



Reflection is a wonderful tool in moving forward. Henry Blackaby once said if you want to know where God is leading you, look to see where you have already been. So, as I think about the next three newsletter articles I'll compose, I thought I'd spend a few moments sharing things about our ministry together of which I am most proud.

To begin, I am proud of how we have become more mission focused these last 20-years. First Baptist Church has a rich heritage in being missional. Long before I arrived, the Women's Missionary Union at FBC was strong in teaching about and participating in mission work. Being missions minded is a hallmark of Baptist identity. We take seriously Jesus' words in the Great Commission; "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" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Prior to our arrival at First Baptist in 2003, a group went to Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington to study their Operation In-As-Much outreach. Sensing a deeper desire to be more involved in local missions, they went to observe hoping to bring back ideas so that First Baptist could help our neighbors better. From their vision, our Operation In-As-Much outreach led day-long events to assist people in Dunn, the construction of handicap ramps, yard sales to provide funds for greater involvement in offering benevolence, donation of clothing and materials to other organizations, the creation of a food pantry at the church that evolved into our partnership with other churches at the Dunn United Ministerial Association Food Pantry. I am proud of how God continues to produce fruit from the seeds they brought home that weekend.

Another area of missions for which I am grateful is our work beyond the city limits. During a former pastor's tenure, a group went to South Africa on a mission trip. It was life changing for those who participated. Here, too, the seeds were planted. When I expressed to the pulpit committee that I was interested in being in a church that participated in Partnership Missions, the chair, Richard Carr said, "That's what we want too!" During the last 20-years we have been to Ukraine working to help build The Village of Hope, traveled to Belize to build a hurricane shelter, several houses, and among other things, a camp/conference center for the churches in that area. Twice we went to the Gulf after Hurricane Katrina and to New Jersey after Superstorm Sandy. We have been to various locations in North Carolina after tornados and floods---including helping folks here in Harnett County. Our youth went to Kentucky to help build homes and to Red Springs and Caswell on mission trips. From the seeds that were planted following that first trip to South Africa, we have seen much fruit.

Personally, I can take little credit for our missions outreach these last 20 years. God planted the seeds many years before I arrived. My mission trips to Germany while at Oak Level ignited the passion in me. God provided a place for me to serve where that passion was already lit. I am so proud of First Baptist Church for its missional identity. As I look back at how the seeds from prior to my arrival have grown, I know that the seeds we have planted during these years will also continue to produce. God has used us and will continue to use us when we are faithful. There is much for which to be thankful. We have been very blessed! Seeing where we have been, the future looks great for First Baptist Church. *Len*

Ways you can SERVE

If you are not currently serving in an area of ministry somewhere in the church we would love to talk to you about where your gifts could meet the needs of the church. There are many ways to engage in the life of the church. We are not called to be spectators. You might be surprised what God is calling you to do!

Current Needs:
Nursery Volunteers
Sunday School Leaders
Youth Volunteers
Children's Volunteers



We will be collecting Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Look for empty boxes available at the church. More details to come but get started collecting now!

Below is a list of items to fill your boxes:

Soccer ball with pump • Doll • Stuffed animals • Toy cars • Jump ropes • Yo-yos • Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries) • Toothbrushes (no toothpaste) • Washcloths • Combs • Hairbrushes • Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers • Notebooks and paper • Coloring and picture books • Solar calculators • Socks • Sunglasses • Jewelry and watches • Flashlights (with extra batteries)

MISSIONS

Join us on Saturday September 10th
for an update from CBF Missionaries,
Mina and Gennady Podgaisky.

Come experience the stories of the work being
done in the Ukraine and surrounding areas
and then enjoy a fellowship following.

They will also lead us in worship on
Sunday the 11th. Don't miss this Sunday!

Budget Update 08-21-22

Received \$260,699.39

Required \$295,541.94

Budget Deficit YTD (\$34,842.55)



Online Giving

Go to our website at
www.fbcdunn/Click Give.



Attention all present and future choir members!

