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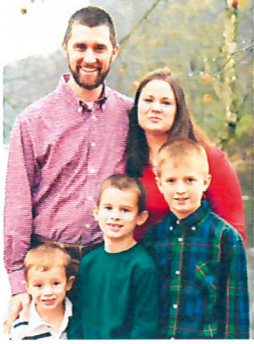
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This month we are finally going to start the conversation I've been telling you about since the beginning of the year. We are going to start a conversation about who we are as a church. Who did God make us to be? That is a question to which we don't often give a lot of attention, but which I believe to be much more deserving of our focus than we might think. Here's why: Jesus is going somewhere. He is always moving forward to advance His kingdom further and further into this world. What that means is that we've got to be on the move as well. We've got to be moving with Him or else we'll get left behind.

Far too many churches find a place that is comfortable and set up camp. Jesus didn't ever set up camp. In fact, Luke tells the story of a time when a young man came up wanting to follow Jesus. Rather than saying, "Sure, come on and be one of My followers," Jesus replied by saying, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Jesus made His itinerancy a defining feature of His ministry. Later, when the church was starting to get steadier on its feet, they began to put down roots and stop moving outward. God responded by allowing them to be persecuted right out of the city by Saul (who, as it turns out, was serving to advance the mission of Jesus even before He became a follower of Jesus!). The result was the explosion of the church into the surrounding countryside and world...something they should have been aiming to do all along.

If as a church we are not moving, we're not being faithful. Period. But, knowing we should be moving is not enough. If we don't also know who we are, we're not going to be moving in the way or in the direction God designed us to go. Knowing who we are as a group of Jesus followers is critical to everything else we will do for the kingdom. Beginning next Sunday, we're going to explore that very thing together. We will begin by taking a look at the three key pieces of our identity in the weeks leading up to Easter. Then, on Easter Sunday morning we will put all the pieces together and proclaim for the first time in perhaps a long time who we are; who God made us to be. You will not want to miss a single part of this conversation. This will be a great opportunity to invite folks you know who are curious about this church or even just the church to come and hear about how God has shaped one particular church and some of the things they will be able to do about it. In the meantime, please be praying over this series, that we will together

uncover exactly who God has designed us to be and how we can become more fully that church. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!
Pastor Jonathan



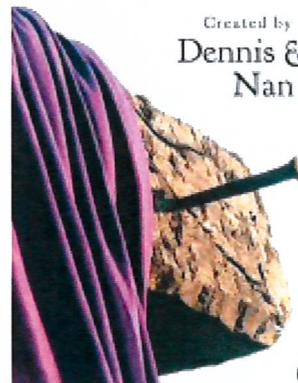
Canned soup and crackers are requested by Stanly Community Christian Ministries for March. Thank you for continuing to support our local missions by picking up these items while shopping and dropping them off in the basement kitchen area.



Jesus, Messiah

A Musical for Easter

Created by
Dennis &
Nan Allen



Live! Worship

This Easter musical will be presented by the combined choirs of
**First Baptist, Oakboro &
 St. Stephens Wesleyan**

**Sunday, March 25
 at 6:00 p.m.**

**in the Fellowship Building.
 EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

Church Workers

Date	Greeters	Nursery - Worship
Mar 4	Rita Crisco – Sunday School Tracy & Lisa Lowder - Worship	Ashley Morton Sandra Chance
11	Danny & Julie Poplin – Sunday School Jane Baucom – Worship	Lori & Allison Efrid
18	Jeff & Sandra Chance – Sunday School Felix & Mark Hinson – Worship	Renee Watkins Deborah Tucker
25	Shea & Ashley Morton – Sunday School Bobby Watkins – Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin
Apr 1	Bobby & Renee Watkins – Sunday School Wiley Little - Worship	Kay Smith, Jane Baucom

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Mar 4	Jim Cameron	Sandra Chance
11	Andy Castelloe	Ellen Meadors
18	Jeff Chance	Usher Brett Smith
25	Cliff Edwards	
Apr 1	Kevin Floyd	



2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

See Mary Helen Gaddy by March 25 if interested in attending!

PLEASE JOIN US TO

Celebrate THE BRIDE to be

CODY RENEE SMITH

Sunday | 2PM to 4PM | March 25th

at first baptist church
oakboro, nc
hosted by friends & family
registry at walmart and bed bath & beyond

*Dear First Baptist Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the wonderful things you have done for us the last 7 months. The cards, calls, your love and most importantly your prayers. It is through times as this, that we are made aware of how blessed we are to have a church family like you. Our God is so good!
To Him be the glory! Love & Blessings,
Wiley & Joyce*



Make Plans to Attend: **Youth**
Hot Dog Supper
Bake Auction
Talent Show
March 3 at 5:00 p.m.



**Please sign up
to bring baked goods
for the auction.**

**Youth Sunday will be Sunday, March 4,
for Sunday School & Worship**



Camp Caswell

Confirmed: June 18 – 23
\$100 Deposit Due March 25



For March, a venture to JAARS (Jungle Aviation And Radio Service) in Waxhaw, NC is scheduled for Thursday, **March 15**, leaving at 8:15 a.m. JAARS is a Bible translation service that reaches the most remote parts of the world with the Bible. At 9:30, a guide will greet the group and begin the tour, telling what they do, viewing the airplanes, boats, etc. that JAARS uses. After the tour, lunch will be onsite at the cafeteria. The group then will visit the Alphabet and Mexico Museums across the road. Everyone, make plans now to come along! Here's an excerpt from their website. **"Who we are:** JAARS is a multidisciplinary team of problem-solvers who are committed to the belief—and the vision—that people's lives and communities are transformed as they experience God's Word in their own language."

