



# June 2023

# Newsletter

## Our Memory Verse for June is:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 KJV

## June 2023 Bible Reading Schedule

June 1	1 Kings 4-6	June 16	2 Kings 22-25
June 2	1 Kings 7-9	June 17	Philippians 1-4
June 3	1 Kings 10-12	June 18	1 Chronicles 1-3
June 4	1 Kings 13-15	June 19	1 Chronicles 4-6
June 5	1 Kings 16-18	June 20	1 Chronicles 7-9
June 6	1 Kings 19-22	June 21	1 Chronicles 10-12
June 7	Ephesians 1-3	June 22	1 Chronicles 13-15
June 8	Ephesians 4-6	June 23	1 Chronicles 16-18
June 9	2 Kings 1-3	June 24	1 Chronicles 19-21
June 10	2 Kings 4-6	June 25	1 Chronicles 22-24
June 11	2 Kings 7-9	June 26	1 Chronicles 25-27
June 12	2 Kings 10-12	June 27	1 Chronicles 28-29
June 13	2 Kings 13-15	June 28	Colossians 1-4
June 14	2 Kings 16-18	June 29	2 Chronicles 1-3
June 15	2 Kings 19-21	June 30	2 Chronicles 4-6

# SAVE THE DATE

## Events this Month:

Sunday, June 4th: Graduate Sunday

Wednesday, June 7th: Vacation Bible School Kick-Off @ 6:00pm

Thursday, June 8th & Friday, June 9th: Vacation Bible School @ 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday, June 10th: Vacation Bible School @ 9:00am to 2:00pm

Sunday, June 18th: Father's Day

Monday, June 19th-Saturday, June 24th: Youth Camp @ Camp Caswell

Tuesday, June 27th: O.W.L.S. Meeting in FMC @ 9:30am



## Vacation Bible School

Kickoff: Wednesday, June 7th 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Thursday, June 8th & Friday, June 9th 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Saturday, June 10th 9:00am to 2:00pm



Scan here to register  
for VBS!

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Jun 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
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## June Birthdays

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st Tara Cooke             | 24th Christopher Brown |
| Dylan Haynes               | David Driver           |
| 2nd Lanie Grace Strickland | Patty Perry            |
| 3rd Gary Hocutt            | 25th Anne Ward         |
| 6th Olivia Hargreaves      | 26th Carol Bailey      |
| 7th Danny Ayscue           | Kaylynn Gidding        |
| 8th Brooklynn Adams        | David Hughes           |
| 9th Janice Hill            | 27th Pam Batten        |
| Sue Hocutt                 | 29th Debbie Richardson |
| 12th Gary Thompson         |                        |
| 13th Susan Bennett         |                        |
| 15th Gabriel Gidding       |                        |
| Kara Stewart               |                        |
| 17th Austin Hocutt         |                        |
| 18th Brandon Creech        |                        |
| Sefton Stevens             |                        |
| 19th Hayden Hughes         |                        |
| Zachary Miller             |                        |
| 20th Jessica Comeau        |                        |
| BJ Smith                   |                        |
| 21st Tristan Cooke         |                        |
| Margaret Denton            |                        |
| 22nd Sue Cline             |                        |
| 23rd Lance Rice            |                        |



## June Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|
| 1st Ross & Lou Carroll       |
| 3rd Ryan & Caitlin Scott     |
| 7th Whitt & Kerry Garner     |
| 9th Wayne & Pam Batten       |
| 16th Robert & Pam Earp       |
| 21st David & Annette Ragan   |
| 25th Walt & Patsy Dillon     |
| 26th Brandon & Crystal Baker |
| 27th Gary & JoAnn Hocutt     |
| 29th Steve & Carol Bailey    |
| Ricky & Pam Turner           |
| 30th William & Sheila Currin |
| William & Vickie Hocutt      |
| Jimmie & Tammy Narron        |
| BJ & Michelle Smith          |
| Stacy & Lori Bunn            |

## What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

The Deacons are continuing to reach out to our shut-ins. A Special Thank You to all our active members that continue to dedicate their time and efforts in making Baptist Tabernacle what it is. Thank you, Bobby Sellers

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



We held our monthly meeting on May 15, 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 reviewed the Church's insurance needs and finalized the review of the annual scholarship.

