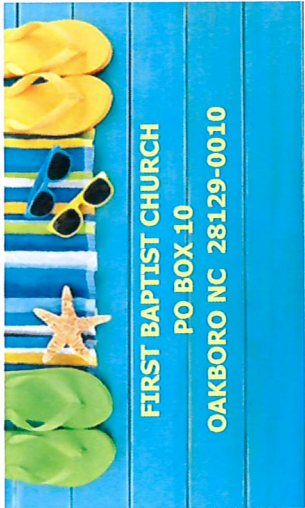


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Has anything Jesus said ever left you *puzzled?*

## Hard Sayings

Join us this summer for our new preaching series as we wrestle with some of Jesus' more challenging teachings.

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Do you know how to get more of something? Celebrate it. Think about it. What are some of the things we celebrate in our culture? How about self-made internet celebrities? When websites like YouTube were still in their infancy, a handful of folks made some videos that went viral, and they became international celebrities. Ever since, becoming a YouTube sensation is the dream of millions of young people. And indeed, there are a growing number of folks who make a living that goes well beyond being merely comfortable because they have a knack for producing short, catchy, mostly inane content that generates millions of views for the website which then shares the advertising revenue created with the individuals.

Well, as a community of faith, what are the kinds of things we want to happen more frequently? Or, to put that another way, what kinds of stories do we want to see repeated endlessly in our midst? How about stories of lives being transformed by the Gospel? How about tales of tragedy-turned-to-victory because someone got back on track with God when they had veered off-course? How about powerful examples of radical generosity or answered-prayer or kingdom-advance in the community and world around us? Or perhaps to put that still another way: If we are a place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom, how can we tell more stories of people connecting, growing, and reaching? The answer? By celebrating them when they happen.

What has God done powerfully in your life because of First Baptist Oakboro? When is a time that you felt disconnected from life and the relationships you have here were the ticket to your getting plugged back in? Has there been a season when you went through a real surge of growth in your relationship with Christ because of your Sunday school class, or a missions project, or a sermon that really captured your heart? When have you been involved in reaching out to advance God's kingdom in a way that profoundly impacted not only the folks into whose lives you reached, but yours as well?

These stories don't have to be long or fancy. They just have to be honest. And I want to hear them. More than that: I want to share them. Would you consider sharing your stories with the church? For now, you can email them to me directly, but in the near future we will add a feature to our website where you can share them even more easily. From here we will begin finding creative, powerful ways to share them so that other people can be impacted by them.



*"Thank you so much for awarding me with one of your scholarships. The money will be greatly used toward my college expenses. Please keep me in your prayers as I start this new chapter in my life. Again, thank you so very much!"*  
Mason Edwards

*"Dear First Baptist Church of Oakboro, Thank you for generously offering me a scholarship. I am truly grateful and honored to receive the Pastor Terrell and Janice Watts scholarship. I will use the generous gift to help further my education and pursue God's will for my life. I would like to ask for y'all to pray for me as I do so.*  
*Sincerely,"*  
Eli Hatley



*"Dear Members of First Baptist Church of Oakboro, I would like to express a sincere thank you for the Amy Boger scholarship. Amy and my mother were like sisters, and that makes this award extra special. My family and I enjoyed the breakfast and we enjoyed the worship service. We always enjoy visiting your church and appreciate your congregation for being so friendly. It was an honor to receive this scholarship. Amy was a remarkable young lady who always put God first in her life. She was a great example of how we should live as Christians. She served God in many capacities and that smile of hers was contagious. Pray for me as I further my education and follow God's will for my life.*  
*Love in Christ,"*  
Abby Godwin




*"Thank you all so much for the wonderful meal(s) you provided for my family after Mom's funeral service. Everyone still is talking about how delicious the food was. Thank you for your hospitality and generosity. I am blessed to be a part of such a loving church family."*  
Rachel Lewis & Family



*"What a beautiful surprise last Saturday to have a delicious meal delivered to my house. The chicken noodles, green beans and dessert were so good, and you were good enough to send such a big amount that I also had enough left for dinner Saturday night. When you get to the age where you find it hard to cook a lot, you can't imagine until it happens to you how much a good meal means!! God bless all of those who had any part in this program. Please express my thanks to everyone. I am praying for you and your church for taking on this project. It means so much!!*  
*Love,"* Nell Jacumin

## Our Record of Giving

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Goals – July          | \$ 29,256.75 |
| Budget Receipts – July       | 27,662.85    |
| Budget Goals – YTD           | 280,864.80   |
| Budget Receipts – YTD        | 261,871.31   |
| Budget Variance              | -18,993.49   |
| <i>Special Offerings</i>     |              |
| Building Fund                | 1,630.00     |
| VBS Expenses                 | 50.00        |
| VBS Church-Building Offering | 1,208.32     |

 For August, the requested items are **pantry staples, such as flour, sugar, salt, pepper, broth, cooking spray and oil.** Thank you for continually supporting this local mission through your donations.



