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## 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.

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So now we know. For the past several months I have been sharing with you about the process of coming to understand more clearly who God has designed us as a church to be for this particular season of our lives together. Along the way we haven't necessarily discovered anything new, rather, we have come to be able to put into words an idea that has been rattling around in the minds of many for quite a long time. It's been like when you had a word or idea on the tip of your tongue, couldn't quite put it together, and then all of a sudden everything clicked. And just to set it before

you once again, the idea is this: **First Baptist is a place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom.**

This is an idea, an identity, that both captures who we are as a group of Jesus followers and also describes who we are becoming. More than even that, it is a mission statement that points us forward in the direction of the kinds of activities we are going to be pursuing together for the sake of the kingdom. We are going to pursue those activities which help people connect more fully with God and with His people. We are going to be intentional about growing in our relationship with Christ in head, heart, and hand. And we are going to be always on the lookout for opportunities to advance His kingdom that our community and world might be transformed.

So...what do we do now? What changes because of this? Well, in structure, not a lot right now. In fact, there are a number of things that are going to look the same for a while. There may be some minor tweaks along the way, but from the outside looking in, it might look like nothing has really changed at all. But then, I told you this would happen. What is happening is that on the inside, we are beginning to change our whole system of thinking about how and why we do what we do. No longer will we do things because they are simply good mission or ministry projects. We'll do them because they flow naturally out of our being a place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom. We'll do them because they are moving us in the direction of becoming more fully this people.

This is where the difference and real power of understanding who we are lies. As it gradually seeps into our bones to the point where when someone thinks about First Baptist Oakboro they think, *"Oh, that's the place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom,"* all of our activities, our worship, our praying, becomes focused on this one overriding goal: To advance the kingdom of God by being a place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom. When we do that, nothing can stand in our way. This is a goal we will achieve; a people we will become together. Then, as we continue to move down the road with our God, we will enjoy the sweet fruits that we have harvested.

*Pastor Jonathan*

## Tithes & Offerings

Budget Goals - April	\$ 29,256.75
Budget Receipts - April	28,566.66
Budget Goals - YTD	204,797.25
Budget Receipts - YTD	192,546.66
Budget Variance	-12,250.59
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	1,860.00
Children's Ministry Donations	500.00
Youth Donations	225.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	1,377.00
Youth Camp Caswell Deposits	600.00
Relay for Life/Survivor Banquet Donations	3,094.00



**Canned meats** (tuna, chicken, salmon, Spam®) are being requested by Stanly Community Christian Ministries. Again, please pick up these extra items when shopping and place them in the church's basement kitchen.

THANK YOU so much for your GENEROUS contributions to the NC Baptist Children's Homes. Over 1,200 pounds of food was collected and taken to the Association office for distribution.



*Proverbs 31 Wannabes  
At Lisa Lowder's  
May 20 at 5:00 p.m.*



## Church Volunteers

Date	Greeters	Nursery - Worship
May 6	Mike McClellan – Sunday School Deborah Tucker - Worship	Ashley Morton Sandra Chance
13	Buddy & Mary Helen Gaddy – Sunday Sch. Gerald & Bonnie Lee - Worship	MOTHER'S DAY
20	Rita Crisco – Sunday School Mary Nelms - Worship	Lori & Allison Efird
27	Danny & Julie Poplin – Sunday School Jim & Cheryl Cameron - Worship	Renée Watkins Deborah Tucker
Jun 3	Jeff & Sandra Chance – Sunday School Harold & Louise Floyd - Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
May 6	Chip Alsobrooks	Jim Cameorn
13	Jim Cameron	Lynn Edwards
20	Shea Morton	Usher
27	Andy Castelloe	Mickey Robinson
Jun 3	Jeff Chance	



*"To my loving church families, I want to thank you all for the food, gifts, cards and love you have showed me, not just during the passing of Mitch, but always being there when we needed you. Thank you for the prayers for me and my family. God bless all of you. Love," Gale Medlin & Family*