Congratulations to Hayden Hughes as she is being awarded the Rayford and Lillian Driver Scholarship for this year. Hayden will be attending NC State University in the fall to pursue an Associate of Applied Science Degree with a concentration in Livestock & Poultry Management from the Ag Institute with plans to continue in the field of Animal Science. Congratulations to Hayden on all her achievements. We look forward to her continuing her education. (Note: From the Administrative Team, David Hughes excused himself from any involvement with the scholarship evaluation for this year since Hayden was one of the candidates.)

We do not have any planned changes to the Constitution & By-Laws at this time. However, there were two revisions to the Constitution & By-Laws voted on by the Church at the April Church Conference. These were revisions to Article III and IV. Copies of those articles are in the information center for church members to pick up and place in their individual manuals. Please pick them up, follow the instructions and update your copy of the Constitution & By-Laws.

We are in the process of including the Constitution & By-Laws on the Church's Webpage. We will let you know when this is completed.

Continuing with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws, we are providing Article VIII, Termination of Membership.

**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

### ARTICLE VIII

#### **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways:

- (1) Death.
- (2) Dismission to another Baptist church.
- (3) Erasure upon becoming affiliated with a church of another faith or denomination.
- (4) Erasure at the member's personal request.

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

1. Graduate Sunday - June 4 -

- a. Congratulations to High School Graduates: Wallace Bunn, Megan Hocutt, and Hayden Hughes
- b. Congratulations to Post-Secondary Graduate: Kelsey Bunn

2. Father's Day - June 18 - Celebrating the men

3. Any members interested in serving on the Worship Team, please contact Susan Andrews (919.418.8061)



## **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.**



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

Time is flying by, and here we are at the beginning of the summer season, although the last week of May might have made you believe otherwise. The Missions Team continues to move forward to help those in need. We are proud to be part of a mission-minded church, from the children to the youth to the senior ministry. Let’s all pray for the children’s programs ministry, as they provide many outreach opportunities. Let’s all pray for our Youth as they will soon leave for Camp Caswell; they are a true mission field of our church. Let’s all pray for our Seniors, as they are providing meals to the shut-ins. And, let’s pray for one another to have a mission-minded heart to help those in need. May God bless us all.

## **Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):**

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



We had a great trip to Edenton, NC on May 18th. With a Trolley ride to see the historic homes, buildings and lighthouse. We did a little shopping and eating on Main Street. At the end of our journey after the lighthouse tour, we gathered under the trees for a devotion by Jimmy Faison, ending with a song playing “The Lighthouse”. We could all feel the Spirit. It was a great day! On Tuesday, May 30th we had our monthly meeting in the FMC. We went to K&W for lunch and did some shopping before coming back to Church. Our June meeting will be Tuesday, June 28th at 9:30 in the FMC. We hope to see you then.

Prayers for our Brother Ricky Narron, who will be going through a heart procedure, Prayers for healing!  
God Bless, Olivia Cooke, Patsy & Ricky Narron



**O.W.L.S. Edenton Trip  
May 18th, 2023**



**Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):**



**Camp Caswell**

Camp Caswell is coming up June 19-24. Please be in prayer for the 25 students and adults attending camp this year! Thank you to everyone who has helped us with our fundraiser so we could all attend camp this year!

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



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Evangelism Block Party was held on May 20th. Although the grass was wet and we had to move a few things around, it was a GREAT SUCCESS. We had 74 children's names on our sign-up sheets. I want to thank a lot of people who made it a success. Our Children and Youth helped to get the word out by passing out door hangers in local communities. They also worked all day setting up, twisting balloons, ministering to their friends, and cleaning up. The parents of our children brought their families and friends, set up, WORKED ALL DAY, cleaned up, ministered to friends and visitors. If anyone went away hungry, it's their own fault. Hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, sno cones and beverages were abundant, thanks to a great crew of people to keep it all going. We had workers as young as 6 years old or younger and all the way up to workers who are in their 80's. We had at least one new family attend worship service and Children's Church the following day. A final highlight of the event was talking with our teams about what we are planning to do next for the families in the area.