## COMMUNITY INN FUNDRAISER GOOD OLE' BOYS BBQ!

Friday, August 17  
11:00 am – 6:00 pm

West Albemarle Baptist Fellowship Building  
336 Church Street, Albemarle

- purchase tickets before August 17<sup>th</sup> for best price!  
BBQ Plate – BBQ, slaw, chips, bread, dessert – \$8  
BBQ Pound container – \$8

BBQ Tray 6 ½ lbs. – \$48 (1/2 pound free)

**\*Day of BBQ Prices\*:** BBQ Plate or Pound-\$10; Tray – \$55

Drive-thru • Delivery in Stanly County (5 or more) • Dine-in

Checks should be written to "The Community Inn" (credit & debit cards accepted on day of event). Call or text 980-866-

8259 with orders or questions.

Please sign up on bulletin board if you can provide a cake for this event.

God is moving in and through the community of First Baptist Oakboro. I hope you have been able to see that as clearly as I have. And the more we share the stories of His moving, the more stories we will have to tell. The more stories we have to tell, the more lives we know are being transformed because of what He's doing with, in, and through us. Enough stories begin to create a movement. And a movement of lives being transformed by the Gospel starting in Oakboro and moving on out from there, is a movement of which I very much want to be a part. I hope you do too.

*Pastor Jonathan*



"Jesse and Baylee Barbee Baldwin announce the birth of their son, **Xander Bjorn Baldwin**, born June 26, 2018. Xander is the grandson of Johanna Zweig and Travis Barbee, the great-grandson of James and Dianne Hudson, and the great-great grandson of Gladys Helms. Xander spent his first 4 weeks in Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte. He is now at home well and flourishing. Thank you for the outpouring of prayers and concern."

Xander's Family

"Greg Asimakoupoulis (chaplain of Covenant Shores Retirement, Mercer Island, Washington) wrote an article in the July issue of **Mature Living** about a lady named Merle Phillips. She celebrated her 111<sup>th</sup> birthday this past April. Her life experiences read like a book. She was a student at Buena Vista College in Iowa when Gutzon Borglum began carving Mount Rushmore. She married in 1937, and moved to Chicagoland with her husband Leonard, where he worked as a Research Biologist. They never had children of their own, but her Pastor Bradford at one church in Wheaton, Illinois is quoted as saying, 'Merle is generous, consistent, and that she has invested countless hours in Children's Ministry. The church became her kids.' This article reminded me of how very fortunate I have been to have mentors and Christian parents and many teachers that have guided my "footsteps" through the years. Thank you for all who teach, especially who teach and proclaim God's word."

*Dana Jenkins*





In honor of **Gladys Helms**, donations were given to the Building Fund by the Blessed Assurance Sunday School class and by the Adult Choir.

In honor of **Dana Jenkins** in appreciation for her ministry at the church, a contribution was made to the Building Fund by Mae Brooks.

The Blessed Assurance Sunday School class made donations to the Building Fund in honor of **Bertha Rogers** and **Aline Tarlton**.

In honor of **Chip Alsobrooks**, the Adult Choir made a contribution to the Building Fund.



In memory of **Sarah Paul Drye** and **Mary Ann Lewis**, donations were given by Ted & Jewell Parker to the Building Fund.

In memory of **Mary Ann Lewis**, contributions to the Building Fund were made by Kay Vanhoy, Kristie Marks, Jamie Huneycutt and First Baptist, Oakboro.

A contribution was given by Susan Bare to the Building Fund in memory of her mother, **Dolores Howell**.

In memory of **Sarah Paul Drye, Mary Speaks, Roy Lee Helms, Jr., Dolores Howell, and Joe Cameron**, a contribution was made to the Building Fund by Brooks & Jane Barnhardt.

## HOPE Fellowship Trips

The group will venture to McLeod Farms Roadside Market in McBee, SC on Tuesday, **August 7**, leaving at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be at the on-site restaurant, Big's Meats & More, and you may tour the museum, which houses some antiques, and restored cars, trucks and tractors. In addition to fresh peaches, there are other produce, ice cream, desserts, jams, jellies, sauces, breads, and gifts. Please sign up & join us!



Mark your calendars for **September 18**, leaving the church at 9:00 a.m. to go to the Lexington Flea Market and have lunch at one of the famous BBQ restaurants.

## Church Volunteers

| Date  | Greeters  | Nursery - Worship               |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| Aug 5 | Jeff & Sandra Chance – Sunday School<br>Wiley Little – Worship            | Lori & Allison Efird            |
| 12    | Shea & Ashley Morton – Sunday School<br>Mickey & Vera Robinson – Worship  | Renée Watkins<br>Deborah Tucker |
| 19    | Bobby & Renée Watkins– Sunday School<br>Ronell Taylor – Worship           | Danny & Julie Poplin            |
| 26    | Eddie & Linda Arrowood – Sunday School<br>Matt & Melanie Hudson – Worship | Jane Baucom<br>Kay Smith        |
| Sep 2 | Matt & Melanie Hudson – Sunday School<br>Deborah Tucker - Worship         | Lisa Waits                      |

| Date  | Deacon of the Week | Stewardship  |
|-------|--------------------|--------------|
| Aug 5 | Andy Castelleo     | Jim Cameron  |
| 12    | Jeff Chance        | Lynn Edwards |
| 19    | Cliff Edwards      | Usher        |
| 26    | Kevin Floyd        | Jeff Bowers  |
| Sep 2 | Doug Hinson        |              |



**Youth Sunday School**  
**CiCi's Pizza in Albemarle**  
 Buffet Price: \$6  
 (includes drink & tax)  
 Please text or call Dana if  
 you want to go  
 so that we can provide  
 enough transportation  
 (704) 985-6075.

