

From the Pastor's Desk:

The Preamble to the United States Constitution establishes the foundation of our Republic, and the basic values that we should hold dear! *"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."* The Bill of Rights, in Amendment 1, says, *"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."* This nation, this Republic, this experiment in humanity, that we call the United States of America, was founded on religious freedom and the idea that everyone has an opportunity to succeed. Granted, this experiment has undergone some needed changes, that finally included all peoples, yet it is still the best and greatest nation in history! Sadly, our freedoms, our basic standards of behavior are under attack. Please remember that our "Liberty," as Believers, is from Almighty God, and no nation, no people, no government can alter this dependence. During this month of July and the Independence Day celebration, please pause for a moment and recognize that our "Freedom" comes from the "Shed Blood of Jesus," and we are blessed to be living in this land that we call AMERICA! GOD BLESS AMERICA!



July 2023

Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for July is:

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

1 John 4:11 KJV

July 2023 Bible Readings

Day 1	2 Chronicles 7-9	Day 17	Nehemiah 4-6
Day 2	2 Chronicles 10-12	Day 18	Nehemiah 7-9
Day 3	2 Chronicles 13-15	Day 19	Nehemiah 10-13
Day 4	2 Chronicles 16-18	Day 20	Esther 1-3
Day 5	2 Chronicles 19-21	Day 21	Esther 4-6
Day 6	2 Chronicles 22-24	Day 22	Esther 7-10
Day 7	2 Chronicles 25-27	Day 23	Job 1-4
Day 8	2 Chronicles 28-30	Day 24	Job 5-8
Day 9	2 Chronicles 31-33	Day 25	Job 9-12
Day 10	2 Chronicles 34-36	Day 26	Job 13-16
Day 11	1 Thessalonians 1-5	Day 27	Job 17-21
Day 12	2 Thessalonians 1-3	Day 28	Job 22-26
Day 13	Ezra 1-3	Day 29	Job 27-30
Day 14	Ezra 4-6	Day 30	Job 31-34
Day 15	Ezra 7-10	Day 31	Job 35-38
Day 16	Nehemiah 1-3		

SAVE THE DATE

Events this Month:

Monday, July 10th: Levada Driver Circle Group @ 2:00pm in the FMC

Monday, July 10th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Monday, July 17th: Vera Hocutt Circle Group

Monday, July 17th: Administrative Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Wednesday, July 19th: Church Conference @ 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 24th: Deacon Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Tuesday, July 25th: O.W.L.S. Meeting @ 9:30am in the FMC

Every Wednesday:

Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping 7:30am to 12:00pm

Wednesday Night Meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study Groups at 6:30pm (Adult, Youth & Children)



July Birthdays

1st Jessica Sledge	19th William Bell
2nd Carol Flowers	Tracy Gilmore
JoAnn Hocutt	21st Jim Ellis
Jacob Morris	James Ferrell
Marc Scott	Kim Jeffreys
4th Jessica McDowell	22nd Tracey Stevens
June Narron	23rd Dustin Hale
6th Kennette Stewart	Katherine Lewis
7th Amanda Comeau	Marie Shuman
Bettie Anne Johnson	26th Melanie Brock
Sara Peebles	Lou Carroll
8th Annalysa Batten Meyers	Charles Padgett
Jessica Ide Rife	28th Rhonda Green
Mike Peoples	Jenny Butler
Rowena Perry	29th John Headrick
9th Wyatt Carlyle	30th Lauren Windham
Carl Holt	Kayla Rice
11th Sarah Boykin	31st Crystal Morgan Baker
Reagan Sellers	Paige Andrews Richardson
12th Phyllis Alford	
13th Megan Hocutt	
Alton Johnson	
14th Addison Bell	
Sarah O'Neal	
15th Clayton Hargreaves	
16th Katrine Haynes	
Jamie Jeffreys	
17th Sonny Trippe	
18th Zack Scott	
Justin Whitley	



July Anniversaries

2nd Horace & Betty Shirley
5th Danny & Kathy Ayscue
7th Billy & Rose Godwin
11th Donnie Jr. & Diana Coley
16th Jerry & Paige Richardson
18th Ben & Rhonda Green
20th H.E. & Phyllis Edwards
22nd Grady & Bettie Anne Johnson
25th George & Faye Creech
26th Kenny & Melissa Worley
28th Jimmy & Emaly Bergeron
30th Joey & Angie Wheeler
Scott & Kennette Stewart

Update on the New Church Directory

The Directory Committee is still working on the design process of the Directory. We decided to make this directory the Centennial Edition, so we are completely designing this directory around our 100th year anniversary. We hope to have this complete soon and on to the printer. We will continue to keep you updated on the schedule. We hope to have the completed directories distributed in a couple of months.

