

Church Workers

Date	Greeters	Nursery - Worship
Oct 1	Rita Crisco - Sunday School Dorie Hatley - Worship	Cheryl Cameron Sheila Hinson
8	Danny & Julie Poplin - Sunday Sch. Thomas & Ellen Meadors - Worship	Hank & Jessica Fowler
15	Jeff & Sandra Chance - Sunday Sch. Ted Parker - Worship	Ashley Morton Sandra Chance
22	Shea & Ashley Morton - Sunday Sch. Butch Poplin - Worship	Lori & Allison Efird
29	Bobby & Renee Watkins - Sunday Sch. Tracy & Lisa Lowder - Worship	Renee Watkins Deborah Tucker
Nov 5	Eddie & Linda Arrowood - Sunday Sch. Jane Baucom - Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Oct 1	Jim Cameron	Eddie Arrowood
8	Andy Castelloe	Betty Huneycutt
15	Jeff Chance	Usher - Wiley Little
22	Cliff Edwards	
29	Kevin Floyd	
Nov 5	Buddy Gaddy	

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Tuesday, October 31
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Hot Dogs, Hay Ride,
Cookie Decorating,
Games, Treats,
Crafts, Country Store

Fun for the Whole Family!
EVERYONE is
Invited!

*"She is clothed with strength
and dignity; she can laugh
at the days to come."
Proverbs 31:25*

Proverbs 31 Wannabes:

October 8, 5:00 p.m. - Melanie Hudson's

November 12 - Darla Morton's

December 10 - Ma Mae's

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A few years ago, I had the opportunity to go on a silence retreat up in the Shenandoah Mountains in mid-October. The whole idea of the getaway was to provide a space for folks to unplug from the world for a few days in order to listen to the voice of God in the midst of the craziness of life. And yes, as the name implies, but for a couple of hours of fellowship each evening, we didn't speak a word for three days. It was wonderful.

It was wonderful for several reasons. For starters, the weather was as beautiful as you could imagine. It was cool at night, never too hot during the day, and the sun shone bright and full the whole time. Add to that, the leaves were at the peak of their transition from green to dead and the colors were absolutely radiant. I'm the kind of person whose soul is recharged by getting out in nature and soaking in the beauty of God's world. Even without anything else happening, being able to spend three days with no agenda, soaking in the unadulterated beauty of autumn was about as close to heaven for me as a person can get in this life. Third, it was quiet. The retreat center was far enough away from any main roads that you couldn't hear any traffic. It was far enough outside of most flight paths that the sound of airplanes was a rare intrusion. Because it was a silence retreat, no one said a word to break up the sound of the mountains. And the place had no cell phone reception with the exception of one little corner of the deck outside the dining hall. As I said: silent.

Now, enjoying this kind of thing takes some adjustment when you are accustomed to noise in all its various forms. For me, staying active was one way to do this. So, I went for a hike. This wasn't hiking like I had done before, though. There was a path to follow and I had a map, but the trail wasn't always clear...neither was the map terribly helpful. Instead, like you've seen if you've gone hiking at Morrow Mountain, there are trail markers spaced out every 100 yards or so on the trees. This took some getting used to, but eventually I figured out how to navigate from one tree to the next, how to recognize what was trail and what wasn't, and I could focus on taking in the scenery.

At least, I could until I came to the bottom of a steep hill where the trail merged with a mountain hunting road in a large clearing that obviously hadn't seen any traffic in some time...and there weren't any more markers. I like to consider myself a pretty level-headed, rational person. I'm a systematic thinker. So, I approached things systematically. I walked back up the hill to the place I had last seen a marker and got my bearings once again. The trail did indeed head down the hill. So did I...again. I explored the woods around the clearing, searching for any sign of a marker. Nothing. I went back up the hill for a second time...and down for a third time. Nothing. I walked about a half mile up one fork of the road. And back. Nothing.

I had a half a bag of peanut M&M's, a liter of water, a light jacket, two good walking sticks, a cell phone with no reception and dwindling battery, miles and miles of beautiful woods with no people to mess it up, a panic level that was steadily rising...and I was lost.

Pastor Jonathan Waits

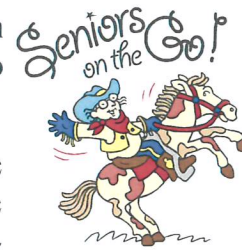


Stanly Community Christian Ministries requests peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for continuing to help those less fortunate by bringing the items you pick up at the store to the basement kitchen area.

Along with our own tour guide, what an outstanding trip HOPE Fellowship had to Mount Airy (hope you've seen the pictures).

