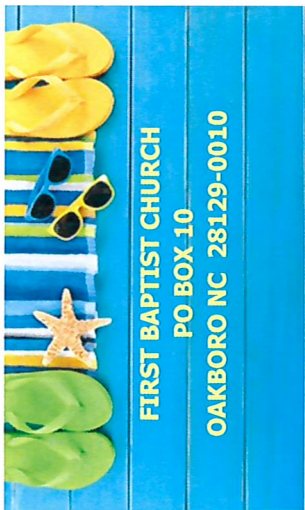


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So Graduation is just around the corner. If you are a student, you are counting down the days. You are proud and excited (and possibly just a bit nervous, although you wouldn't dare admit that to anyone). If you are a parent, you are proud and excited (and possibly just a bit nervous, although you wouldn't dare admit that to anyone). There are adventures waiting for you just down the road, the likes of which you could not imagine even if you wanted to do so.

That being said, there are a few things we know are coming. One is that most of you will start school again this fall. It will be a new school in a new place with new rhythms, and you will be learning from scratch how to navigate the new rules and norms. Homework will come in greater amounts and will be more challenging. You'll likely be doing more writing than you ever have before. You'll make some new friends, discover some of those friends aren't really people with whom you want to be friends, and then make some new, better friends as you learn to more carefully discern who is who.

For the majority of you who are going to be attending a secular school in the fall, and even for those who aren't, you are going to be faced with a new view of the world than you have experienced thus far. It will likely be considerably different from anything you've yet experienced. It will challenge what you have known to be true. It will probably even be rather antagonistic toward your confessed beliefs. It will push and push and push for you to change your own thinking to better align with what it holds to be true. **Hear me well: If you aren't prepared for this tidal wave, you will be swept away by it.**

Even if you are not a student, though, the world around you is changing. Our culture is moving with a focused determination away from anything recognizably Christian in its basic assumptions about what is good, right, and true. If we aren't prepared for this change, it will overwhelm us.

So what do we do? We do the thing we talked about just this past Sunday morning. We obey Peter's command to be always prepared to give a gentle and respectful answer to anyone who asks us for the reason for the hope we have. The question then becomes: How do we get prepared for this?

There are three things we can do, and this summer is a great time to work on each of them. **First, we have to know what we believe**, and this has to be in more detail than, "I believe in God." Take some time this summer to research the major areas of Christian doctrine and what you actually believe about them. Read through the Baptist Faith and Message 2,000 to refamiliarize yourself with the standard Southern Baptist views on the various areas of doctrine.

**Second, we have to know our stories.** Why is it that you are following Jesus and not someone else? What has He done in your life to warrant such devotion? Could you share this with someone else? Take some time this summer to think through your testimony and work on whittling it down into a version you can easily share with someone else.

**Third, we have to know what the people around us believe.** If we don't have any idea about what they think is right or true or good, how are we going to be able to share the Gospel with them in a way they'll be sure to understand it? Take some time this summer to read up on the various different major worldviews of our culture. Learn the kinds of arguments they make and how the Christian worldview responds with something better. Showing our friends and neighbors this courtesy will make them much more inclined to listen to what we have to say.

If we are going to stand as witnesses for Christ, as the culture around us changes from one that is open to what we have to say to one that not only doesn't like it, but doesn't even understand it, these are the kinds of things we're going to have to do in order to be effective disciples. I hope you'll take some time this summer to be prepared. Blessings to you.

*Pastor Jonathan*

### Tithes & Offerings

Budget Goals – May	\$ 23,405.40
Budget Receipts – May	21,759.80
Budget Goals – YTD	228,202.65
Budget Receipts – YTD	214,306.46
Budget Variance	-13,896.19
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	1,195.00
Youth Donations	75.00
Scholarship Donations	3,520.00
Youth Camp Caswell Deposits	500.00
Relay For Life	100.00



**Boxed pasta meals** (Hamburger Helper), instant potatoes, stuffing mix are being requested by Stanly Community Christian Ministries. Thank you for continuing to help with this local mission outreach.





## Scholarship Recipients

The church awarded scholarships to the following individuals:

**Reagan Crump** is the daughter of Jason & Heather Crump. She is graduating from South Stanly High School and plans to attend Liberty University or Charleston Southern University to major in Music & Worship.

**Mason Edwards**, son of John & Stephanie Edwards and grandson of Debbie Edwards, graduates from West Stanly High School and plans to attend University of NC at Charlotte (UNCC), majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**Abby Godwin** is the daughter of Scott & Yvette Godwin and granddaughter of Rev. Dwight & Norma Mabry. She is graduating from West Stanly and plans to further her education at Stanly Community College in Nursing. She receives an Amy Boger Memorial Scholarship.

**Andrew Godwin**, also the grandson of Rev. Dwight & Norma Mabry, is the son of Paul & Erica Godwin. Additionally, he is the recipient of an Amy Boger Memorial Scholarship. After graduating from West Stanly, Andrew plans to attend UNCC to major in Civil Engineering.