We are planning our Christmas Cantata and
would love for all that are interested to come and join us
for this grand event that is taking place the evening of
Sunday, Dec. 11th. We are so excited to be able to bring
back our beloved tradition of our annual Christmas
Cantata celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We will begin rehearsing our cantata Wednesdays at
7:30pm in the Choir Room.

We can't wait to see you!

In Song,
Kathryn and Mary Sue



Come on out and be someone's blessing!

***Our church's time to serve at the food pantry is
September 13th and we need about 25 people.***

***Any time you can give between 8:30 and 2:00 is great!
Contact the office to let us know you can help.***

Sound System

Sept. 4 Christopher Moore
Sept. 11 Ron Dupree
Sept. 18 Christopher Moore
Sept. 25 Michael Stephens

Unlocking/Locking

Sept. 4 & 7 Ron Dupree
Sept. 11 & 14 Marshall Hinson
Sept. 18 & 21 Christopher Moore
Sept. 25 & 28 Bo Jones

Prayer Coordinator: Lloyd Pope

Greeters: Paula Dunham
Marshall Hinson
Lynn Jernigan

Radio Lesson

Sept. 4 Kelly McLamb
Sept. 11 Chuck Turnage
Sept. 18 Larry Snipes
Sept. 25 David Moore

Candle Lighter

Sept. 4 Allison Wise
Sept. 11 Wyatt West
Sept. 18 Eli Williams
Sept. 25 Bristol Stephens

Children's Church

Sept. 4 Family Worship Day
Sept. 11 Sara Williams & Miranda Moore
Sept. 18 Angela Jones
Sept. 25 Melissa Barefoot & Mary Overby

Scripture Reader

Sept. 4 Zoey Godwin
Sept. 11 Ella Holland
Sept. 18 Aubrie Wise
Sept. 25 Mary Charlotte Pope


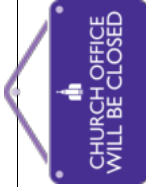


Children's Sunday School

Sept. 4 Angela Jones
Sept. 11 Jan Jernigan
Sept. 18 Miranda Moore
Sept. 25 Kelly McLamb

Nursery

Sept. 4 Meredith & Ella Holland
Sept. 11 Sharon Byrd
Sept. 18 Denise Jarrell
Sept. 25 Melissa & Julia Scott

SEPTEMBER EVENT & BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Regular Activities</u> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth Fellowship			<u>Regular Activities</u> 5:45 Virtual Bible Study 6:30 Kids Club 252 6:30 Youth Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice			
				1 Glynn Jernigan Lynn Jernigan Marc Phillips	2	3
4  Kate Avery Taylor Emory	5  Mark Dunham Krystal Jordan	6	7	8 Tory Byrd Joedi Jordan	9 Edna Cannady	10 <i>Ukraine Update & Fellowship</i> Jonathan Blackburn
11  Rob Jones Anthony Weeks	12 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	13 	14 Nicole Gossage	15 Vickie Weaver	16 Don Ella Drew	17 Christopher Moore Myra Youngblood
18	19	20 Taylor Wells Alexa Wise	21	22	23	24 Wanda Golding Maria Wadzinski Sussy Wadzinski
Elizabeth Emory David Reece			Judy Humphrey	Aaron Smith	Odessa Johnson	
25	26 Mary Lassiter Loye Yung	27 Mackie Brown Phyllis Lawrence	28 Jared Kerney David Lawrence	29 Terry Hardison Whitney Guthrie	30	
Carl Barbour						

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October 15, 2022
First Baptist Church - Dunn, NC
8:30am - 3:30pm
\$5 Charge. Lunch Provided



Sunday Morning Bible Study
10am in the youth room

Wednesday Night Youth Small Groups
6:30-7:30pm in the youth room

Youth Fall Retreat: Caswell
November 11th—13th
Registration going on now. Need adult chaperones!

Kids Club 252

Ages 3 through 5th Grade
Wednesday nights at 6:30



Sunday School
10am

