

Church Workers

Date	Greeters	Nursery - Worship
Nov 5	Eddie & Linda Arrowood - Sunday Sch. Jane Baucom - Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin
12	Matt & Melanie Hudson - Sunday Sch. Felix & Mark Hinson - Worship	Kay Smith, Jane Baucom
19	Mandy Smith - Sunday School Bobby Watkins - Worship	Andy & Julie Castelloe
26	Gerald & Bonnie Lee - Sunday School Wiley Little - Worship	Lisa & Tracy Lowder
Dec 3	Mike McClellan - Sunday School Mickey & Vera Robinson - Worship	Cheryl Cameron, Sheila Hinson

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Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Nov 5	Buddy Gaddy	Jim Cameron
12	Doug Hinson	Lynn Edwards
19	Matt Hudson	Usher - Mickey Robinson
26	Shea Morton	
Dec 3	Danny Poplin	

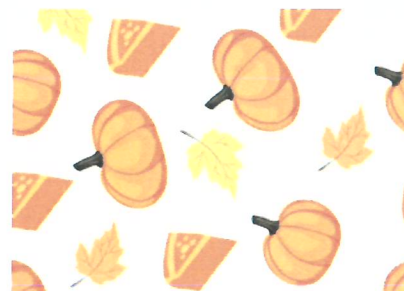
Please email the office firstbaptistoakboro@gmail.com or call (704) 485-4313 to be added to or removed from the above lists.

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

Proverbs 31 Wannabes:
November 12 - Darla Morton's
December 10 - Ma Mae's

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Have you been wondering what happened since last month? After exploring the clearing and the woods and the road all the while studying the map I had for about half an hour, I finally decided the best thing to do

was to head down the remaining fork of the road I hadn't explored yet. It was a road. The chances were good it went somewhere. Either I would find the trail, find a town, or become the subject of a regional missing person search. Staying put wasn't going to be an option.

Have you ever been in one of those places in life where you felt lost? I don't mean one of those places where you just aren't totally sure about the way forward. I mean lost. You don't have any idea which path to take and none of them seem any better than any other. Worse than that, you genuinely feel lost. You know that feeling: Your stomach tightens, your throat starts to constrict some, your breath comes in shorter bursts, and your lungs seem to not be able to fill up quite as full as they could before. And the panic begins to set in. Panic is a scary feeling. It takes a lot of willpower to keep it from totally overwhelming not just your mind, but your whole body when it does. It's no fun to feel lost.

What do you do then? If you are a follower of Jesus, you start by remembering that you are not alone. Ever. You are always journeying with the one who not only knows the map, He created the scenery in the first place. No one knows the path better than He does. He is the Way, after all.

When you aren't sure which path is the way forward, you lean into Him, choose a path that resonates most clearly with what He has been doing in your life recently (making certain that sinful decisions are not part of the equation), and keep moving forward until He says to do something else. Going backwards isn't ever an option. You trust in what He has done in the past, and take the path that seems the most consistent with that. Clarity may not come right away by this, but it will come. It will come because if we are journeying in His direction, we are eventually going to recognize His presence on the path. This will give us the renewed hope and confidence to keep moving forward.

As for me, I set off down the road. And for a long time I didn't see a single thing that gave me confidence in the direction I chose. But after a while I heard a sound I recognized: water. There was a river on the map. At some point the trail crossed a creek. In fact, it started to run parallel to it. Had I been overwhelmed by the noise of the world, I would have never heard it. With the creek audibly on my left, I kept walking. Then, all of a sudden, there was a marker. The trail reappeared and headed off the road into the woods. I had been on the right track the whole time. The trail did indeed parallel the creek and the beauty of the last part was even greater than the first.

If you are wondering along on a path that is not clear, keep moving forward on the evidence of what Jesus has done already in your life, stay away from things that obviously aren't the path, and wait to see the ways the end will be better than the beginning.

Pastor Jonathan Waits



For November, Stanly Community Christian Ministries requests **canned fruit**. Please drop off your donations in the basement kitchen area.

The weather was GREAT for the HOPE Fellowship beach trip this year. What a wonderful time of fellowship and rest we enjoyed! Next year, we'll probably go for the Christmas shows November 12-14, 2018.



This **November 13**, leaving the church at 9:30 a.m., we'll have an early lunch in Siler City at Smithfield BBQ. A tour of the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory kitchen is scheduled, followed by time for shopping. As always, all ages are welcome to go along. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

A trip to Old Salem and the Festival of Lights at Tanglewood is on tap for **December 7**. Tentative plans are to leave the church at 9:00 a.m., have lunch at The Tavern in Old Salem, tour the area, then stop by Tanglewood on the return trip home.

Tithes and Offerings

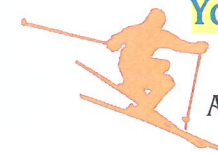
Budget Goals - October	\$29,256.75
Budget Receipts - October	27,199.00
Budget Goals- YTD	52,662.15
Budget Receipts - YTD	48,510.51
Budget Variance	- 4,151.64
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	815.00
NC Missions Offering	100.00
Youth - Chili Cook-Off	776.68
Van Fund	4,188.00
Ministry Appreciation	916.00



Youth Ski Retreat - February 2-4, 2018

Winterplace Ski Resort, Beckley, WV

A total of 25 have registered to go skiing!



THANKS-Giving Baskets

The Youth will gather after Worship on Sunday, **November 19**, go to lunch together, then deliver baskets to our shut-ins. Mark your calendars now!





