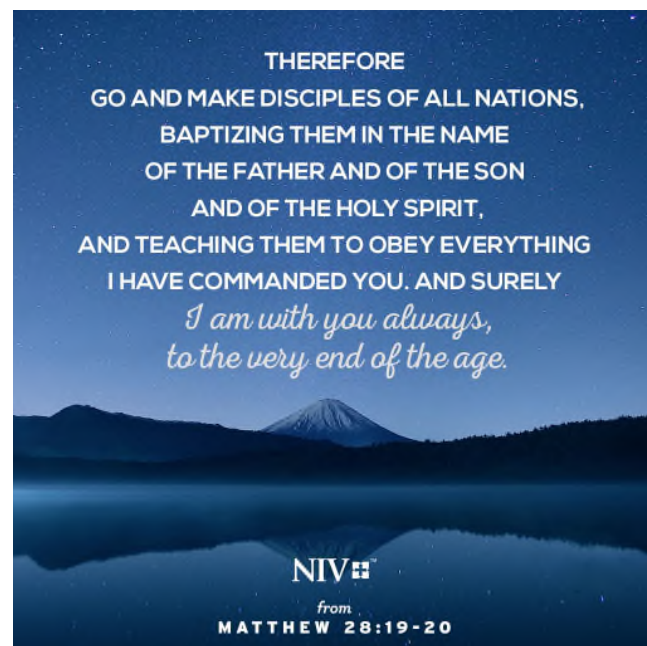


From the Pastor's Desk:

May has always been a month of opportunities! It was on May 1st, that I could go “bare-footed,” and I could remove my T-shirt from my daily wardrobe. May 1st was the date that it was ok to plant a garden without fear of frost. May was also a great month for my income! The farmers were always looking for a young man that wanted to work! Regardless of the task, I was ready to serve! When I recall those days, and the variety of jobs that I was called on to perform, I compare those times with our spiritual lives. We are told, in Matthew 28:19-20, that we are to “*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*” The opportunity is before us, and the fields are ready for the harvest! “*Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest*” (John 4:35). Friends, our task is before us, and our responsibility is clearly defined! We must be about the Father’s Business! Live your lives in service, to the Father, through the Son! Look around! The Harvest is ready! He needs “workers” to go into the fields and bring in the Harvest! That Is YOU! Our Job, Our Responsibility, Our Calling, Our Duty is to be “Harvesters for our LORD!” “Go, Therefore...” I will add, “NOW!!!” Be that BRIGHT LIGHT in this DARK & DECAYING WORLD! LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM, every day, in every way! Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!



May 2023

Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for May is:

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:3 KJV

May Bible Reading Schedule

May 1	Ruth 3-4	May 16	1 Samuel 28-31
May 2	1 Corinthians 1-3	May 17	2 Corinthians 1-3
May 4	1 Corinthians 7-9	May 19	2 Corinthians 7-9
May 5	1 Corinthians 10-12	May 20	2 Corinthians 10-13
May 6	1 Corinthians 13-16	May 21	2 Samuel 1-3
May 7	1 Samuel 1-3	May 22	2 Samuel 4-6
May 8	1 Samuel 4-6	May 23	2 Samuel 7-9
May 9	1 Samuel 7-9	May 24	2 Samuel 10-12
May 10	1 Samuel 10-12	May 25	2 Samuel 13-15
May 11	1 Samuel 13-15	May 26	2 Samuel 16-18
May 12	1 Samuel 16-18	May 27	2 Samuel 19-21
May 13	1 Samuel 19-21	May 28	2 Samuel 22-24
May 14	1 Samuel 22-24	May 29	Galatians 1-3
May 15	1 Samuel 25-27	May 30	Galatians 4-6
		May 31	1 Kings 1-3

SAVE THE DATE

Events this Month:

Saturday, May 6th: Youth Fest: Breakfast, Lunch, Bake Sale & Yard Sale

Wednesday, May 10th: Wednesday Night Meal

Sunday, May 14th: Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 17th: Youth Camp Meeting for Parents & Youth in the FMC @ 6:30pm

Thursday, May 18th: O.W.L.S. to Edenton @ 9:00am

Saturday, May 20th: Evangelism Block Party @ 11:00am

Upcoming Events:

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



GET READY TO PARTY!
Baptist Tabernacle Church
1599 NC 231
Wendell

BLOCK party

No Charge And All Are Welcome

Let's Meet & Greet - Grill and Chill!
Saturday, May 20th
11 am - 2 pm

HOT DOGS, COTTON CANDY, POPCORN, SNOW CONES
For Info: Contact Wayne Batten 910-620-0582

BOUNCE HOUSES, BALLOON ANIMALS, & GAMES FOR THE KIDS!

Update on the New Church Directory

Thank you so much for your participation in helping us have a successful Church Directory. The turnout for the pictures was overwhelming and now the work starts by the Directory Team to design and prepare the information for the Church Directory printing. We hope to have the completed directories with you in a couple of months.

We did have a few hiccups with the process, but all in all, the picture process went well. If you participated, thank you. If you didn't, maybe we can include you in the next directory in five years. For the most part, we were pleased with the participation, and we hope that you will be pleased with the result.