Thank you. The Directory Team: Ricky Watson, Joan Watson, Lou Holland, Jean Hocutt, Carrie Sellers, David Hughes

On Hold....



We will resume this process soon. Please be in prayer for this area of ministry for our Church:

*Children's Director Search Committee

Recurring Prayer Needs

Dickie Adkins
Shawn Allen
Addie Batten
Greg Clay
Linda Hammett
Carl Holt
Bruce Jacobs
Oscar Lane
Vic Pace
Aleisha Parr
Joan Privette
Bob Richardson
Christi Sasser

Connie Scott
Lee Williford
Robert & Betty Williford

New Prayer Needs

Ricky Anderson	Kim Eatmon	Dennis Lockleair	Ray & Donna Smith
Sue Arnold Family	Phyllis Edwards	Ricky Narron	Jane Strautnieks
Mike Bailey	Ryan Fox Family	Jonathan Newell	Jerry Strickland
Elaine Barham	Candace Green	Kenneth Nowell	Paulette Strickland
Nancy Batchelor	Gayle Haines	Jeany O'Neal	Julie Swinson
Wayne Batten	Anita Hales	Yvonne Parrish	Sue Thomasson
Judy Boswell	Randy Hales	Kay C. Perry	Dacelle Vance
Lester & Fonda Boyd	Mike Harris	Pat Pettit	Vickie Vaughan
Melanie Brock	Janice Hill	Larry Price	Carmel Wall
Jason Brown	Mike & Georgia Himmel	Brandon Richardson	Dale Weathers
Linda Coffey	Vickie Hocutt	Paulette Richardson	Unspoken Requests
Tara Collier	Joan Hunter	Anthony & Mercedes	
Charles Driver	Shirley Lane	Robbins	

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

The youth and leaders had a wonderful trip to Camp Caswell!
 We appreciate everyone's support in helping us get there and all the prayers! We look forward to sharing our experience with you soon on Youth Sunday! The tentative date for that is Sunday, July 30th!



Children's Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader):

We hope everyone is having a great summer so far!
 We are in the planning stages for another block party. We are thinking August or September.
 Please be careful and protect yourself from ticks!
 Wayne & Pam

Property Management Team (Ross Carroll-Team Leader/Steve White-Co-Leader):

The Baptistry has been repaired and is back in working order. Praise the Lord we can have warm Baptisms again!
 We are still waiting on the insurance adjuster at this time before we proceed in repairs for the fence and basketball goal. As we have mentioned before, if you see anything that needs our attention, please let us know. Thank you and God Bless!

Today < > July 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 10am Sunday School 11am Children's Church 11am Worship Service	26 7pm Deacons Meeting FMC	27 O.W.L.S. Bus 9:30am O.W.L.S. Group	28 8-12 Fea Market 5pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Children's Programs 2 more	29	30	Jul 1 8-12 Fea Market
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What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Bobby Sellers-Team Leader/Ricky Narron-Co-Leader):

Currently the deacons are continuing to reach out to our shut ins. It is also time for deacon nominations. We ask that you submit your written nominations to Ricky Watson or Olivia Cook by July 9. Thank you.

Administrative Team (Ricky Watson -Team Leader/David Hughes-Co-Leader):



We held our monthly meeting on June 19, 2023, in accordance with our job description. As usual, we reviewed the previous monthly financial report, including the income, expenditures, all Ministry Team's expenditures for the month, as well as the investments. We also discussed changing the accounting firm that we have been using. More on this in the coming months.

We welcomed Crystal Baker to the team as our newest Team Member. She brings a lot of knowledge and expertise in accounting which will be a benefit to the Administrative Team. She also provides new ideas and a fresh look at our processes and practices. We look forward to working with her!

We did discuss some changes to the use of the Church buildings, but no decision was made and is not ready to provide information at this time. More on this in upcoming meetings.

The Constitution & By-Laws has been added to the Church's Webpage. We will provide each member with a password to view this on the webpage when the project is completed. The password is necessary to allow only our church members to review these documents, as they are private to the Church.

Continuing with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws, this month we are providing Article IX, Burial.

If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy.

If you have any questions concerning the Administrative Team or our meetings, please contact one of the members. They are: Chair, David Hughes, Members: Ricky Watson, Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, Juan Trippe, Crystal Baker.

