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Now that we know who we
are, join us Sunday mornings
for a conversation about...

what's next?

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He is risen! This past Sunday we celebrated with joy the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you've been around the church for long, while Easter is always a high point of excitement and emotion, it is possible to lose a bit of the significance of what we are celebrating through our familiarity with the celebration. Allow me then, to remind you of just what we proclaim: Christianity hangs on the point of the resurrection. It is not overstating things even in the slightest to say that Christianity rises and falls on the resurrection. Without the resurrection of Jesus there would be no Christian faith. There would be no church.

There would be only a great and cruel joke played out through the lives of billions of people over the span of 2,000 years. Without the resurrection, none of the things we do and say in pursuit of Jesus would be of any significance. All of this is to say: **The resurrection matters.**

Sunday, we talked about one more reason why it matters: Through the resurrection, we become who God made us to be. That goes for each one of us individually, but it also goes for our entire community. For the past month, we have been having a conversation about just who it is that God designed this particular body of believers to be. There are three key pieces to this identity. God made us a place where people can connect with Him and with the people He loves. He made us a place where people can grow fully into who He designed them to be. He made us a place that reaches out with the Gospel to a world desperately in need of its saving truth.

Each week of the month of March we examined a different piece of the identity God has designed into this body of believers. If you missed any of these conversations, you can find them under the sermon tab on my blog at www.thenexus.blog. This past Sunday as we celebrated the power of the resurrection, we finally put everything together. We can now state with confidence and joy who God made us to be. God designed First Baptist to be a place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom. This is our identity. This is who God made us to be.

Pastor Jonathan

STAND UP: HOW TO FIGHT INJUSTICE

Join us in April and May as we look at how to battle the injustices around us through the story of Esther.

Tithes & Offerings

Budget Goals – March	\$ 23,405.40
Budget Receipts – March	20,557.00
Budget Goals – YTD	175,540.50
Budget Receipts – YTD	163,980.00
Budget Variance	-11,560.50
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	1,460.00
Children's Ministry Donations	630.00
Youth: Hot Dog Supper & Bake Auction	2,979.50
Brotherhood: Poor Man's Supper	1,170.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	1,377.00
Youth Camp Caswell Deposits	1,700.00
Relay for Life Donations	200.00



For April, **rice, pasta, instant potatoes and macaroni & cheese** are requested by Stanly Community Christian Ministries. Thank you for supporting our local missions by picking up these items while shopping and dropping them off in the basement kitchen area.

2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE
HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Open Hands

2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE
April 6-7, 2018

See Mary Helen Gaddy if interested in attending!

Church Volunteers

Date	Greeters	Nursery - Worship
Apr 1	Bobby & Renee Watkins – Sunday School Wiley Little - Worship	Key Smith, Jane Baucom
8	Eddie & Linda Arrowood – Sunday School Mickey & Vera Robinson - Worship	Andy & Julie Castelleo
15	Matt & Melanie Hudson – Sunday School Ronell Taylor - Worship	Lisa & Tracy Lowder
22	Mandy Smith - Sunday School Matt & Melanie Hudson - Worship	Cheryl Cameron Sheila Hinson
29	Gerald & Bonnie Lee – Sunday School Buddy & Mary Helen Gaddy - Worship	Marilyn Huneycutt Matt & Melanie Hudson
May 6	Mike McClellan – Sunday School Deborah Tucker - Worship	Ashley Morton Sandra Chance

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Apr 1	Kevin Floyd	Eddie Arrowood
8	Buddy Gaddy	Betty Huneycutt
15	Doug Hinson	Usher Wiley Little
22	Matt Hudson	
29	Shea Morton	
May 6	Danny Poplin	



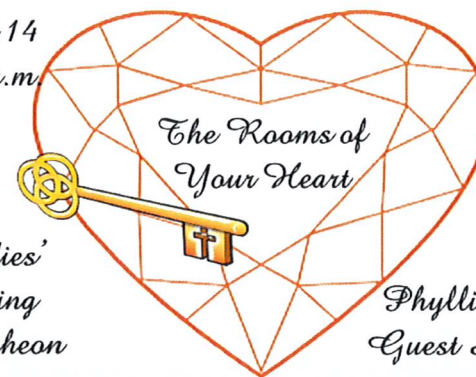
*Proverbs 31 Wannabes
At April Tucker's
April 8 at 5:00 p.m.*

Food Round-Up for NC Baptist Children's Homes:

A list of requested items is on the bulletin board, and an insert will be included in next week's bulletin. We will be collecting through **April 22**.



