

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, June 28

7:45AM Staff Meeting  
9:00AM Youth Choir  
9:30AM Morrow Mountain Ministry  
9:45AM Sunday School  
11:00AM Worship  
5:00PM Youth

### MONDAY, June 29

8:30AM Water Week Day Camp

### TUESDAY, June 30

8:30AM Water Week Day Camp

### WEDNESDAY, July 1

8:30AM Water Week Day Camp

### THURSDAY, July 2

8:30AM Water Week Day Camp  
7:30PM Youth Summer Bible Study

### FRIDAY, July 3 FBC OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday School Attendance 06/21	141
Worship Attendance 06/21	182
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts 05/31	\$12,676.00
YTD Budget Receipts 05/31	\$222,491.01
YTD Expenses thru 05/31	\$206,598.47

### FBC DAY CAMP

It is not too late to register for Children's Day Camp! Some of the dates have shifted so make sure you have the details! Days Camps are open to all rising 1<sup>st</sup>-rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and will be held from 8:30-4:30.

- **Under The Sea Week (June 29-July 2, Cost: \$60)**  
Field Trips: Morrow Mountain pool, paddle boating at Dan Nicholas Park, Sea Life Aquarium
- **Adventure Week (July 6-10, Cost: \$75)**  
Field Trips: hiking at Morrow Mountain, Charlotte Nature Museum, adventuring around Dan Nicholas Park, Discovery Kids Museum

For more information, or if you have any questions, please call Brittan Coats (Summer Intern) at [919-757-3578](tel:919-757-3578) or email [brittancoats@gmail.com](mailto:brittancoats@gmail.com).

## JOY TRIP

Wednesday, July 29, 2015: Tree House Restaurant/Badin  
Leave church at 4:45PM. Cost: no charge except for meal.

## MORROW MOUNTAIN MINISTRY

Morrow Mountain Ministry team for June 27-28:

Chairman: Amy Peterson  
Speaker: Catherine Peele  
Sound: Brian Jones

Materials and equipment may be picked up in the FBC office before 2:00PM on Friday.

## MISSION TRIP TO ASHEVILLE

The church-wide mission trip to Asheville is just around the corner! (July 12-18, cost: \$175) If you have not registered but would like to go, please let Andy know as soon as possible. The schedule, packing list and final details of our projects will be sent to all participants in the next week. The final balance is due before going on the mission trip.

SCCM monthly need for July is peanut butter and jelly.

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*Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.*

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# Sundays in July

## Sunday School – 8:45AM

## Worship – 10:00AM

Casual dress is encouraged.

## **From the Desk of Andy Jung...**

Several weeks ago, the Pew Research Center released the latest findings on religious preferences in our country. Here are five highlights of the report:

- Christians are declining, both as a share of the U.S. population and in total number.
- Within Christianity, the biggest declines have been in the mainline Protestant tradition and among Catholics.
- The decline of Christians in the U.S. has corresponded with the continued rise in the share of Americans with no religious affiliation (religious “nones”).
- The rise of the “nones” have occurred in some form across many demographics groups, including men and women, older and younger Americans, and people with different levels of education and difference races and ethnicities.
- The share of Americans who identify with non-Christian faiths, such as Islam and Hinduism, has grown modestly from 4.7% to 5.9% since 2007.

Much has been written about the findings since the release of the report and many have had different reactions. Some have pushed the panic button. They bemoan the decline of Christianity and have chastised the government and our society for turning their backs on God. Others have put up the white flag and have given up.

I take a different perspective on the Pew Research Report. I actually find the research encouraging and exciting. This is an opportunity rather than a problem. The rise of the “nones” (from 16.1% to 22.8% since 2007) is alarming and it presents challenges to be certain. However, this is an opportunity to reach people with the true message of the Gospel rather than having to “re-teach” those who have been filled with guilt and shame with misinformation. The “nones” present the Church a blank canvas to paint the proper picture of Christ and his salvation.

We, as the global Church and as the local body of  
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Christ, have an opportunity. Christians can either choose to continue to do the same things as we have done in the past and expect different results (definition of insanity) or we can courageously meet the challenge in the world with ingenuity and faith. I choose to do the latter and I look forward to how God will lead our church to impact our community and our world for the kingdom!

See you on Sunday! Andy

### **Deacon of the Week**

**Lois Hinson          June 28– July 4**

## **Our Church Family**

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Hilda Woodruff, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Louise Poplin

### **PRAYER LIST**

Horace C. Owens, Dr. Bill Hatley, David Sanges, Lois Greene, Lu Phelps, Gene Moose, Larry Noland, J.C. Boone, Doug Coley, Brendan Hearne, Harold Brewer, Geraldine Springer, Lucy Johnson

### **MEMORIALS**

#### **General Fund**

Joann Morton by Stanly County Clerk of Superior Court

Betty Zimmerman by M/M Eddie Dixon and

the David Bird Family

Ellen Parker by Agnes Blalock

#### **Music Fund**

Joann Morton by Steve & Marlene Seltzer

#### **Building Fund**

Betty Zimmerman by Ben & Gwen Treece

## **SYMPATHY**

Christian love and sympathy to Joni Fallaw, Melisa Lyles, and family in the passing of their father, Joe Bates.

### **\*\*\*\* Upcoming Youth Schedule: \*\*\*\***

June 28 – Youth 5:00PM

July 05 – No Youth (July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday)

July 12 – No Youth (FBC Mission Trip)

## **YOUTH**

Greeting from the youth department! This week’s devotion comes from Luke 18:9-14. This is the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Jesus told the parable to people who felt that they were above others because of their religious practices. I believe that this is one of the biggest mistakes we as Christians still make. We unfortunately are able to see the sins of others much more easily than those in our own life. This leads us down the path of self-righteous judgment. In the parable Jesus suggests that we are to be humbled before God, recognizing our own shortcomings instead of lifting ourselves up to look down on those around us.

Consider your attitudes towards others. Are you more like the Pharisee or the tax collector? Remember that all that you are and all that you have are gifts from God. Always be thankful for these gifts, and pray that God will help you to always remain humble. This will allow you more effectively show God’s love to the world.

Have a blessed week. Michael



Serving God By Serving Others