In memory of Dana Jenkins's uncle, a donation was given to the Building Fund by Ted & Jewell Parker.

In Loving Memory

In memory of Claudette Love, a contribution was given to the Building Fund by Doris Hatley

In honor of the Youth, Mae Brooks made a donation to the Youth Group.



In honor of Mary Speaks, a contribution was given to the Van Fund by Mae Brooks.

In honor of Mike McClellan and the new deacons, Shea Morton and Matt Hudson, a donation was given toward the Van by Mae Brooks.



"Members of First Baptist. For everything you've done . . . for being the special people that you are . . . thank you so very much. With all our 'Thanks' for the prayers and love during this time."

The Family of Claudette Love

"Dear Church Family, I appreciate all the cards and visits from you. I also want you all to know that I love each one with all my heart." Bonnie Richardson

A special word of thanks to all those that packed and provided funds for the Appalachian Christian Outreach bookbags. There were 32 boys' and 38 girls' bags for a total of 70. These will be taken to Brookdale Baptist Church in Kannapolis as a collection site. Pray now for those precious children that will receive these bookbags.

THANK YOU! Brotherhood Ministry



BARBECUE

**Join us
Saturday, November 4
at 6:00 p.m.**

**Delicious Pork & Chicken BBQ
and all the extras
cooked by our Men.
Please bring tea, soft drinks or
desserts, if desired.
Come & enjoy a night of fellowship!**

Save the Date! ~ February 24, 2018
Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
6th Annual Benefit Concert



**Karen Peck &
New River**



& The Isaacs

Call or See Delinda for tickets



"Doxology" is one of the most well-known hymns ever written. It has been sung by congregations for more than 300 years. The lyrics were written by Thomas Ken. He was born in Little Berkhamstead, England in 1637 and became a preacher in the Church of England.

The tune "Old Hundredth" is a very famous Christian melody. The composer is Louis Bourgeois, who was born in Paris, France in 1510. He later moved to Geneva, Switzerland and became a strong follower of John Calvin. He wrote many tunes for Christian lyrics.

Mayor Doug Burgess has asked the Children's Choir to sing a couple of songs at the Oakboro Tree Lighting on Thursday evening, **November 30**. We look forward to this opportunity!

Everyone is invited on Sunday, **December 3**, at 6:00 p.m. as the Children's Choir presents



Please stay following the program for a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party with pizza and birthday cake!

Preschoolers: You are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm. on the second floor of the educational building as we enjoy musical activities and sing a lot of wonderful songs.

The Handbell Choir is busy rehearsing on Sundays at 4:00 in hopes of playing some beautiful Christmas music for services in December.



November

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- November
- 1 Bud Smith
 - Michael Thompson
 - Robbie Foxx
 - Tracy Mitchell
 - 3 Cooper Hudson
 - Gray Crisco
 - 5 Jeremy Harris
 - Kennedy Foxx
 - 6 Skylar Craven
 - Donna Thompson
 - 7 Shannon Henry
(incorrect last month)
 - 8 Donna Coble
 - 9 Jennifer Eaglen
 - Sheila Huneycutt
 - 10 Lisa Lowder
 - Tracey Russell
 - Riley Wadkins
 - 11 Deborah Tucker
 - David Klutz
 - 13 Brenda Whitley
 - Bug Kippes
 - 15 Starla Thompson
 - 18 Mark Love
 - Andy Beatty
 - Sadee Lawhon
 - 24 Tommy Ross
 - 25 Mark Morrison
 - 27 Jason Washburn
 - 28 Steven Davenport
 - 29 Angie Queen
 - Zoey Teeter
- December
- 1 Butch Poplin
 - Carter Miller
 - Nicole Burris
 - 2 Harry Foster
 - Ruby Watkins
 - Audrey Teeter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>Weekly Sunday Services 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School 11:00 a.m. ~ Worship</p>			<p>1 5:45 p.m. <i>The Gathering Place</i> Fellowship Meal 6:45 Mission Groups for ALL Ages 7:45 Adult Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6:00 p.m. Church-Wide Bar-B-Q!</p> 	
<p>5 4:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 2:45 Children's Choir</p> 	<p>7 Election Day</p> 	<p>8 5:45 p.m. <i>The Gathering Place</i> Fellowship Meal 6:45 Preschool Choir, Team Kid, Youth, Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir</p>			<p>10</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> 
<p>12 4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 HOPE Fellowship to Smithfield BBQ & Southern Supreme Fruitcake 2:45-5:00 p.m. Children's Choir</p>	<p>14 BECAUSE OF YOU, THEIR LIVES WERE SAVED Week of Prayer: November 12-19, 2017 ANNUAL OFFERING GOAL # \$1.5 MILLION</p> 	<p>15 5:45 p.m. <i>The Gathering Place</i> Fellowship Meal 6:45 Preschool Choir, Team Kid, Youth, Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	
<p>19 11:00 a.m. Lord's Supper Observance Youth Deliver Fruit Baskets to Shut-Ins 4:00 p.m. Handbells 6:00 Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal</p> 	<p>20 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 2:45-5:00 p.m. Children's Choir</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 NO SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>23 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good Happy Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>24 Office Closed 11/23-24</p>	<p>25</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p>27 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 Senior Adult Comm. 2:45-5:00 p.m. Children's Choir</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 5:45 p.m. <i>The Gathering Place</i> Fellowship Meal 6:45 Preschool Choir, Team Kid, Youth, Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir</p>				