

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 16

9:30AM Morrow Mountain Ministry
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship

MONDAY, July 17 – FRIDAY, July 21

8:30AM Children's Day Camp – Camp-The Musical

SATURDAY, July 22

6:00PM NC Baptist All-State Youth Choir Concert

SUNDAY, July 23

9:30AM Morrow Mountain Ministry
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship
3:00PM Reception for Furr Family

Sunday School Attendance 07/02	126
07/09	148
Worship Attendance 07/2	160
07/09	128
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 06/25	\$8,433.67
07/02	\$13,020.00
YTD Budget Receipts 06/30	\$273,884.44
YTD Expenses thru 06/30	\$279,431.49
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 7/02)	\$241,480.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Bart Burpeau by M/M Bob Sweet

Betty Russell by Don Bennett

David Horton, Jr. by Marlene & Steve Seltzer

David Horton, Jr. by Terry & Karen Davis

Peru Mission Report Sunday, July 30 at 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to hear how God moved in the lives of the Peruvian people and in the lives of the mission team member. We will also enjoy a homemade ice cream social following the report.

MORROW MOUNTAIN MINISTRY

July 15-July 16

Chairman: Chad Coble
Speaker: John Sullivan
Sound: Owen Squires

SCCM need for July is staple goods (flour, sugar, vegetable oil, broth, cooking spray, etc).

SCCM donation for June was 27 pounds.

Our Church Family

PRAYER LIST

Steve Sasser, Sue Hunsucker, Linda Hall, AnDe Dick, Jane Pendergraft, Sylvia Scholl, Diane Huneycutt Powell, Teresa Patton, Kip Medlin, Mary Sullivan, Peggy Richardson, Christina Harris, Wilbert Deese, Julie Crumpler, Aubrey Radford, Nita Bayles, Geraldine Springer, Joanna Morgan, Bonnie Herring

CONTINUAL CARE

Mildred Archer, Mildred Cooper, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Frances Newton, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Herman Faulkner, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Carl Bowen, David & Sandy Young, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Pete Johnson, Peggy Hill, Frank Crisco, Don Bennett, Carol Brummitt, Rachel Chandler, Jim Mauney, Agnes Blalock, John & Bonnie Herring, Raynell Cooke, Bear Knotts, Patsy Turbeville, Bobbie Jean Coggin, Sid Linker, Jack Phillips

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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NC Baptist All-State Youth Choir 2017 presents



SATURDAY
JULY 22 free concert
6:00PM

First Baptist Church
202 N. 2nd St., Albemarle

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

As you all know, Rev. Michael Furr has accepted the call to be the Associate Pastor at First Baptist of Boone beginning August 1. Michael's last Sunday at our church will be July 23 and a reception to honor him and his family will be held that afternoon from 3:00-4:30 in the fellowship hall.

In preparation for the transition, the Personnel Committee has put together a great interim plan to keep our ministries moving forward. The Deacons, Children's Committee and the Youth Committee have approved this plan. The Personnel Committee has created three positions to bridge the gap until a new Associate Pastor is called.

The first position is the Interim Director of Youth. This position will be filled by Alyssa Queen, our last year's summer intern. She is a junior at Pfeiffer University and is exploring her call into ministry. This position is for approximately 20 hours a week. Her primary responsibilities are programming for Sundays and Wednesday for middle and high school students. In addition to the weekly ministries, Alyssa will make plans for the Youth Fall Retreat and other special events throughout the fall. Furthermore, she will also focus on connecting with students outside of church by attending ball games and other activities as time allows.

The second position is the Interim Director of Children. Christy Brown will fill this 12 hours per week position. Her primary role will be to lead the volunteer teachers in our children's ministry and to care for our families with children. Christy has been a mainstay in our children's ministry over the past two years and has a great understanding of the inner workings. Along with the Children's Committee, she will provide leadership to ensure we keep the momentum going forward in our ministry to children and families.

The final position is the Children's Ministry Intern. This position will primarily support the Interim Director of Children and fill in some teaching areas with children where we currently have some holes. This position is expected to be approximately 8 hours per week. This position will be filled as soon as possible.

Per our church's by-laws, the deacon chair (John Sullivan), the WMU director (Ruth Cain), the Nominating Committee chair (Alison Plyler) and I were charged to select five people to serve on the search committee for our new Associate Pastor of Family Ministries. These five people have agreed to serve on the search committee and have been approved by the deacons. These committee members will be voted on by the congregation at the end of the worship service on July 23: Eston West (chair), Jamie Kimrey, Pamela Sullivan, Lee Allen and Krista McGuire.

Continue to pray for our Peru mission team as we serve alongside the Peruvians this week. Our team will return to Albemarle this Friday afternoon and will lead the worship service this Sunday. I look forward to sharing some of the life-changing stories from our mission trip. See you on Sunday!

Deacon of the Week

Tony Oettinger

July 9 – July 15

Bruce Myers

July 16 – July 22

Upcoming Events

Send Off Reception for Michael Furr & Family

A special reception will be held on Sunday, July 23 from 3:00-4:30 for Rev. Michael Furr and family in the fellowship hall as they embark on a new journey at First Baptist Church Boone. A basket will be available in the church office in July for anyone who would like to show their love and support for the Furr family. Special presentations will be made during the reception. Please make plans to attend!

General Announcements

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who brought in material and ribbon for the pillowcase dresses and for those that sewed them. We have received all the material and ribbon we needed to make 225 dresses. Wow, that is impressive! We will continue to accept material ALL year as we get ready for next year! Walmart has their school supplies on sale so that means it is time to start shopping for items to fill those boxes. Markers are on sale for .50 which is a great (continued)

deal. Other items that would be good are: school supplies such as pencils, blue and red pens, colored pencils, markers, flip flops (children's sizes) solar calculators, dolls, trucks, wash cloths and soap and anything else you think a child would love. No candy or toothpaste this year. We already have erasers and pencil sharpeners. Please help us shop.

Family Ministry News

As I prepare to leave for our Peru Mission trip my mind was drawn to an excerpt from C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. In this writing, Lewis spotlights one of the biggest stumbling blocks for Christians. This hurdle is the search for moral perfection. What we call "being good", Lewis asserts, can only end in one of two ways. We will either fail and give up or live a very unhappy life. Lewis puts it this way, "In the end, you will either give up trying to be good, or else become one of those people who, as they say, "live for others" but always in a discontented, grumbling way- always wondering why others do not notice it more and always making a martyr of yourself."

It is here in the ideas expressed by Lewis that we find one of the foundational problems with the way we present our faith. This notion of moral perfection is one that many Christians hold and therefore transmitted during our evangelism. Dallas Willard calls it the Gospel of sin management. It is the idea that we can somehow improve our standing with God by acting in a certain way. We create a checklist of things that make us a good Christian and or a bad one. The problem is, we will always fall short. Unfortunately, for many young Christians, giving up trying has been the pathway of choice. They walk away from faith without never really understanding the relationship that God wants to share with us, many never return. If we truly want to pass a lifelong faith to those we come into contact with, we must begin with the recognition that our relationship with Christ is based on unconditional love. His love was so strong that he came and sacrificed his life for us. Not just those who are "being good", but all of us. It is a gospel of grace, not sin management. Christ wants us in a relationship with him where there are no qualifiers. I like the way Lewis puts it, Christ says, "Give me all. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You." I hope you have a great week! Michael