Wednesday night programs continue for Mission Friends and Journey Kids. These programs introduce the world of missions to our children. Thanks for bringing your children on Wednesday nights.

Thank You All the parents for bringing your children to Church for these events. We are looking forward to many new adventures in 2023.

Thanks again to all of you for making this such a wonderful Church.

Wayne & Pam

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

As we are sure you have seen, there was an accident involving our fence and basketball goal in our lower parking lot area. We are waiting on the insurance adjuster at this time before we proceed in repairs.

### Update on the New Church Directory

The Directory Committee is currently in the design process for the directory. With the excellent participation that we had, we achieved 8 credits to have extra features for the directory. We are currently designing the cover layout, ministry page layout, back cover layout, inside back cover layout, and an activities page layout. We hope to complete the design process by mid-June and submit the design for publishing by the end of the month. 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	Aleisha Parr
Shawn Allen	Larry Price
Harold Andrews	Joan Privette
Sue Arnold	Donald Pulley
Mike Bailey	Bob Richardson
Addie Batten	Christi Sasser
Carolyn Brown	Connie Scott
Greg Clay	Lee Williford
Linda Hammett	Robert & Betty
Carl Holt	Williford
Bruce Jacobs	
Oscar & Shirley Lane	
Vic Pace	

### New Prayer Needs

Zander Alston	Charles Driver	Suzanne Maier	Peggy Ray
Elaine Barham	Pat Duke	Alan Matthews	Ray & Donna Smith
Nancy Batchelor	Kim Eatmon	Jessica Hunter McDowell	Bobby Stevens
Taylor Batten	Pam Elliot Family	Ricky Narron	Jane Strautnieks
Judy Boswell	Gayle Haines	Tammy Padgett	Jerry Strickland
Rochelle Boswell Family	Anita Hales	Worth Parrish Family	Vickie Vaughan
Bruce & Judy Brantley	Randy Hales	Yvonne Parrish	Will Vaughan
Melanie Brock	Mike Harris	Kay C. Perry	Dale Weathers
Jason Brown	Mike & Georgia Himmel	Linwood Perry	Unspoken Requests
Kathy Byrd & Family	Joan Hunter	Joe Potts Family	
Linda Coffey	Shirley Lane	Donald Pulley	
Sharon Craven	Dennis Locklear	Jean Raper	

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

**Pray, Pray, Pray...James 4:7-8**

***"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.***

***Come near to God and He will come near to you."*** (James 4:7-8)

The summer is here and all sorts of activities that distract us, and claim our attention, will be happening. I encourage you to continue to use your "Prayer Closet," and continue to communicate with the Father, through His Son. My Prayer Closet is, literally, a closet. I go into the closet, and I come near to God through prayer. When I am weary and worn, from ministry and obedience, I come close to God through prayer. When I am excited and upbeat and feeling blessed, I come close to God in Prayer! Are you sensing a pattern? Prayer is the absolute Key to success as a Christian and for our walk in Obedience. Prayer time is a special time and I covet my time alone with my Lord and Savior. Amazingly, I have expanded my Prayer Closet to include our front porch, my car, and my lawnmower. "Praying always..." that is what He expects! Jesus was human, yet Divine. This concept is difficult for us to absorb; however, He WAS a man, and He IS the Son of God. Jesus prayed to the Father for guidance and strength and for comfort and for the completion of His Divine Mission! If Jesus prayed and recognized the necessity for prayer, and was dedicated to the communication with His Father, don't you think that we should do the same? How do we submit ourselves to God? Please Commit to an Active and Vital Prayer Life, Even When the Season is Filled with Activities and Distractions! REMEMBER, WE ARE TO PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!! WE ARE TO RESIST THE DEVIL!! Again, WE ARE TO PRAY, PRAY, PRAY...Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

**Submit yourselves  
therefore to God.  
Resist the devil, and  
he will flee from you.  
Draw nigh to God,  
and he will  
draw nigh to you...**

***James 4:7-8***