

Youth Devotionals

Youth Leadership Retreat

Youth Lock-In

Youth Progressive Dinner

Youth Retreat

Youth Ski Trip

Youth Work Days

Winterfest

Women's Bible Study

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Matt Labitzke

Deaths

Edna Eckard
Cliff Turner
Kay Wheeler

Births

Ella Grace Smith
Anna Jewell Elizabeth Thomas

New Members

Paula Bell
Gene Bratcher
Gene & Irma Dampier
Steve Eckel

New Members

Bill & Karen Gunn
JW & Ann Smith
Chris & Kristina Starnes

Marriages

Casey & Britni Anderson
Jon & Lindsey Clark
Steve & Amy Eckel

Activities

AGAPE Support
Asheville Manor
Assembly Services
Baby Showers
Bible Classes
Blue Ridge Encampment
Bryson City Church Support
Bulletin Board Ministry
Calling Tree
Car Care Ministry
Carolina Men's Fellowship
Children's Church
Children's Valentines
China Mission Support
Christmas Gifts For The Needy
Christmas Parties
Church Bulletins
Church Picnic Craggy Gardens
Communion to Shut-ins
David Lipscomb – IMPACT
Directories (Pictorial & Pocket)
Easter Egg Painting
Eastern European Mission Support
Elder – Rodney Buckner
Elder Link Conference
Fifth Sunday Singing
Fifth Wednesday Prayer Mtg
Flood Relief (Katrina, Tsunami)
Food Pantry
Friendship Loaves
Friends & Neighbors Day

Graduate Fellowship
Greeters
Harding Chorus
Hayride & Cookout
Honduras Mission Support
India Support
Infant/Toddler Nursery
Katrina Relief Trip
Kids For Christ (KFC)
Kitchen Upgrade
Ladies Advance
Ladies Night Out
Ladies Prayer Night
Ladies Retreats
Ladies Tea
Leadership Training (LTC)
Manna Food Bank
Memphis Mission Trip
Men's Softball Team
Murphy Church Support
Nutrition Classes
Paintball Outing
Pantry Items
Parents Of The Youth (POTY)
PBC Summer Camping & Support
Pulpit Lessons – Biltmore Men
Sack The Pulpit
Scrapbook Party
Secret Sisters
Shepherding Groups
Six Flags Trip

S. E. Children's Home Support
Spaghetti Luncheon
Spanish Class
Speaker – Jack Honeycutt
Speaker – Andy Baker
Speaker – Doris Clark
Speaker – Matt Goodman
Speaker – Dale Smith
Speaker – Tom Slaughter
Special Collections
Students/Military Away Packages
Thanksgiving Dinner
Trunk Or Treat
Uganda Mission Support
Vacation Bible School
Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Wedding Showers
Wednesday Dinners
World Christian Broadcasting
Young Professionals Night Out
Young Men Worship Leaders
Youth Devotionals
Youth Leadership Retreat
Youth Lock-In
Rafting & Camping Trip
Youth Retreat
Youth Ski Trip
Youth Work Days
Youth Yardsale
Winterfest

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

2006 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Justin St. Aubin
Adam Barnes
Abigail Eckard
Gregory Gosnell
Aaron Jackson

Ladd & Beth Campbell
Hazel Collins
Bonnie, Derek Crane-Turner

Births

Sarah Elizabeth Cain
Molly Marie Clark
Alea Grace Mitchell
Adalyn Elizabeth Starnes

New Members

Micah & Lisa, Alex, Gabby Downing
Ron & Nancy Farley
Ronnie & Courtney Gray

Deaths

Paul Murphy

Betty Helton
Eugene & Vivian McBride

Activities

AGAPE Support
Asheville Manor
Assembly Services
Baby Showers
Bible Classes
Blue Ridge Encampment
Bulletin Board Ministry
Calling Tree
Car Care Ministry
Carolina Men's Fellowship
Children's Church
Children's Valentines
China Mission Support
Christmas Gifts For The Needy
Christmas Mailbox Ministry
Christmas Parties
Church Bulletins
Church Leadership Retreat
Church Picnic Craggy Gardens
Communion to Shut-ins
David Lipscomb – IMPACT
Directories (Pictorial & Pocket)
Eastern European Mission Support
Elder Link Conference
Fifth Sunday Singing
Fifth Wednesday Prayer Mtg
Food Pantry
Friendship Loaves