*April 14
10:30 a.m.*



*Ladies'
Spring
Luncheon*

*Phyllis Foy,
Guest Speaker*



Scholarship News

Again, our church will offer scholarships to high school seniors. You may get an application from the church office or your school's guidance counselor. Deadline to submit the applications is **April 15**.



SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL

April 16, 17, 18 at 10:00 a.m.



At South Stanly Baptist Church
Speakers: Monday - Dr. Kinney Wallace
Tuesday - Rev. Alex Willoughby
Wednesday - Rev. Todd McSwain

Please make plans to join other senior adults from the area for this time of worship and fellowship. There will be special music for each service. On Wednesday, please plan to stay for lunch following the worship service.



Confirmed: June 18 – 23

Camp Caswell

**A MASSIVE
THANK
YOU**

TO EVERYONE
who baked items and/ or
came to the Youth's hot
dog supper and bake sale

It's almost time for the Youth to serve their DELICIOUS homemade ice cream at the Cruise-In. If you haven't tried any, come out on Friday, *April 27*, beginning at 6:30 p.m. You will have your choice of the BEST ice cream around and be supporting our youth group as well.



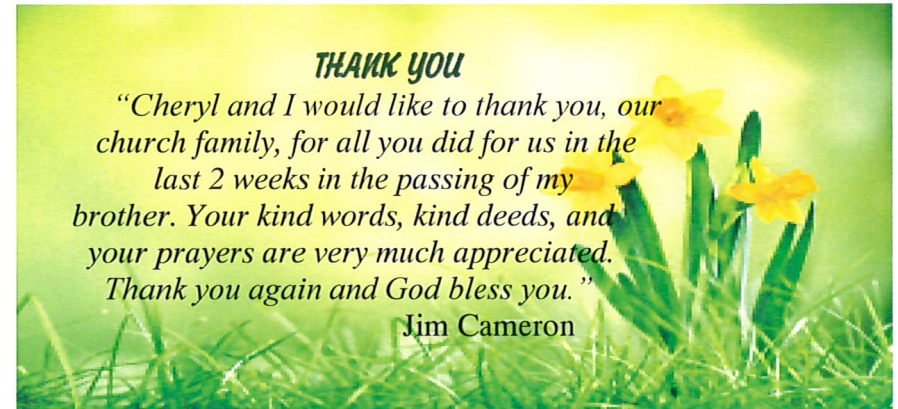
SAVE THE DATES
for Vacation Bible School
July 15-19, 2018



The Blessed Assurance Sunday School Class made donations to the Building Fund in honor of **Bertha Rogers and Bea Goodman.**

In honor of **Joe & Betty Huneycutt,** Mae Brooks made a contribution to the Building Fund.

In honor of **Mickey & Vera Robinson,** a gift was presented to the Building Fund by Mary Nelms.



THANK YOU

"Cheryl and I would like to thank you, our church family, for all you did for us in the last 2 weeks in the passing of my brother. Your kind words, kind deeds, and your prayers are very much appreciated. Thank you again and God bless you."

Jim Cameron



Oakboro School of Music Presents

"Recital"

Of piano & voice students

Sunday, April 29, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Reception to follow

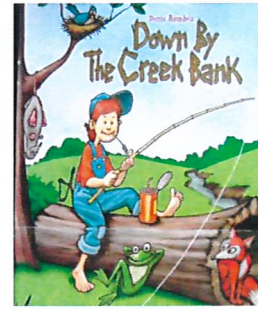
SING! This is the title of a book written by Keith and Kristyn Getty. They have been helping us sing for years now by the songs they've written. One of the most beautiful songs is the one we as a congregation sang in the Good Friday service, "In Christ Alone." In their book, the Gettys share how in the "unfolding story of scripture we see an overwhelming response prompt to sing praise!" There are five inspiring examples that help stir our hearts to the importance and outright joy of singing together.