**Eli Hatley**, son of Rev. Adam & Candace Hatley, is graduating from West Stanly and will attend College at Southeastern, studying Music and Pastoral Ministry. He is awarded the Dr. Terrell & Janice Watts Scholarship.

**Bailey Jane Huneycutt** is the daughter of Nevin Jr. and Gina Huneycutt. She is graduating from West Stanly and will attend Western Carolina University to major in Mechanical Engineering.

**Anna Marsicano** is the daughter of Tony & Suzanne Marsicano and granddaughter of Wiley & Joyce Little. After graduating from Ardrey Kell High School in Charlotte, she will attend University of South Carolina, where she will major in International Business.

**Brayden Meadors**, son of Thomas & Ellen Meadors, grandson of Marlene Barbee, and a member of our congregation, is graduating from West Stanly. He will continue his education at Appalachian State University to major in Graphic Arts. He receives the Tom & Bertha Rogers Scholarship.

**Taylor Morton** receives the Alan Smith Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Mark & Darla Morton and graduates from West Stanly. Her plans are to attend Wingate University to major in Biology.

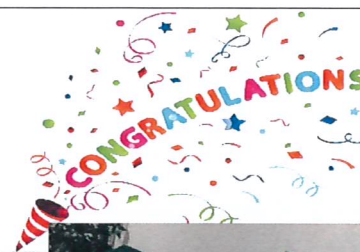
**Kendrick Rhodes** is receiving the Jeff & Sandra Chance scholarship. His parents are Damon & Leslie Rhodes and is ranked second in his graduating class at West Stanly. He plans to pursue a Pharmacy degree at University of NC at Chapel Hill.

**Masden Thomas**, son of Wayne & Alyssa Thomas, graduates from West Stanly, ranking fourth in the class. He plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at UNCC and is awarded the Bud & Teresa Smith Scholarship.

**Elizabeth Ann Watters** is the daughter of William Watters and graduates from West Stanly. To pursue a degree in Drama, she plans to attend University of NC at Greensboro.

*"Church at Oakboro First Baptist, I received a scholarship from your church four years ago. I graduated from Liberty University last Saturday with my Bachelors of Science in Nursing. I plan on working at CMC Mercy. Thank you so much for the love and support over the years."*

Madeline Tucker



Here are our 2018 Graduates and Scholarship Recipients



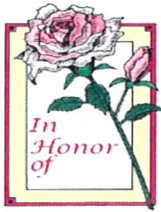
*Pictured front row:* Taylor Morton, Abby Godwin, Anna Marsicano,

*Bailey Huneycutt. Back row:* Brayden Meadors, Mason Edwards,

*Kendrick Rhodes, Andrew Godwin, Masden Thomas & Pastor Jonathan Waits.*

*Not Pictured:* Heather Copple, Reagan Crump, Eli Hatley & Elizabeth Watters.





In honor of **ALL cancer survivors** at FBC Oakboro, a donation was made to Relay For Life by Tracy & Lisa Lowder.

In honor of **Mae Brooks**, a contribution was given to the Scholarship Fund by Tracy & Lisa Lowder.

In honor of **Tracy & Lisa Lowder** and **Mike & Ann Eudy**, Mae Brooks made a contribution to the Building Fund.

In honor of **their mothers**, Ted & Jewell Parker gave a donation to the Building Fund.

In honor of **Ted Parker**, the Adult Choir made a contribution to the Building Fund.

Mae Brooks gave a donation to the Scholarship Fund in honor of **all graduates**.

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



**Joe Harold Copple**  
**Jimmy & Angel Copple**  
**Heather & Jonathan**  
 16406C St. Martin Rd  
 Albemarle, NC 28001

**Drew & Emily Williams**  
**Zoey**  
 1369 N Sixth St., Apt. 34  
 Albemarle, NC 28001  
 (706) 457-7475

Join us in the Fellowship Building on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. for The Gathering Place. In addition to having a meal together, this is a time to get to know your church family a little better.

## Church Volunteers

Date	Greeters	Nursery - Worship
Jun 3	Danny & Julie Poplin – Sunday School Harold & Louise Floyd - Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin
10	Bobby & Renée Watkins – Sunday School Doris Hatley - Worship	Lisa Waits
17	Eddie & Linda Arrowood – Sunday School Thomas & Ellen Meadors - Worship	FATHER'S DAY
24	Matt & Melanie Hudson – Sunday School Ted Parker - Worship	Kay Smith Jane Baucom
Jul 1	Mandy Smith – Sunday School Butch Poplin - Worship	Andy & Julie Castelloe
Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Jun 3	Jeff Chance	Sandra Chance
10	Cliff Edwards	Ellen Meadors
17	Kevin Floyd	Usher
24	Doug Hinson	Gerald Lee
Jul 1	Matt Hudson	

**Oakboro 4th of July**  
 CELEBRATION

June 29th & 30th | July 2nd - 4th | 2018

TALENT SHOW | AMUSEMENTS | RIDES | PAGEANTS | LIVE MUSIC | PARADE | FIREWORKS & MORE





Confirmed: June 18 – 23



Camp Caswell

It's a record! The Youth sold out of their TERRIFIC ice cream in just over 20 minutes. It's worth repeating: if you have a freezer and can help, it would be very much appreciated! Also, if you haven't visited them during the Cruise-In, highlight it on your calendar and make plans to come out *June 23*, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Yes, this is Youth camp week, but the youth still in Oakboro and parents are chipping in to help.