ARTICLE IX (Approved 11/19/08) **BURIAL**

General:

A. Cemetery Plots:

1. No one can select a plot in advance regardless of whether they are a member of this church or not. A wife or husband will be left one lot beside them if they die and either are members. If a child under 18 years old is unmarried and dies, two plots will be left for his mother and father if they are still living.
2. If a wife or husband is a member of this church, the other partner can be buried, even though the other is not a member. Children less than 18 years old will be treated the same as members.
3. Regardless of the age of the child, if the child is physically or mentally disabled and dependent on the parent; a cemetery plot will be furnished at death at no charge providing the parent is a member of this church.
4. Beginning January 1, 2009, a cemetery maintenance fee of \$500.00 will be charged for each individual being buried in the Baptist Tabernacle Cemetery. This fee applies to all members, regardless of age, position, or number of years of membership in Baptist Tabernacle Church.
5. The intent of this Maintenance Account is for the cemetery to be "self-supporting" and to not be a burden on the church.
6. The Cemetery Maintenance Fee will be administered by the funeral homes and placed in the account.
7. Members will be allowed to pay into the Maintenance Account in advance.
 - a. This may be done in installments or a lump sum payment. Installment payments must be a minimum of \$25.
 - b. Members or others may donate to other members' Maintenance Account for other members.
8. The fee will be deposited into a Cemetery Maintenance Account for the purpose of maintaining the cemetery. Cemetery maintenance includes: 1) grass mowing of cemetery not enclosed by some type of border, 2) grass mowing of those burial plots that are not enclosed with some type of border, 3) spraying Roundup around the headstones of those graves not enclosed by some type of border.
9. Effective January 1, 2009, no graves on the north side of the path, separating the old portion of the cemetery from the new part, will be allowed to have any permanent stones above ground level. This will allow for easier maintenance of the cemetery.

Discipleship Team (Jeany O'Neal-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

Sunday School is available from 10:00 -10:50 in the following locations:

Children's Classes: Education Building

Nursery 1: Ages birth - 2 years (1st Floor)

Nursery 2: 2 - 3 years (1st Floor)

Bible Learners: (4 years-2nd Grade) (2nd Floor)

Bible Discoverers: (Grades 3rd-5th) (2nd Floor)

Youth: Grades 6th - 12th (2nd Floor)

Adult Classes: Education Building

Journey- Young Singles & Couples (2nd Floor) (Various Topics)

Mildred Driver Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

JOY: Ladies Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: Men's Class (1st Floor) (Lifeway Lessons)

Adult Class: FMC

Growing in Jesus Class (1st Floor) (Various Topics)

Anyone interested in teaching a Sunday School class, please call or email the Church with your contact information and interest.



Worship Team (Susan Andrews -Team Leader/Dana Hocutt-Co-Leader)

1. Thank you to our Music Team (Sandy, Kennette, and Paul) for their music selections appropriate for each season. Listen for patriotic music this weekend as we celebrate July 4th.
2. If you are interested in being a part of the Worship Team, please contact the Church Office.

Mission Team (Annette Ragan-Team Leader/Sandy Trippe-Co-Leader):

The Missions Team continues its mission to further the kingdom of God through helping those around us. As part of that mission, the Flea Market is open every Wednesday morning and, normally, the first Saturday of each month. However, we will not be open the first Saturday in August. We always appreciate your donations, but if you have large items or a lot of items, please call/text Sandy (919-210-6235) just so we know what's expected. We are happy to announce that the Missions Team and the Baptist Men have formed a new collaboration to make both of our efforts easier. Baptist Men will be contacted when we need assistance loading/unloading items, and the Missions Team will cover some of the Baptist Men's expenses for building ramps, etc. It's a win/win situation. After a long hiatus, your Baptist men are definitely in the "helping" business and should be applauded for their efforts thus far. The word is definitely getting out that Baptist Tabernacle is a mission-minded Church!

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Leaders Olivia Cooke and Patsy Narron):



We had a great meeting in June with a devotion on praying for our family and friends. After a few games of Bingo and making sure everyone won a prize, all 12 of us took off to Wilson. We ate at Parkers, had ice cream at the Creamery and made a stop at the donut shop for donuts to take home. We went thru 3 counties, (Wilson, Nash and Johnston), checking out the Whirligig park, Buckhorn Lake and all the back roads making our way home.

Be sure to check out the information center for sign up sheets of upcoming trips.

Sunday, July 16th we will leave right after services for lunch and then go to the "Baseball Museum" in Wilson, admission is free.

July 28th -29th, we are taking a trip to Charlotte for a meal and show of "Sampson".

The tickets are \$22 and have to be ordered, so we need to know soon if you are interested in going. We are staying overnight and going to see the Billy Graham Museum, the museum has had a makeover for those who have already been, admission is free. All Seniors are invited to join us.

God Bless,

Olivia Cooke 919-917-3350 & Patsy and Ricky Narron 919-868-5537

