

Flowers, Trees and ... Prayer?

Andrea Knight

In February 2016, **Wrightsboro Baptist** decided to join God where He was already at work, but they had no idea where or how God would lead them.

The church began using Pray4EveryHome.com and thereby praying for their neighbors. For almost nine months, the people prayed and waited to see where God would move. In October, God led the church to do their second Bloom Outreach. About 100 members gathered to simply deliver a flower and information about the church to neighbors in the area.

Stuart Lewis, Minister of Students, and his wife took flowers to the mobile home neighborhood across the street from the church. That day, they discovered a house that a large tree had fallen on during Hurricane Matthew. Stuart and his wife reached out to the residents and soon found ways Wrightsboro Baptist could help. Several church

members volunteered to help rebuild the center section of the modular home. In the process, this family and others living in the community heard the Gospel.



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Wrightsboro is now exploring the needs and the idea to start a new Bible study in Spanish.

“It’s really important for churches to understand that ministry and church demographics change. You can go with God’s plan or stick with your plan. But when churches don’t move with God, they close,” Stuart says. **“I believe it [the new ministry] is a direct result of the Pray for Every Home initiative we began a year and a half ago.** Between that and the principles from Experiencing God, we are trying to figure out what God is wanting to do through us.”

Challenge to Pray? ACCEPTED!

Roy Smith

We are a network of churches partnering to fulfill the Great Commission. A precious part of our network is the opportunity and responsibility to encourage each other and to pray for one another. We have at least two ways to be intentional about praying for one another.

One method of intentionally praying for our pastors is to pray for the pastors and wives listed in this newsletter with birthdays each month. Some are faithful to pray for missionaries on their birthday; why not do the same for those on mission right here in Southeastern NC?

A second method is to pray for a different WBA church each Sunday. We are beginning to list specific churches in “One Anothering” on Page 3 of this monthly newsletter.

We will list a few facts about the church and at least one specific request. So, to get this process started, we ask that you pray for the following: Atkinson May 7th; Barlow Vista May 14th; Bear Branch May 21st and Bethlehem on May 28th.

Of course, we want to continue to pray for our neighbors by praying for 5 families each day through www.Pray4EveryHome.com. If you don’t have access to a computer, contact Andrea at (910) 799-1160 for a list of your neighbors.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The urgent request of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.”

(James 5:16, HCSB)

WMU

Marsha Cook

Just days away from the Annual WBA WMU meeting!

May Day! May Day! May Day!

“The Whole World Is Lost In The Darkness Of Sin...
....The Light of The World Is JESUS”

Monday, May 1 at **FBC Wilmington Activities Center**

This is our mission, why God saved you and me and chose us to be His Messengers.

“... I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.” 1 Cor 9:22b

Teach women and girls to give the “true gift of life;” speak up & speak out - telling friends & neighbors about God’s plan to reconcile all people to Himself.

The WBA WMU Leadership Team Annual Planning will be in July. Got ideas for meetings or suggestions for mission projects? Want to volunteer to host a WBA WMU Event for 2017-18? Join the team! Each event has a planning committee



Baptists on Mission

Mike Moser

Disaster Relief, Black River Rebuild Growing!

Congratulations to all who got certified at the NCBM Disaster Relief Training! All newly certified volunteers should contact any Blue Hat Team Leader, to join a team. Hurricane season is approaching and more volunteers must be ready to serve!



Thank you to our Methodist and Presbyterian friends for \$40,000+ that will help raise the homes of two families. Approximately \$4,000 each is also needed for the new foundations and materials of these two homes. Pray for a church to adopt Fred and Martha plus other families to provide labor and prayer support.

Thank you to the now 600+ volunteers who are helping 12 families get back in their homes. There is a long way to go and more volunteers are needed this summer.

To God be the Glory! He has provided much funding and many supplies! Please pray continually for the Black River Rebuild and for God’s guidance in your role!