*"We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of your prayers, visits, calls, cards and wonderful meals at the passing of my son, Roy Lee Helms, Jr. Thank you to each of you who attended his service. There is so much comfort to a family in a situation like this when you have a wonderful church family like Oakboro First Baptist. Thank you so much for your continued prayers."*  
Roy Lee Helms, Sr. and Family

*"Thank you, Church Family, for all your thoughts, prayers and concerns for me during my long road to recovery! I am doing very well as you can see. Sincerely," Mike Eudy*

*"On behalf of the Gideons of the Stanly South Camp and Gideons International, we thank you for opening your pulpit for the annual stewardship report to your congregation. It was a special joy for me to worship with you and your Church family. You certainly have a loving group of people; we were made to feel right at home! . . . We so appreciate the generosity and partnership with Gideons International in winning the lost to Christ. Sincerely Yours in Christ,"*  
Lester Shelton

## Scholarship News

Applications have been received, and a love offering will be taken this Sunday to fund additional scholarships offered by the church. The scholarship committee then will meet, assign the scholarships and notify the recipients of their awards.



## Senior Adult Day & Luncheon

### May 6, 2018

Menu: Baked ziti, salad,  
garlic bread, dessert & drink

Sponsored by the Preschool & Children



*In honor of **Hope Gaston**, the choir and the Blessed Assurance Sunday School class made donations to the Building Fund.*

*In honor of **Wes Tucker**, a donation was made to the Building Fund by the Adult Choir.*





**Camp Caswell**

Confirmed: June 18 – 23



**Parents & Youth Meeting  
Sunday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m.**

**WOW!** What great ice cream the Youth had for April's Cruise-In. If you haven't visited them during the Cruise-In, highlight it on your calendar and make plans to come out *May 25*, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



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

Volunteers/teachers are needed in **ALL** areas. See

**Melanie Hudson or Julie Castellor NOW!**

**The Drowsy Chaperone**  
A MUSICAL WITHIN A COMEDY

Presented by  
West Stanly Players  
May 4, 5, 11 & 12  
at 7:30 p.m.  
May 6 at 2:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$8 in advance  
\$10 at door  
\$15 reserved seating

See Graham, Wes or  
April for tickets



In memory of **Mitch Medlin, Mary Speaks, and J. D. Pickler**, contributions were given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering by Mae Brooks.

In memory of **Joe Cameron, Maurice Drye, and Roy Lee Helms, Jr.**, a donation was given to the Building Fund by Eddie & Linda Arrowood.

Contributions were made to the Building Fund in memory of **J. D. Pickler and Mary Speaks** by Ted & Jewell Parker.

In memory of **J. D. Pickler**, donations were made to the Building Fund by Doug & Ann Burgess and Jim & Cheryl Cameron.

In memory of **Mary Speaks and Jack Thomas**, contributions were given to the Building Fund by Barbara Drye.

In memory of **Mary Speaks**, the Blessed Assurance Class made a donation to the Building Fund.

In memory of **Mary Speaks**, a contribution was made to the Youth Ministry by Eddie & Linda Arrowood.

In memory of **Shirley Johnson** (Jimmy Johnson's mom) and **Joann Morton** (Shea Morton's step-mom), a donation was given by Mae Brooks to the Building Fund.

In memory of **Joann Morton**, a gift was presented to the Building Fund by Marilyn Huneycutt.

In memory of **Roy Lee Helms, Jr., and Joe Cameron**, donations were made by Doris Hatley to the Building Fund.



Across the Southern Baptist Convention, the month of May has always emphasized home and family. There are many verses of scriptures that support praying for your family: *"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."* Psalm 127:1

Prayers that our children may come to have a relationship with God: *"May my child know and love God's word."* Psalm 119:9-11, 35

Prayers for family relationships: *"May my child see my life as a Godly example that creates a desire within him/her to belong to the family of God."* Psalm 37:4-6

Personally, I am so thankful to God for my Christian parents; and a Godly husband and for my adult children and family members. I am so very thankful for my church family. May God continue to "guide all of our footsteps" as we seek His face each day in prayer.