We are a community of full-time missionaries, dedicated volunteers and even a few employees who work together to accomplish the Great Commission goal of providing Scripture to every people group on earth in the language they understand best – their heart language. We do that by supporting Bible translation and language development partners globally, and by working with prayer and financial partners in the United States to help make a range of unique on-the-field solutions possible."

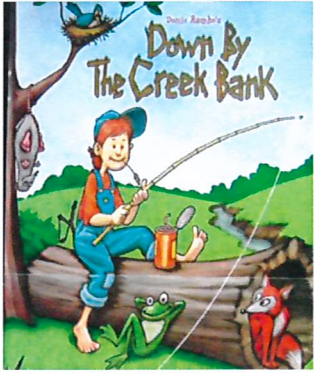
Easter
EGG HUNT

Sunday
March 25
3:00 p.m.

Hosted by Preschool & Children's Committees



SAVE THE DATES
for Vacation Bible School
July 15-19, 2018



On Sunday evening, **April 22**, at 6:00 p.m. with the musical presentation of “**Down by the Creek Bank.**” This was one of the musicals on the DVD that was shown. Claudette Love and Catherine Thomas were leaders, and Jane Barnhardt helped create all the stage set. Some of the parents of the present children’s choir were in the presentation over 20 years ago. It will be exciting to be able to present “**Down by**

the Creek Bank” again and re-visit some of those special memories, along with making new ones!

Please pray for us as we rehearse and prepare for April 22. If you have a child in K-5th grades that would like to join us on Mondays after school ‘til 5:00, we would love to have them participate.

Blessings! *Dana B. Jenkins*

POOR MAN'S SUPPER
MARCH 10, 2018
5:00 P.M. UNTIL _____
FELLOWSHIP BUILDING OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OAKBORO

Menu: Streaked meat, potatoes, cabbage, pintos, cornbread

Donations Accepted

Sponsored by the Brotherhood of First Baptist Church of Oakboro

Proceeds benefit West Stanly Christian Ministries



In memory of Fred Efrd, a donation was made by Ted & Jewell Parker to the Building Fund.

In memory of Roy Brooks, a contribution was given to the Building Fund by Mae Brooks.



In honor of Wes Tucker and Joe Huneycutt, the Adult Choir made contributions to the Benevolent Fund.

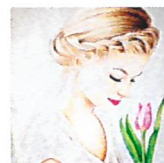
Mae Brooks made a donation to the Heck-Jones Offering in honor of Joe & Betty Huneycutt.

In honor of Mae Brooks and Mary Helen Gaddy, a contribution was made to the Heck-Jones Offering by Dianne Hudson.

The Adult Choir gave a contribution to Danielle Brady of CRU in honor of Lorrie Hatley.

Please sign up if you would like to place a lily in the church during the Easter season in honor of or in memory of a loved one. They are \$15 each, and the deadline for reserving these and turning in money is **Sunday, March 18.**

Easter Lily Dedications





Proverbs 31 Wannabes at Meredith Broadway's on Sunday, March 11, at 5:00 p.m.



MARCH 2018

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- March
- 1 Vickie Yandle
 - 2 Catherine Burgess
 - Katie Joy Broadway
 - 4 Sheridan Meadors
 - Lynn Edwards
 - Nick Wadkins
 - 5 Jennifer Morton
 - Charlie Kippes
 - 7 Mike Eudy (Ann)
 - Natalie Tillman
 - 8 Billy Taylor
 - Katy Smith
 - 10 Lydia Crisco
 - 11 Bill Yandle
 - Brett Smith
 - 12 Ryan Eaglen
 - 13 Cory Lawhon
 - Jamin Brown
 - Kala Garrison
 - 15 Mary Ellen Nelms
 - 16 Louise Floyd
 - 18 Jenni Foxx
 - 20 Tripp Collins
 - Emily Furr
 - Ronell Taylor
 - Hunter Floyd
 - 22 Annie Hartsell
 - Lisa Waits
 - 24 Hunter Stoker
 - 25 Phyllis Whitley
 - 26 Devin Floyd
 - Kevin Floyd
 - 28 Kolby Queen
 - 29 Frances Beatty
 - Chance Boger
 - 30 Felix Hinson
 - 31 Rachel Young

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Weekly Sunday Services</i> 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship</p>						
4:00 Deacons' Meeting Handbells Rehearsal	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir		5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Mission Groups for ALL Ages 7:45 Adult Choir			 BAKE SALE 5:00 P.M. Youth Hot Dog Supper, Bake Auction & Talent Show
4:00 p.m. Handbells 5:00 Proverbs 31 Wannabes @ Meredith Broadway's	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir		5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & BUSINESS MEETING 7:45 Adult Choir	8:15 a.m. HOPE Fellowship Trip to JAARS Waxhaw, NC		 Spring Forward  St. Patrick's Day
4:00 p.m. Handbells 5:30 FBCO & St. Stephens Combined Choirs Rehearsal Deadline for Easter Lily Dedications	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir		5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 FBCO & St. Stephens Combined Choirs Rehearsal			
9:00 a.m. Handbells 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Cody Smith 3:00 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00 FBCO & St. Stephens Combined Choirs Present JESUS MESSIAH	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 Senior Adult Committee 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir		7:45 Adult Choir Practice		7:00 p.m.	 GOOD FRIDAY