VBS 2017 Dates and Locations

Atkinson	June 19-22, evening	Long Leaf	June 26-30, evening
Barlow-Vista	July 9-14, evening	Northside	June 26-30
Burgaw	June 11-14, evening	Olivet	July 23-25, evening
Calvary	June 19-23, morning	Pine Valley	July 10-14, morning
Castle Hayne	June 19-23, evening	Riley’s Creek	July 10-13
Centerville	June 11-16, evening	River Church	July 17-21, morning
College Acres	June 19-23, evening	Scotts Hill	July 17-21
Currie	July 8-15	Silver Lake	June 26-30, evening
FBC Carolina Beach	July 17-20, evening	Temple	July 7-9, 14-16
FBC Wilmington	June and July	Winter Park	June 19-23, morning
Forest Hills	June 26-30, evening	Wrightsboro	June 19-23
Freedom	July 16-20, evening	Wrightsville Beach	July 17-21, morning
Hampstead	June 19-23		
Haw Bluff	July 9-13, evening		
Hope FAN	June 26-30		
Lake Forest	June 18-23, evening		

Don’t see your church listed?

Contact Andrea (andrea@yourwba.org or 799-1160) to let us know your VBS date and time.

Church News

“Church Benefits Conference” at 10 am on Thursday, May 4th at **Temple Baptist**. This will be a very practical and timely discussion on church provided benefits. Each participant will receive the book *The Church Leaders MBA*. Cost is only \$20. Call John Daniels at (910) 899-6724 to register.

Lake Forest Baptist is hosting an Arts & Literature Review on Saturday, May 13 at 6pm. Watch the movie “Heaven Is For Real” and then stay for the discussion. Answer the questions: do we really have free will or is it a mere illusion? And If God is real, why is there so much evil?

Kure Beach First Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a full-time Pastor. Send letter of interest (including salary requirement), resume, references, and CD or DVD of

sermons to: Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 242, Kure Beach, NC, 28449 by May 20.

Celebrate Civil Servant’s Day at **Silver Lake Baptist** on May 28 at 10:30am. Join us to celebrate those who serve and protect the community. A luncheon will be served immediately following the morning worship. Uniforms are welcome and encouraged.

Steve Smith has been called as Pastor of **Sea Gate Baptist**.

Long Leaf Baptist is accepting resumes for a part-time administrative assistant position. Applicants should be able to work Monday – Thursday, 9am-2pm. If interested in applying for this position please email resume to pastor@longleafbaptist.org.



Mission Impact 2017

Support the mission and ministries of the Wilmington Baptist Association through this annual prayer guide and offering.

One Anothering

May 7: Atkinson Baptist

Pastor: Ken Smith

Prayer: An effective outreach with the Bread Ministry on Fridays so people receive bread but also meet Jesus; ask that people would be changed as a result of YouTube video series (<https://www.youtube.com/user/lbcmistry>)

May 14: Barlow Vista Baptist

Pastor: Dr. William Guthrie

Prayer: Community outreach, especially to the new housing area and meet needs; reach the youth

May 21: Bear Branch Baptist

Pastor: Elbert Bradshaw

Prayer: People in the neighborhood will have a desire to come to Bear Branch

May 28: Bethlehem Baptist

Pastor: Mark Garner

Prayer: To be a strong light for Christ in the Black River community; pray that we would get back into the church building; Mark has some health concerns as well.

May Pastors’ Fellowships

Thursday, May 11, 2017

DAYTIME: Noon-1:15pm with Lunch at WBA

(610 S College Road,
Wilmington)

EVENING: 6pm-7:15pm with
Dinner at Burgaw Baptist
(100 E Bridgers St.)



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*RSVP: by Monday, May 8 to 799-1160 or
andrea@yourwba.org*

May Birthdays—Ministers and Spouses

Mary Margaret Brooks	3	FBC Wilmington
Mike Moser	5	WBA Baptist Men
Melinda Daniels	6	FBC Wilmington
Shannon Sauer	13	Riley’s Creek
Steven Thomason	14	FBC Wilmington
Nick Smith	15	Mission, Burgaw
George Potter	20	New Hope
Jane Barth	31	Riley’s Creek

Please send birthdays (month/day) for ministers and spouses to andrea@yourwba.org or call (910) 799-1160.