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

Volunteers/teachers are  
needed in ALL areas. See

Melanie Hudson or Julie Castelloe NOW!

Please go to our VBS Event on Facebook or website [www.fbcoakboro.org](http://www.fbcoakboro.org) and click on the VBS picture in "Upcoming Events" to register either as a volunteer or a student.



THANKS for coming out and supporting the Relay For Life on May 18. It was another FABULOUS year, even under less-than-ideal circumstances. Again, thanks to all who supported with your prayers and with your donations.

I am excited about the Sunday School unit: "Why Are We Here?" God created us with a purpose! As we study His holy word, we see that our purpose is to live in a relationship with Him and to live daily, "Sharing Christ and His likeness" with all people that we meet. We each have been given spiritual gifts to exercise in our daily walk with Him. I pray that you have taken inventory of your spiritual gifts and that you are "Purpose Driven for Christ."

**A special CONGRATULATIONS to all 2018 Graduates!**

The Adult and Handbell Choirs are busy rehearsing for an upcoming Community Service scheduled for the evening of **July 1** here at First Baptist, Oakboro.

Blessings!

*Dana B. Jenkins*



In memory of **Alan Smith** and **Clyde Hatley**,  
a donation was given to Relay For Life by  
Tracy & Lisa Lowder.

In memory of **Sarah Paul Drye**,  
donations were given to the Building Fund by:

Jim & Cheryl Cameron

Doug & Ann Burgess

Mae Brooks

Harold & Louise Floyd

Ted & Jewell Parker

Barbara Drye

James & Dianne Hudson

Eddie & Linda Arrowood

Wiley & Joyce Little

The Blessed Assurance Sunday School Class  
and First Baptist, Oakboro.

A donation was given by Michael, Starla & Matthew Thompson  
to the Youth Department in **Sarah Paul Drye's** memory.

Mandy Smith made a donation to the Scholarship Fund  
in memory of **Amy Boger**.

In memory of **Alan Smith**, a contribution was given  
to the Scholarship Fund by Doug & Ann Burgess.

In memory of **Joann Morton** and **Shirley Johnson**,  
Jim & Cheryl Cameron made a donation to the Scholarship Fund.





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- June 1 Gretchen Castelloe
- Jeff Bowers
- 3 Matt Hudson
- 4 Ethan Flowers
- McCary (Smith) Moncada
- 5 Rylie Eaglen
- 6 Nick Whitley
- 9 Sylvia Poplin
- Jason Crisco
- 15 Thomas Maness
- 17 Baylee Barbee
- 18 Brody Hudson
- 21 Matthew Hartsell
- 22 Rocky Eudy
- 23 Harold Floyd
- 24 Matthew Hinson
- Darla Morton
- 26 Joey Coley
- 27 Teresa Hurley
- Cliff Edwards
- Doug Hinson
- 28 John Sellers
- Lisa Cratty
- Rodney Hinson
- 29 Mae Brooks
- Hailey Bates
- 30 Bonnie Richardson
- Mike Boger
- July 1 Doug Burgess
- 2 Brennan Broadway
- Tracy Lowder

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<h2 style="color: blue;">Weekly Sunday Schedule</h2> <p style="color: blue;">9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship</p>				
<p>9:00 a.m. <i>Graduate &amp; Scholarship Celebration Breakfast</i> 12:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting 4:00 Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer</p>		<p>5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Mission Night for All Ages! Church Council Meeting 7:45 Adult Choir</p>			<p>Stanly County GRADUATION!</p>
<p>4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 Group to Sing @ Taylor House</p>		<p>5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth &amp; Business Meeting 7:45 Adult Choir</p>			
<p>4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer Youth Leave for Camp</p>	<h2 style="color: blue;">Youth Camp -- June 18-23 -- Caswell</h2>			<p>11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Aly Speight BBQ Benefit at Millingport VFD 6:30 p.m. Youth/Parents Serve Ice Cream During Cruise-In</p>	<p>Youth Return from Camp</p>
<p>11:00 a.m. Lord's Supper</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 Senior Adult Committee</p>		<p>5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth &amp; Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir</p>		<p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em;">July 1 ~ 6:00 p.m. <b>Patriotic Community Service</b></p>	
<p>4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal</p>						

Please call the office to make any changes to the birthday calendar (704) 485-4315.