I want to express my sincerest thanks to all who came, participated and/or enjoyed the children's musical, **"Down by the Creek Bank."** It was a wonderfully unique experience to have those who performed this years ago join with this year's children's choir!



Also, many thanks to the students, their family members and the church family who came and supported the Oakboro School of Music Recital this year.



Blessings!  
*Dana B. Jenkins*



Please get to know the newest ladies to join our church by introducing yourselves to them.

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THANKS to everyone who helped in any way with the Survivor Banquet. As always, our cooks did a FABULOUS job, our volunteers served with smiles and passion, and those who attended made the night a HUGE success.



To purchase luminaria that line the block on the night of Relay For Life, we need you to fill out a form in honor of someone living or in memory of someone who has passed and return it with a \$5 donation per bag. To be placed in alphabetical order, these must be turned in by **May 6**.

The actual Relay For Life will be in Oakboro on Friday, **May 18**, from 6:00 p.m. 'til midnight. This is a GREAT night of family fun for all ages, with food, games, dunking booth, face painting, lap walking, entertainment and much more! Invite your family, neighbors and friends to come to Relay. This year, each team is asked to decorate their campsite with a "Dr. Seuss" theme. Dr. Seuss says, *"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."*







# MAY 2018

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- May 2 John Ross  
 3 Lori Kees  
 Bobby Morton  
 Seth Morton  
 4 Ellen Little  
 Bill Thomas  
 6 Brent Beatty  
 Gregory Morton  
 Emma Miller  
 7 Peggy Carey  
 9 Bridget Eudy  
 10 Elijah Morton  
 Shaphan Morton  
 11 Nancy Haywood  
 Danny Poplin  
 12 Doyle Hatley  
 Frances VanHorn  
 13 Mandy Smith  
 14 Shelbie Davis  
 16 Jake Whitley  
 Andrew Smith  
 17 Janice Watts  
 18 Gina Efird  
 19 Brayden Meadors  
 Jessica Jenkins  
 20 D. J. Poplin  
 Jennifer Funderburk  
 Gladys Helms  
 21 Judy Tucker  
 Jessica Meadors  
 Everett Hatley  
 Jax Mabry  
 24 Mark Hinson  
 Chris Stroud  
 27 Chassity Washburn  
 29 Roy Lee Helms
- June 1 Gretchen Castellor  
 Jeff Bowers  
 3 Matt Hudson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Mission Night for All Ages! 7:45 Adult Choir	3 12:00 NOON NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Service at Oakboro Memorial Park ALL are Welcome!	4	5 6:00-10:00 a.m. Balk Charity Days (Relay for Life team)  6:00 p.m. Cady Smith & Matthew Ross Wedding
6 Senior Adult Day  11:00 a.m. Worship in Church Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Luncheon 3:00 Scholarship Committee 4:00 Deacons' Meeting	7 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer Leaves for Senior Adult Revival at Trinity 7:00 p.m. Choir Meets in Locust to Sing at Tent Revival	8	9 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir	10	11	12
13 Happy Mother's Day	14 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	15 9:00 HOPE Fellowship to Billy Graham Library & Lunch	16 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir	17	18 6:00 p.m.-Midnight RELAY FOR LIFE @ Oakboro Fire Dept. Something for EVERYONE!	19 Armed Forces Day
20 8:30 a.m. Parents & Youth Meeting in Youth Center 5:00 Proverbs 31 Wannabes @ Lisa Lowder's	21 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	22	23 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir	24	25 6:30 p.m. ~ Youth Homemade Around at Friday, May 25 Cruise-In	26
27 11:00 a.m. Lord's Supper	28 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 Senior Adult Committee  MEMORIAL DAY	29	30 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir	31	Weekly Sunday Schedule 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	