- 1) "The First Song" – Exodus 15 – a song of praise and thanksgiving sung by Moses and the Israelites on the eastern shore of the Red Sea after the Lord brought them out of Egypt.
- 2) "The Songs of Battle" – The people sang when the ark of the covenant, having been recovered from the Philistines, was finally brought back to Jerusalem where David prepared a special place for it (I Chronicles 15).
- 3) "The Songs of David" – All through the Psalms, an authentic response of praise to God.
- 4) "The Songs of the Prophets" – Tremendous verses of scripture from Isaiah, Jeremiah, and one of my favorites "Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel, rejoice and exult with all your heart." (Zephaniah 3:14)
- 5) "A Song that Sustains the Prisoners" – We read in Acts 16:25 that Paul and Silas, detained in a Philippian jail, could be heard "praying and singing to God."

The Gettys write that "we all share the unique privilege and responsibility to singing. Singing as a church transforms our lives, our families, our churches, and our witness." (from Sing! Every Word Matters, BH Publishing Group.com 2016)

A special word of appreciation to the Adult Choirs of First Oakboro and St. Stephens Wesleyan for the beautiful presentation of **JESUS MESSIAH** on Sunday evening, March 25.

Have a "Blessed Easter" *Dana B. Jenkins*



presented by Children's Choir of
 First Baptist Oakboro
 Sunday evening,
 April 22, 2018
 at 6:00 p.m.



*In memory of **Joe Cameron**, contributions were given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering by Mae Brooks and Tracy & Lisa Lowder.*

*In memory of **Joe Cameron**, donations were given to the Building Fund by:
 Doug & Ann Burgess
 Ted & Jewell Parker
 Life Sunday School Class
 Nancy Haywood
 Marilyn Huneycutt
 Chip & Dot Alsobrooks.*

*In memory of **Roy Lee Helms, Jr.**, donations were made to the Building Fund by:
 Jim & Cheryl Cameron
 Marilyn Huneycutt
 Barbara Drye
 The Blessed Assurance Sunday School Class
 Mae Brooks
 Ted & Jewell Parker
 Annie Hartsell
 First Baptist Church of Oakboro.*

*In memory of **Tracy Lowder's cousin**, a contribution was made to the Building Fund by Jim & Cheryl Cameron.*




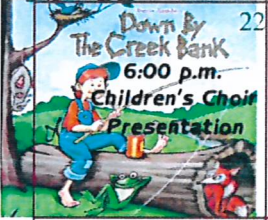



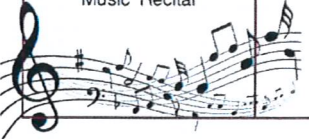



APRIL

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- April 1 Jeremy Tillman
 2 Kay Smith
 Cody Shoe
 Lanee Eury
 5 Elizabeth Maness
 6 Rita Crisco
 8 Alyssa Pope
 12 Noah Young
 Shaler Henry
 16 Thomas Meadors
 Lillianne Crisco
 17 Barbara Drye
 Lyle Jones
 18 Amy Honeycutt
 19 Caleb York
 20 Chip Alsobrooks
 Ella West
 Earl Greene
 21 Cooper Smith
 Cartney Henry
 22 Jim Brown
 Lisa Waits
 23 Hilda Keeney
 25 Jane Baucom
 Austin Stoker
 27 James Bates
 Mac Collins
 28 Ruth Turner
 April Tucker
 29 Courtney Efird
 Carlie Tillman
- May 2 John Ross
 3 Lori Kees
 Bobby Morton
 Seth Morton

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		NO Two or More NO Children's Choir		NO Meal or Other Activities		4:20 - 9:30 p.m. Missions Conference at Hickory Grove Baptist	9:00 - 4:00 p.m. Missions Conference at Hickory Grove Baptist
	No School: April 2-6						
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	4:00 Handbells 5:00 Proverbs 31 Wannabes at April Tucker'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 p.m. Missions Night for ALL Ages 7:45 Adult Choir Candy & Gift Money for Survivor Banquet Due			8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Ladies' Spring Luncheon 6:00 p.m. Survivor Banquet at West Albarne
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	4:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting Handbells Scholarship Application Deadline	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 Adult Choir			
	10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Revival South Stanly Baptist Church						
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 Senior Adult Committee		5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir		5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cruise-In 6:30 p.m. Youth Serve Ice Cream from Youth Center	
	29	30					
	6:00 p.m. Oakboro School of Music Recital 	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer					
					Baptist Children's Homes	