Fall Beach Trip: If you signed up for the *October 23-25* Myrtle Beach trip, a \$98 per-person deposit is due (\$196 per couple). Final payment is due *October 11*. You may place in an envelope with your name and "beach" marked on it or you may give it to

Betty Huneycutt. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist, Oakboro. A few rooms remain if you haven't signed up but would like to go.



Be sure to make the following welcome into our church family:

Nick & Missy Wadkins
and their precious boy, Riley
313 W Eleventh Street
Oakboro, NC 28129

Eddie Hanvey
14578 Fiji Court
Stanfield, NC 28163

Mrs. Sonja Linthicum's new address:
1494 Branch Road
York, SC 29745



"Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your prayers during my surgery. I have healed very well and know that is a blessing from God! Sincerely," Mike Eudy

"First Baptist of Oakboro, Thank you for awarding me with the Jeff & Sandra Chance scholarship. The scholarship has already went toward my college supplies. I am very thankful for your support as I move on to Wingate! Sincerely," Parker Hatley

Tithes and Offerings

Budget Goals - September	\$23,405.40
Budget Receipts - September	21,311.51
Budget Variance	- 2,093.89
Special Offerings	
Building Fund	1,130.00
NC Missions Offering	1,405.00
Youth - Ice Cream	404.25
Van Fund	826.00
Senior Adults	20.00
Choir Donations	140.00
Robes Cleaning	250.00
Backpacks	70.00

WE EXCEEDED OUR NC MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL!
Total Received \$1,480



WOW! DID YOU SHOW UP IN A BIG WAY! THE YOUTH MADE OVER \$400 AT THE LAST CRUISE-IN. AND SOME OF OUR "REGULARS" WERE UNABLE TO MAKE ICE CREAM THIS TIME. THANK ALL OF YOU!!!

Youth Ski Retreat - February 2-4, 2018

Winterplace Ski Resort, Beckley, WV

Package includes:

Saturday night and Sunday worship featuring the **Be Do Tell team** and a guest speaker

Two-night hotel lodging & continental breakfasts

One-day ski or snowboard rental & lift ticket (8 a.m.-10 p.m.)

Lunch vouchers and Dinner at worship venue

If your child is interested in going, or if you are interested in being a chaperone, please let a member of the youth committee know, so we can reserve our spots!



October 7, 6:00 p.m.

Sign up for the First Annual Chili Cook-off and Men's Bake-off if you would like to participate OR just come

to taste. Donations will be taken at the door, and judges will decide the winner for the BEST chili. YOU will vote (\$1 per vote) for the best baked item in the following categories: Cakes, Pies, & Other Dessert. Donations will go toward the youth ski retreat with the Be-Do-Tell team.



In memory of Craig Jenkins, a donation was given to the Van Fund by the Children and Children's Committee.

In Loving Memory

Contributions were made by the Blessed Assurance Sunday School class and Bea & Kim Goodman in memory of Georgie Osborne. (This was omitted from previous newsletters.)

In memory of Jewell Whitley, Georgie Osborne, and Jerry Criscoe, a donation was given to the Van fund by Eddie & Linda Arrowood.

In memory of Claudette Love, donations were given to the Choir Fund by Larry & Judy Tucker and family and Doug and Ann Burgess.

Contributions were given to the Building Fund in memory of Claudette Love by Ted & Jewell Parker and First Baptist, Oakboro.

In honor of the Youth, Matt & Melanie Hudson made a contribution to the Van Fund.



Miky & Marilyn Huneycutt made a Building Fund donation in honor of Matt Hudson.

In honor of Ted Parker and Sonja Linthicum, the Adult Choir made contributions to the Building Fund.

A donation was made to the Building Fund by Hope Gaston in honor of Dana Jenkins.



BAPTISTS ON MISSION



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Empty bookbags are available in the first floor hallway of the educational building, with a list of items needed in each bag. Please label with either BOY or GIRL and age level (3-5, 6-9, 10-14). Please turn these in by November 1, in order to get them delivered to a collection site. For more information, please refer to the posters on the bulletin boards or to their web site: <http://baptistsonmission.org/Missions>. If needed, we can print off the booklets and labels in the office from their website.

Thank you for helping, Brotherhood Ministry

PRESCHOOL PRAISE Beginning Wednesday, **October 4**, at 6:45 p.m., ALL -preschoolers are invited to Preschool Choir with Dana & Catherine from 6:45 'til 7:40 p.m.



Save the Date! ~ February 24, 2018

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
6th Annual Concert



Karen Peck & New River

& The Isaacs

Tickets Go On Sale November 1!
Call or See Delinda