Game Night
Graduate Fellowship
Greeters
Hayride & Cookout
Honduras Mission Support
Infant/Toddler Nursery
Katrina Relief Trip
Kids for Christ (KFC)
Ladies Night Out
Ladies Prayer Night
Ladies Tea
Leadership Training (LTC)
Light The Night Walk
Manna Food Bank
Memphis Mission Trip
Men's Softball Team
PBC Summer Camping & Support
Preacher Selection Process
Pulpit Lessons – Biltmore Men
Rafting & Camping Trip
Sack The Pulpit
Scrapbook Party
Secret Sisters
S.E. Children's Home Support
Spaghetti Luncheon
Speaker – Tim Bell
Speaker – Keith Anquish
Speaker – Tony Forest

Student/Military Away Packages
Thanksgiving Dinner
Trunk or Treat
Tuesday Night For The Master
Vacation Bible School
Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Wedding Showers
Young Professionals Bible Study
Young Men Worship Leaders
Youth Baking and Caroling
Youth Devotionals
Youth Leadership Retreat
Youth Lock-In
Youth Retreat
Youth Ski Trip
Youth Work Days
Winterfest

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Jessica Brown
Jenna Clark
David Fellows
Gavin Lewis
Tim Moorefield

Births

Gracie Ann Anderson
Huntley Levi Cooper
Laurel Faith Mitchell
Josiah Allen Smith
Gracie Ann Anderson

Deaths

Gene Bratcher

New Members

Mark & Amber, Cecely, Titus Fore
David & Adrienne Goodfred

Tina Grendzinski
Bart & Cara Moffett

Michael & Amy, Anna,
Abigail, Ethan Turner

Activities

AGAPE Support
Asheville Manor
Assembly Services
Baby Showers
Bible Classes
Blue Ridge Encampment
Bulletin Board Ministry
Calling Tree
Car Care Ministry
Carolina Men's Fellowship
Children's Valentines
Christmas Mailbox Ministry
Christmas Parties
Church Bulletins
Clothing Ministry
Communion to Shut-ins
David Lipscomb Chorus
David Lipscomb – IMPACT
Directories (Pocket)
Eastern European Mission Support
Elder Link Conference
Family Day Outings
Food Pantry
Friendship Loaves
Graduate Fellowship
Greeters
Harding Bison Daze
Hayride & Cookout
Honduras Mission Support
Infant/Toddler Nursery

Kids for Christ (KFC)
Ladies Night Out
Ladies Advance
Ladies Tea
Leadership Training (LTC)
Life Groups
Manna Food Bank
Memphis Mission Trip
Men's Basketball Team
Men's Retreat – Camping
Men's Softball Team
Pack The Pulpit
PBC Summer Camping & Support
Pulpit Lessons – Biltmore Men
Rafting & Camping Trip
Sack The Pulpit
Scrapbook Party
Secret Sisters
S.E. Children's Home Support
Shiloh Community Cookbook
Shiloh School Supplies
Spaghetti Luncheon
Speaker – Ken Bolden
Speaker – Andy Connelly
Speaker – Dale Mitchell
Speaker – Billy Mize
Speaker – Tom Slaughter
Students/Military Away Packages
Sunday Afternoon For The Master
Thanksgiving Dinner

Trunk or Treat
Vacation Bible School
Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Young Professionals Bible Study
Youth Baking and Sleepover
Youth Devotionals
Youth Ice Skating
Youth Leadership Retreat
Youth Ski Trip
Youth Work Days
Winterfest

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Dennis Toon
Harrison Keeter
Ashley Trent