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

Sue Arnold
Addie Batten
Oscar & Shirley Lane
Aleisha Parr
Larry Price
Joan Privette

New Prayer Needs

Dickie Adkins	Kim Eatmon	Kay C. Perry	Lee Williford
Shawn Allen	Carol Flowers	Donald Pulley	Robert & Betty Williford
Mike Bailey	Gayle Haines	Bob Richardson	Unspoken Requests
Elaine Barham	Anita Hales	Christi Sasser	
Judy Boswell	Randy Hales	Connie Scott	
Melanie Brock	Linda Hammett	Carrie Sellers & Family	
Carolyn Brown	David Henderson's Wife	Donna Smith	
James Bullock Family	Carl Holt	Bobby Stevens	
Sharon Craven	Joan Hunter	Jane Strautnieks	
George & Faye Creech	Bruce Jacobs	Jerry Strickland	
Phil Creech Family	Dennis Lockleair	Dale Weathers	
Lloyd East	Vic Pace	Carol Williamson Family	

Youth Team (Christin Brown-Team Leader):

Youth Fest is coming up this Saturday May 6th from 8:00-2:00! Please come out and enjoy some breakfast which will include sausage or ham biscuits and grits, hotdogs and chips for lunch, Bake Sale, and a huge Yard Sale downstairs! All proceeds go towards helping the youth with summer camp! We really appreciate your support and prayers!

Camp Caswell

Camp Caswell is coming up June 19-24. Please be in prayer for the 25 students and adults attending camp this year! The Youth/Parent Camp meeting is coming up on Wednesday, May 17th @ 6:30 in the FMC! Please bring paperwork to be notarized and to get information to camp!

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

I hope you enjoyed the Children's Choir on April 30 as much as I did. They all did a fantastic job. Thanks to each of the children for their time and effort to get ready for this occasion. A special thanks goes out to Kathy Farris and Kennette Stewart for their work on the program. Thanks also to the sound crew for the microphones. Some of the younger kids are already asking for speaking parts at our next singing. Praise God!!! We will let you know when we are ready to begin practice for the next performance. Practices are normally Wednesday night after Journey Kids and an occasional Saturday practice.

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

Even though we had to reschedule the Easter Egg Hunt, it was still a great success. Over 50 children participated and heard the story of Easter and took home a "goodie bag" with Church info and Easter info. Thanks to all who donated eggs and to those who assisted us that day with the egg hunt.

The Evangelism Block Party will be May 20. We will be asking for LOTS of Volunteers for this date. Signup sheets are available and please get these back to Pam or Wayne as soon as possible.

I have been asked "What is an Evangelism Block Party?" I had the same question a few years ago, so let me try to explain it in a few words. We will bring in the Evangelistic Block Party Trailer from Triangle East Baptist Association. It is packed with three bounce houses, a cotton candy machine, sno cone machine, popcorn machine, yard games, tents and much more. We added our BTC balloon twisters and add a hot dog and chips lunch. After we set up all the activities, registration begins. We collect names and addresses of children so we can alert them to future activities we do. The children then proceed to the Evangelism Tent where they hear a brief message on salvation and then receive their arm bands to allow them to participate in activities. The first year we had a Block Party, we arranged for adults to do all the Evangelism talks. It wasn't long before our BTC Youth took over and did a great job. It amazes me to see our young children witness to other children about how much they like attending Church activities. If you have an "Evangicube" please bring it for use that day.

We normally have 125 or more children attend our Block Parties. Please be praying for good weather. We need at least 25 or more volunteers to make this event work. For some of the children who attend our community events, this may be the only time they attend Church activities each year. Let's all show them how exciting BTC can be and invite them to come and join us on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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):

Nothing new to report this month.

Today < > May 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 • 10am Sunday School • 11am Children's Church • 11am Children's Program • 11am Worship Service	May 1	2 • 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	3 8-12 Flea Market • 6:30pm Adult Bible Study • 6:30pm Children's Programs • 6:30pm Youth • 7pm Choir Practice	4	5	6 8-12 Youth Fest
7 • 10am Sunday School • 11am Children's Church • 11am Worship Service	8 2pm Levada Driver Ctr Grp FMC 7pm Leadership Meeting	9 • 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	10 8-12 Flea Market • 5pm Wednesday Night Meal • 6:30pm Adult Bible Study • 6:30pm Children's Programs • 6:30pm Youth • 7pm Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day • 10am Sunday School • 11am Children's Church • 11am Worship Service • 7pm Robinwood Service	15 1pm Vera Hecoff Ctl Grp 7pm Administrative Team Mtg FMC	16 • 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	17 8-12 Flea Market • 6:30pm Adult Bible Study • 6:30pm Children's Programs • 6:30pm Youth/Parent Camp Meeting • 7pm Choir Practice	18 O.W.L.S. Bus • 9am O.W.L.S. to Edenton	19 FMC RSVP for Block Party Prep	20 8-2 Evangelism Block Party
21 • 10am Sunday School • 11am Children's Church • 11am Worship Service	22 7pm Deacons Meeting FMC	23 • 10am J. Strickland Prayer Group	24 8-12 Flea Market • 6:30pm Adult Bible Study • 6:30pm Children's Programs • 6:30pm Youth • 7pm Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 • 10am Sunday School • 11am Children's Church • 11am Worship Service	29	30 O.W.L.S. Bus • 9:30am O.W.L.S. Group	31 8-12 Flea Market • 6:30pm Adult Bible Study • 6:30pm Children's Programs • 6:30pm Youth • 7pm Choir Practice	Jun 1	2	3 8-12 Flea Market 8-4 FMC Aaron Johnson



