

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

DEACONS: Gene Nixon & Waldo Winslow
BUS DRIVER: Tommy Bass (482-1099)
BUS RIDER: Gene Nixon
CHILDREN'S SERMON: David Brooks
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Joy Harvill
AUDIO OPERATOR: Bob Partin
VIDEO OPERATORS: Allen & Claire Mills
YOUTH SUPPER: David & Ann Buchanan



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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015

NO. 17

 **Weekly Report** (4/19)

Offering

Budget Needed	10,349.15
Amt. Received	13,997.80
Over Budget	3,648.65

Other Monies Received

Supper	329.00
Memorial Fund	645.00
Albe. Preg. Resource	54.14
CWJC	100.00
Interest	5.77
Reimbursements	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	1,633.91

Attendance


Sunday School	121
Chowan River Nursing	<u>38</u>
SS TOTAL	159
Worship TOTAL	227

YTD Offerings (16 weeks)

Amt. Required	165,586.40
Amt. Received	154,287.58
Under Budget	(11,298.82)

HOSPITAL REPORT (4/22)

Vidant Medical Center
 Wallace Evans



If you are only using a cell phone and have dropped your land line, we need to know! Remember to call the church office whenever any of your contact information changes.

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Mother's Day ~ May 10

Contact the church office, or Sherry Dowd, to participate. This ceremony is also open to any child who was not dedicated as an infant.

YOUTH NEWS

We will be on regular schedule for youth this Sunday with supper at 5:30pm and Bible study from 6:00 - 7:00pm. Be here and bring a friend!

On Sunday, May 3 at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall there will be a Parent Session on The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers. Youth may come with you and hang out in the youth room or gym until HOLLA starts. This will be a great time for discussion and learning together!

Registration is open for summer trips! Sign up with Kelly for Beach Camp (June 14-19) and Mission Trip (July 11-18) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit (\$50 for one trip, \$100 for both). The deadline for Beach Camp sign-up is Thursday, May 14. Money that is on student account from fundraisers can be used for deposits, just email Kelly. If you do not have money on account, you can leave a check in the church office.

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:


 pork n' beans


 spaghetti

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am

"The Good Shepherd"

John 10:11-18



LECTIONARY READINGS

APRIL 26, 2015
 4th Sun. of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
 Psalm 23
 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10:11-18



MAY 3, 2015
 5th Sun. of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 22:25-31
 1 John:4:7-21
 John 15:1-8

Calendar of Activities

Sunday, April 26

8:30-Baptist Men's Breakfast
9:45-Sunday School
10:45-Pastor/Deacon Prayer
11:00-Morning Worship
1:30-Finance/Music Committee
5:30-Youth Supper
6:00-Youth HOLLA

Monday, April 27

2:00-Helen Hughes Group,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 28

5:30-Supper
6:00-Children's Choirs
6:30-Church Conference
6:45-Children's Missions
7:30-Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, April 29

10:30-Bookbag Buddies

Parents of
College
Graduates

Please call the church office
with degree information.

CHURCH PICNIC on Sunday, May 17

Home of Jimmy & Karen Fleetwood

Our hosts will graciously provide their delicious BBQ chicken for everyone, and our social committee will provide beverages.. All others are asked to bring side dishes of vegetables, breads, or desserts. The fun begins at 1:00pm.

Birthdays

Sunday, April 26

Hattie Byrum
Avery Thatcher
Keith Warren

Monday, April 27

Dennis McIntire
Tim Phelps
Charlotte L. Small
Aleta Smith

Tuesday, April 28

Dan Brooks
Garrett Stanley
Hannah White

Wednesday, April 29

Caroline Brooks

Thursday, April 30

Sherry Dowd
Daniel Smith

Friday, May 1

Ben Rinehart, Jr.

Saturday, May 2

Sally Blount
Diane Deems
Edna Shaw
J. P. Timberlake
Katelyn Warren

Anniversaries

Thursday, April 30

M/M Herman Bond
M/M Robbie Laughton



Mr. Jim Dail

by: M/M Jimmy Fleetwood

Mr. Doug Cale

by: M/M Jimmy Fleetwood

Mr. Fred Keeter

by: M/M Jimmy Fleetwood

Mr. Ronnie Sawyer

by: M/M Jimmy Fleetwood

Mr. John Floars

by: John & Penelope Robbins

Mr. West Byrum, Jr.

by: Dallas & Donna Stallings
M/M Jimmy Fleetwood
M/M B. Franklin Shaw
M/M Ernest Knighton
Kent & Jennifer Stephenson
Laura Hutchison
M/M J.P. Timberlake

Miss Jean Linebarger

by: M/M Leonard Small, Jr.
M/M J.P. Timberlake
M/M Pete Dail
Robert L. Bunch, Jr.
M/M Tom Bass
M/M J.M. Parrish
M/M Sam Moore
Wanda Henson
Lucy Edmundson
Nelda Lee
Sunshine Bible Class
M/M Clyde Adams
Mary Barrow
Ruth Bass
M/M Steve Brown
Hattie Byrum
M/M James Ellis
M/M Leo Lavoie
Charlotte L. Small
Richard Elliott
M/M Tim Phelps

Expressions of Thanks

The following wish to express their sincere appreciation to members of our church for the many acts of kindness and prayers rendered in their behalf:

-Jean Perry

-Family of Eva M. Forehand

-Mr. & Mrs. Orvin Rud

-Susan Bass

-Patricia Timberlake

-Catherine Jackson

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27-31

SHUT-INS of the Week

Joe & Kenny Griffin
Litchford Falls Nursing Care
8200 Litchford Road
Raleigh, NC 27615

STUDENT of the Week

Garrett Stanley
Western Carolina University
245 Memorial Drive
Suite 9480
Cullowhee, NC 28723

From the Pastor

To be a Christian is to pray. I doubt any of us would say that we pray too much. Instead, most of us have a desire to grow in prayer. One of the obstacles of intentional prayer, of course, is distraction. A neighbor cranks up his leaf blower about a minute into the quiet moments we have set aside for prayer. The phone rings. The baby wakes up and is hungry. The UPS truck shows up. Or maybe the distraction is not something outside of us but from within. A million thoughts and cares are swirling around in our heads and it is hard to block them out so that we can concentrate on communing and communicating with God. Here are a few suggestions for dealing with those distractions:

1. Do your very best to reduce the likelihood of external distractions. Tell your family that you need these ten or fifteen or thirty minutes alone and free from interruption so that you can genuinely pray. Leave any and all electronic devices in another room. Let the phone calls go to voicemail. Do what it takes to carve out a distraction-free time and space where you can pray. Preparation for prayer is half the struggle against the distractions.
2. To deal with those inner distractions, I suggest that you always have a notepad and a pen with you when you sit down or kneel to pray. Whenever something enters your mind—*call the exterminator, get a birthday gift for dad, email the teacher, schedule the meeting*—write it down. Let that notepad be like fly-paper that catches your inner distractions and relegates them to a pile that you can take care of later. Then you can be freer to focus on the presence of God with you as you pray.
3. Finally, from time to time, let the distractions that come to you in prayer be the subject of your prayers. Maybe those distractions are a means by which God is seeking to communicate with you. Pray for the UPS man, the noisy neighbor, the crying baby. Follow those inner distractions and see where God leads you as you pray about them.

No one is an expert in prayer. We are all beginners, and we are all prone to distractions as we pray. But God is patient. God understands. And God is there waiting for us to pray, to listen, to commune with him whenever we take the time to say, "Here I am, Lord. Speak, for I am listening."

Grace and peace,
David