Births

Addie Ruth Anderson

Deaths

Merrill Cushen

New Members

Ryan & Sarah Robertson
Jackson & Melanie Dulaney

Max & Jill Harding
Jeanitta Williams

Eric & Emilie Ogren
Jacob, Jackson

Activities

AGAPE Support
Asheville Manor Devotionals
Assembly Services
Baby Showers
Bible Classes
Blanket Drive
Blood Drive
Blue Ridge Encampment
Bulletin Board Ministry
Card Showers
Children's Valentines
Christmas Mailbox Ministry
Christmas Parties
Church Bulletins
Community Cookout
David Lipscomb – IMPACT
Directory Update
Eastern European Mission Support
Egg Hunt – Kids For Christ
Empty Nester Events
Family Day Outings
Fall Festival
Food Pantry
Friendship Loaves
Graduate Fellowship
Greeters
Hospice Gift Wrapping
Infant/Toddler Nursery
Kenya Mission Trip Planning

Kids For Christ (KFC)
Knowledge Seekers
Ladies Night Out
Ladies Advance
Ladies Lock In
Ladies Tea
Leadership Training (LTC)
Life Groups
Lifeline Screening
Manna Food Bank
Memphis Mission Trip
Pack The Pulpit
PBC Summer Camping & Support
Pulpit Lessons – Biltmore Men
Rafting & Camping Trip
Secret Sisters
S.E. Children's Home Support
Spaghetti Luncheon
Speaker – Hamilton Archibald
Speaker – Clifton Ganus
Speaker – Joe Hall
Speaker – Terron Talley
Terron Talley Support
Trunk Or Treat
Vacation Bible School
Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Veteran's Meal Prep/Serve
Year In Review
Youth Baking and Sleepover

Youth Devotionals
Youth Lock In
Youth Work Days
Wedding Showers
Wednesday Night Workouts
Winterfest
5th Sunday Potluck Meals

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Bailey Beeman	Trace Cooper
Abhi Beghal	David Delk
Aaron Clackler	Jackson Ogren
Ben Cooper	Bob Taylor

Births

Micah Goodfred
Joey Hesson
Luke Johnson

New Members

Arford – Sean & Shelley; Joshua, Jacob	Beeman – Steve & Tonya; Bailey, Peyton, Keller
Beghal – Abhi & Emma	Clackler – Aaron
Davis – Hank & Pat	Hesson - Ricky & Katie
Morgan – LaMar & Jazen	Pilot – Jodi
Reucker – Calvin & Manta; Emil, Agness, Bob, Luke	
Sanders – Jeffrey & Jade; Mirabell, Ephraim	
Taylor - Bob	

Activities

ABCCM Coat Drive	Family Retreat	Speaker – Jack Honeycutt
AGAPE Support	Food Pantry	Speaker – Dale Mitchell
Assembly Services	Graduate Fellowship	Speaker – Ken Chaffin
Baby Showers	Greeters	Speaker – MITS Team
Benevolence Outreach	Infant/Toddler Nursery	Speaker – Terron Talley
Bible Classes	Kenya Fund Raisers	Terron Talley Support
Blanket Drive	Kenya Mission Trip	Trunk or Treat
Bulletin Board Ministry	Kids For Christ (KFC)	Vacation Bible School
Children's Valentines	Knowledge Seekers	Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Christmas Mailbox Ministry	Ladies Night Out	Veteran's Meal Prep/Serve
Christmas Parties	Ladies Ornament Exchange	Year In Review
Church Bulletins	Ladies Service Groups	Youth Devotionals
Community Cookout	Ladies Lock In	Youth Lock In
David Lipscomb – IMPACT	Ladies Tea	Youth Work Days
Directory Update	Leadership Training (LTC)	Wedding Showers
Dysartsville Support	Life Groups	Wednesday Night Service Groups
Eastern European Mission Support	Memphis Mission Trip	Winterfest
Egg Hunt – Kids For Christ	New Member Luncheons	5 th Sunday Potluck Meals
Emma Elementary School Support	PBC Summer Camping & Support	
Empty Nester Events	Pulpit Lessons – Biltmore Men	
Family Communication Meeting	S.E. Children's Home Support	
Family Day Outings	Sign Language Classes	
Family Fun Day	Sister 2 Sister	
Fall Festival	Spaghetti Luncheon	

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms

Agnes Reucker	Madison Buckner
Peyton Beeman	Bryson Hensley
Karen Moreau	Jacob Willoughby