Financial Report: March 2017

Associational Gifts from Churches

Church	Mar 2017	Mar 2017 YTD	Mar 2016 YTD	Church	Mar 2017	Mar 2017 YTD	Mar 2016 YTD
Atkinson	0.00	625.00	0.00	Myrtle Grove	500.71	1,070.53	465.26
Barlow-Vista	278.00	677.19	245.11	Natmoore	0.00	167.73	510.50
Bear Branch	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Hope – Leland	25.00	75.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00	0.00	Northside	400.00	400.00	400.00
Burgaw	0.00	1,750.00	0.00	Nuevo Pacto Iglesia	50.00	150.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	378.10	343.82	Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Canetuck	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ogden	1,647.56	4,119.48	2,242.16
Cape Fear	0.00	309.56	367.60	Olivet	0.00	675.00	675.00
Castle Hayne	50.00	50.00	0.00	Penderlea	0.00	215.00	274.00
Centerville	0.00	1,073.28	1,082.83	Pine Valley	434.25	1,596.31	760.20
Chinese Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	Primera Bautista	0.00	0.00	0.00
College Acres	1,481.14	2,944.26	447.87	Redemption Church	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crossroads	0.00	0.00	0.00	Riley's Creek	1,250.00	3,750.00	3,000.00
Currie Comm.	0.00	0.00	0.00	Salt Covenant	300.00	300.00	0.00
FBC, Carolina Bch	0.00	0.00	0.00	Scotts Hill	833.33	2,499.99	3,750.00
FBC, Wilmington	0.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	Sea Gate	0.00	0.00	200.00
Forest Hills	966.71	1,502.22	1,051.33	Shiloh	474.86	876.36	791.43
Freedom	400.00	1,200.00	100.00	Silver Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00
Galilee Missionary	300.00	600.00	0.00	Southside	116.67	350.01	0.00
Gibson Avenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	St. Paul Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greenfield	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sunset Park	382.93	1,177.49	405.00
Hampstead	100.00	300.00	100.00	Temple	413.25	1,263.50	888.25
Haw Bluff	0.00	600.00	600.00	The Bridge ILM	50.00	150.00	100.00
Hope for All Nations	0.00	0.00	100.00	The Gathering	0.00	0.00	247.50
Ivanhoe	0.00	0.00	300.00	Topsail	0.00	1,071.37	2,860.95
Kure Beach FBC	235.23	969.81	683.10	Victory Baptist	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lake Forest	0.00	200.00	300.00	Watha	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lifewalk Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	Whispering Pines	0.00	652.80	2,192.13
Living Grace	0.00	0.00	0.00	Willard	41.21	144.48	127.33
Long Creek	200.00	600.00	600.00	Wilm Korean	100.00	300.00	300.00
Long Leaf	100.00	300.00	0.00	Winter Park	0.00	500.00	0.00
Masonboro	0.00	1,791.25	300.94	Wrightsboro	1,318.57	6,157.91	4,597.52
Mission of Burgaw	152.29	152.29	0.00	Wrightsville Beach	0.00	1,400.00	0.00
Mision Bautista	75.00	259.69	151.14				
Moore's Creek	0.00	1,637.50	0.00				
Mount Holly	264.00	821.50	581.43				
				Total Assoc Gifts	12,940.71	50,804.61	33,142.40
				Budget Requirement	17,500.00	52,500.00	65,565.00

Other Contributions:
Interest Income \$ 2.28

Budget Contributions	\$ 12,940.71	\$ 50,904.61
Other Contributions	2.28	6.29
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total	\$ 12,942.99	\$ 50,810.90
Budget Expenses	- 14,313.44	- 45,246.58
Net Difference	\$ -1,370.45	\$ 5,564.32

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