

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 31

9:30AM Morrow Mountain Ministry
 9:45AM Sunday School
 11:00AM Worship
 2:30PM Youth at Woodrun Pool

MONDAY, August 1 – FRIDAY, August 5

Grade School Cooking Camp

MONDAY, August 1

6:15PM WMU Group 2 – Taylor House

TUESDAY, August 2

12:00PM JOY Lunch
 5:30AM Nominating Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 3

6:00PM Personnel Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, August 4

6:00PM Pastor Relations Committee Meeting

MEMORIALS

General Fund

C.B. Crook, Jr. by M/M Don Brummitt

Eleanor Knotts by M/M Don Brummitt

Leroy Newton by M/M Don Brummitt

Morrow Mountain Ministry

July 30 and July 31

Chairman: Jamie Kimrey

Speaker: Ed Thomas

Sound: Danny Smith

Sunday School Attendance 07/24	128
Worship Attendance 07/24	158
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,144.04
Budget Receipts 07/17	\$8,534.00
YTD Budget Receipts 06/30	\$276,746.66
YTD Expenses thru 06/30	\$280,744.33
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 07-17)	\$181,715.05
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 28, 29, 30 (Monday-Wednesday)

Trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

SCCM need for July is Canned Vegetables.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

July 31 – 2:30PM Youth - Woodrun Pool

Christmas in August –

Operation Christmas Child- Shoe Boxes

Let's do something different. Let's shop for shoe box items in August while many are on sale. We would like to pack boxes for 10-14 yr old children only and pray those receiving these boxes will join the Bible study and come to accept Jesus as their Savior. We will collect items during August and then have a church wide packing party in Sept. Boys will receive a soccer ball with pump. We will be making pillowcase dresses for the girls (more info on that soon). We will then need: school supplies, sun glasses, flip fops, small cars, stuffed animals, toys, candy, etc. Cash will also be appreciated for those items that we will buy in bulk on line. Cash can be given in your Sunday Class or at the church office. Our goal is 350 boxes. Please help.

COMMUNITY INN FUNDRAISER

Community Inn BBQ Fundraiser on Friday, August 19. Un-iced, un-cut pound cakes are needed. If you can help, sign up in the church office. They will be picked-up (or delivered) to West Albemarle Baptist Church on August.

Card Shower for Alyssa Queen

The last Sunday for our summer intern, Alyssa Queen, will be Sunday, August 14. She will return to Pfeiffer University for her sophomore year. She has successfully led three weeks of kid's day camps and is assisting with the cooking camps. She has also worked with our students, led in worship and helped with other projects around the church. If you would like to show your appreciation for her ministry with us, a basket will be available in the office during the week and outside the sanctuary (August 7 and 14) for you to drop off a card and/or love offering.

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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COOKING CAMPS

July 25 – August 12

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

In a recent blog post, Brad Griffin gave some wise suggestions on how to deal with all of the tragedies that are occurring around the world. Though the post was directed toward student ministers leading teenagers to process the terrible news that we seem to hear on a daily basis, I believe it is pertinent for disciples of all ages. (To read the full text: <https://fulleryouthinstitute.org/blog/process-tragedy-with-teenagers>)

First, we need to acknowledge the terror and anger that result from the tragedies and direct them toward God. Griffin writes: “Common spiritual reactions to tragedy include anger at God, questioning God, and struggling to trust God. The most appropriate response to these kinds of reactions is to lament. Lament is a God-given tool to pray and worship our way through pain and tragedy. While uncomfortable and sometimes awkward to read, the psalms of lament (there are over 65 of them) in the Bible give us language for crying out to God in ways we might not normally find acceptable. That’s exactly why they’re preserved for us.” We should cry out to God and ask the tough questions.

Second, we need to stop and listen to the voices that are not like our own. Griffin writes: “After Michael Brown’s death in Ferguson, Missouri, two summers ago, African American pastor Bryan Loritts wrote, “We will never experience true Christian unity when one ethnicity demands of another that we keep silent about our pain and travails. The way forward is not an appeal to the facts as a first resort, but the attempt to get inside each other’s skin as best as we can to feel what they feel, and understand it.” In other words, we cannot hope to understand or have empathy until we stop to listen.” We need to find ways to carefully listen to others with an open heart and with every ounce of empathy we can muster.

Finally, Griffin points out that our credibility is determined by the places we will and won’t go. “We can prove ourselves competent by our skills, but *other* people determine our credibility as witnesses of Christ in the world. Our “with-ness” with others who are different gives us credibility to be witnesses for God.” We must develop
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relationships with those who are different from us. Without relationships, everything else is just rhetoric.

In our community, the clergy from across the denominations and ethnicities are beginning conversations that will hopefully lead to bringing people together and helping us to better relate with one another. Be praying that God will unite the people of our community.

This Sunday, Alyssa Queen, our summer intern, will proclaim the message in worship. I look forward to a wonderful time of encountering our Lord. See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week

J. C. Boone July 31 – August 6

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Frances Newton, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Carl Bowen, Mary Whitley, David & Sandy Young, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Ethel Still

PRAYER LIST

Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sue Hunsucker, Buck Hill, Jackie Harward, Linda Hall, Don Brummitt, Kelly Nelson, Brian Dixon, Jim Mauney, Bear Knotts, Sid Linker

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Paul and Karen Hinkle in the passing of his mother, Kathryn Hinkle.

Pfeiffer Freshman Move-In

Over 250 freshman students will be moving into Pfeiffer University on Friday, August 12 from 8am-1pm. We would like to show our hospitality by helping anxious students and families move into their new dorm rooms. If you would like to help, please sign up in the church office. There will be two shifts (8:00-10:30 or 10:30-1:00 or both) available. Let's show God's love to these new students!

Peru Mission Trip: We already have 20 who are committed to next summer's mission trip to Cusco, Peru (July 6-15) and
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others who have expressed interest. If you would like to go, the registration deadline has been extended to August 14. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please see Andy if you have any questions.

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

It’s hard to believe that I have now been the associate pastor here at FBC for a year. As I reflect on the past year, I have come to realize a couple of things. First, I have truly enjoyed answering God’s call to serve. I can’t begin to explain how exciting, demanding, and humbling it has been to be a minister. Second, I have realized how much I still have to learn. During my time, I have made plenty of mistakes. Many of these I have recognized, but I am sure that there are many more that I have not. The gift of grace is a wonderful thing that I have seen manifested again and again.

This brings me to our family sticky note for this week. Although we all make mistakes in our lives, often falling short of where we would like to be, there is hope provided in the grace that has been extended to us and that we are called to extend to others. This grace is especially important for young Christians to understand.

In her book *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family*, Kara Powell discusses how important it is for us as parents to remind our children of this grace. She suggests the following six-word phrase should become a mantra in every family. **“Jesus is bigger than any mistake.”**

It is important that we not only say it, but that we truly believe that Jesus is big enough to “handle everything that we feel, and all your mistakes and flaws.” She says, “Jesus can handle our smallest accidental mistakes as well as our greatest intentional sins. If Jesus can’t handle your kid’s partying, we need a new Jesus. If Jesus can’t handle your kids rebellion, we need a new Jesus.” But here’s the thing, He can handle it. He has already. “He is our Savior **because he can handle our sins and struggles**, and so much more.

This is a concept that is often tough to remember in our daily life, but one that sticky faith research suggests is crucial to the development in long term faith in our young people.

Sticky Note

Try using the phrase, “Jesus is bigger than any mistake” when dealing with issues this week. That includes the times when you feel that you have fallen short as a parent. Remember, Christ is there with grace no matter what.