May Birthdays

- 2nd Faye Creech
Shannon Melvin
- 7th Lee Alford
John Edwards
Joey Renfrow
- 8th Cathy Sasser
- 9th Robert Edwards
Jake Strickland
Jane Strautnieks
- 10th Randy Briggerman
Tyler Sloan
- 12th Tony Wilson
Jessica Pulley
- 14th Walt Dillon
Tommy Moore
Rose Pope
- 16th Zachary Adams
Michael Brown
- 17th Hailey Hilton
Montana Jackson
- 18th Tim Bailey
Steve White
- 21st Jerry Lee
- 22nd Jack Bunn
Linda Sue Coffey
Stan Pruden
- 25th Scott Creech

- 26th Ryan Alford
Nicholas Carlyle
- 28th Hayden McCall Liggins
- 29th Delanie Gilmore
Larry Price
- 30th Nicholas Stevens



May Anniversaries

- 3rd Randy & Joyce Creech
- 4th Gerald & Charlene Price
- 9th Tommy & Christy Moore
- 11th Bruce & Cheryl Whitley
- 12th William & Erin Bell
Steve & June White
- 18th Sean & Shannon Melvin
- 20th Ricky & Joan Watson
- 23rd Richard & Phyllis Langston
- 24th Alton & Charle' Johnson
- 26th Ricky & Susan Andrews
Ray & Allette Hale
- 27th Bob & Carolyn Fleming
- 30th Craig & Wanda Custer

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

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

The pastoral team has updated our current shut in list with the most recent information and contacts. We have divided them between Deacons in an effort to spread our outreach to those in need. If there are any new additions please let any Deacon know. Thank you, Bobby Sellers

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



We held our monthly meeting on April 17, 2023 in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. 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. The announcement of the award of the Rayford and Lillian Driver Scholarship will be made in June, coinciding with graduation. There were no discussions on any changes to the Constitution & By-Laws at the meeting.

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. Those revisions were approved and a copy of the revised pages of the Constitution & By-Laws 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 decided at the last Leadership Team meeting to include a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws on the Church's Webpage. Be on the lookout for it in the near future.

Continuing with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws, we are providing Article VII, Communion.

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 VII (Approved 1997) **Communion**

Communion is observed in memory of Jesus Christ. The Ordinance of Communion shall be as follows:

1. Communion shall be held the first Sunday of each quarter unless circumstances prevent it.
2. Communion is the observance of the Lord's table and open to all professing Christians.
 - (a) The bread is symbolic of the broken body of Christ.
 - (b) The juice is symbolic of the shed blood of Christ.
3. A person joining this church from another church will be baptized, if said person has not been baptized by immersion.

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

- We will be celebrating Mother's Day on May 14, be sure to join us!
- Our children's department is growing! The children are in need of additional adult help in the Worship Service Nursery. Please contact Ashelyn (in our office) and submit your name as a volunteer if you can help. Current rotation is once a month...so if we have more volunteers, we can place more weeks between the dates each one helps us out. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve in our church.
- It will soon be time to select team members for our Worship Team. If you would like to join the Worship Team, please contact Susan Andrews or any member of the current Worship Team to submit your name, contact information and area of interest.

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):

The Missions Team continues its efforts to help those in need in a world full of struggles. The Flea Market is thriving, giving us more opportunities to show God's love and our compassion. Be sure to come out on Saturday, May 6, to support the Youth Fest. All proceeds from the Flea Market will go to the youth to help defray summer camp expenses. Please lift us up in your prayers that we do God's will.

Senior Adult Team (Olivia Cooke-Team Leader):

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



We had a great time at Caswell, the weather was great, food was delicious and of course a great program from Renee Henderson "The Bag Lady" and Phyllis Ellington. We all came back refreshed and ready to dive into more Bible reading, Bible study and prayer. On Tuesday, April 25th we enjoyed a trip to the Farmer's Market, good food at Pam's Farmhouse and of course a stop at Krispy Kreme for dessert. We had some new people join us and we hope they will come again. All seniors are welcome to join us anytime. Our next trip will be to Edenton to see a light house and do a trolley ride around town or you can just sit and enjoy the view by the water. A sign up sheet will be available at the Information center.

This week we lost a dear member of our group and friend Ms. Phyllis Andrews, sending prayers to her family, she will be missed.

God Bless, Olivia Cooke, Patsy & Ricky Narron