Births

Eve Campbell
Leo Gentilcore
Tobie Anderson

New Members

Newberry – Alan, Angela, Adilynn, Kinley	Beauchene – Fred, Donita
Ackerman – John, Cindy	Buckner – Ryan, Sherri, Madison, Chase
Thomas - Jessica	Moreau - Karen
Lunsford – Elliott, Amy, Jacob, Jonathan	Willoughby - Jacob
Wynne – Joel, Abbey, Joey, Bethany, Jacob	

Activities

AGAPE Support	Ladies Night Out
Assembly Services	Ladies Ornament Exchange
Baby Showers	Ladies Service Groups
Benevolence Outreach	Ladies Tea
Bible Classes	Leadership Training (LTC)
Blood Drive	Life Groups
Bulletin Board Ministry	Life Screening
Candler Support	Memphis Mission Trip
Children's Valentines	New Associate Minister
Christmas Mailbox Ministry	New Deacons
Christmas Parties	New Elder
Church Bulletins	PBC Summer Camping & Support
Community Cookout	Pulpit Lessons – Biltmore Men
Community School Supplies	S.E. Children's Home Support
David Lipscomb – IMPACT	Speaker – Dan Dozier
Dysartsville Support	Speaker – Steve Gober
Eastern European Mission Support	Steadfast House Meals Prepare/Serve
Emma Elementary School Support	Terron Talley Support
Empty Nester Events	Trunk Or Treat
Family Communication Meeting	Vacation Bible School
Family Fun Day	Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Fall Hayride	Year In Review
Flood Victim Relief	Youth Campout
Gatlingburg Fire Relief	Youth Devotionals
Graduate Fellowship	Youth Interns
Greeters	Youth Lock In
Infant/Toddler Nursery	Youth Work Days
Kenya Fund Raisers	Wedding Showers
Kenya Mission Trip	Wednesday Night Service Groups
Kids For Christ (KFC)	Winterfest
Knowledge Seekers	Women's Prayer Time
Ladies Mystery Dinner	5 th Sunday Potluck Meals

BILTMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

New Members

Barron – Chad, Justine, Mallory, Colby
Clubb – Tim, Lisa, Katelyn, Brady
Jackson – Barry
Terry – Dan, Wendy, Jack, Sam

Deaths

Criss Carter

Activities

AGAPE Support	Graduate Fellowship	Terron Talley Support
Ark Encounter Trip	Greeters	Trunk Or Treat
Assembly Services	Infant/Toddler Nursery	Valentine Dessert Fellowship
Baby Showers	Knowledge Seekers	VA Hospital Christmas Visit
Benevolence Outreach	Ladies Night Out	Year In Review
Bible Bowl Competition	Ladies Service Groups	Youth Devotionals
Bible Classes	Ladies Day Hosting	Youth Interns
Blood Drive	Leadership Training (LTC)	Youth Lake Trip
Bulletin Board Ministry	LTC Competition	Youth Lock In
Candler Support	LTC Awards Cookout	Youth Work Days
Carowinds Outing	Life Groups	Wednesday Night Service Groups
Children's Valentines	Life Screening	Winterfest
Christmas Mailbox Ministry	Meal Train	5 th Sunday Potluck Meals
Christmas Parties	Memphis Mission Trip	
Church Bulletins	Minister Search Committee	
Church Directory	Movie Night	
Cleanup Day	Neighborhood Blessing Box	
Community School Supplies	PBC Summer Camping & Support	
David Lipscomb – IMPACT	Pulpit Lessons – Biltmore Men	
Dysartsville Support	S.E. Children's Home Support	
Eastern European Mission Support	School Supplies	
Emma Elementary School Support	Speaker – Bill Colwell	
Family Communication Meeting	Speaker – Terron Talley	
Family Fun Day	Speaker – Zach Abney	
Fianance Committee	Speaker – Dan Winkler	
Flood Victim Relief	Speaker – Joe Hall	
Gatlingburg Fire Relief	Steadfast House Meals Prepare/Serve	
Golf Outing	State Of The Church - Elders	