ALL Are Invited!

Sunday, August 12







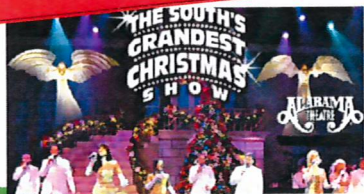
HUGE THANKS TO  
EVERYONE WHO HELPED  
MAKE VBS A SUCCESS!!



**Christmas Show Trip**  
**Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**November 26-28, 2018**

**Package Includes:**

- Meet & Greet @ Baywatch Resort
- 2 nights' oceanfront accommodations
- Baggage handling, all taxes & fees
- 2 hot breakfast buffets at resort
- 1 all-you-can eat buffet at Captain Bennett's Seafood
- AND** Supper at Pirates Voyage
- \* **Alabama Theatre Christmas** \*
- \* **Pirates Voyage Christmas** \*
- Prices: \$195 per person (2 to a room)
- \$261 - single
- \$188 per person (3 to a room)
- \$185 per person (4 to a room)
- Deposit for 1/2 due October 21
- Remainder due November 14



**EVERYONE** is welcomed to go on this trip. If interested, please call or email the church office to ensure we have enough rooms reserved. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the bulletin boards.

Make plans to attend

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 12

After Worship

- Election of Deacons
- Nominating Committee Report
- Stewardship Report

This year, we'll be electing 4 deacons to serve 3-year terms, and 1 to serve a 1-year term. Begin praying now for the Lord's guidance in this election. The following are either currently serving or rotating off. They and their spouses **are NOT eligible for election**: Chip Alsobrooks, Jim Cameron, Andy Castelloe, Jeff Chance, Cliff Edwards, Kevin Floyd, Doug Hinson, Matt Hudson, Shea Morton, and Danny Poplin.



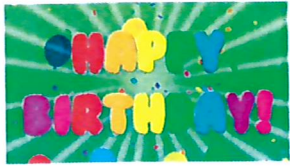
*Please provide addresses for college students so we can feature one weekly in the bulletin.*

## Bereavement Food Groups

We are updating our list of participants and groups that provide a family meal when our church family loses a loved one. If you are willing to be a part of this vital ministry of the church, please call or email the office to be added. If you're already on the list but feel you can no longer serve with this group, also let us know. Thank you!

*Proverbs 31 Wannabes Painting Party*  
*August 19 at 5:00 p.m. - Rebekah Crisco-s*





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- August
- 1 Kelli Coley
  - 4 Todd Craven
  - 5 Dakota Lincoln
  - 7 Ryan Furr
  - 11 Margaret Tyson
  - Abby Lawhon
  - Anna Marsicano
  - 13 Zack Zimmerman
  - 14 Meredith Broadway
  - 15 Abby Perdue
  - 16 Melissa Eaglen
  - Vera Robinson
  - 18 Debbie Edwards
  - 19 Blake Condray
  - 20 Claudia Boger
  - 21 Julie Castelloe
  - 22 Bobby Watkins
  - 23 Bronnie Hinson
  - Tinker Craven
  - Amanda VanHoy
  - 24 Nicholas Marsicano
  - Reagan West
  - 25 Daren Stoker
  - 26 Tom Rogers
  - Sawyer Hathcock
  - Carla Smith
  - 27 Victoria McEachern
  - Chaz Thompson
  - 28 Brooks Barnhardt
  - Sheila Hinson
  - 29 Helena McClellan
  - Alan Love

**Weekly Sunday Schedule**  
**9:45 a.m. Sunday School**  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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5:45 p.m.  
 The Gathering Place  
 6:45 p.m.  
 Missions Night for ALL Ages  
 7:45 Adult Choir

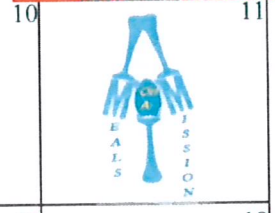


4:00 p.m.  
 Deacons' Meeting

8:30 a.m.  
 Two or More Prayer

9:00 a.m.  
 HOPE Fellowship to  
 McLeod Farms for  
 Peaches, Lunch &  
 MORE!

5:45 p.m.  
 The Gathering Place  
 6:45 p.m.  
 Preschool Choir, TeamKid,  
 Youth & Adult Bible Study  
 7:45 Adult Choir



12:00 p.m.  
**Annual Church  
 Conference**  
 - Elect Deacons, -  
 Approve Nominating &  
 Stewardship Reports

4:30 p.m.  
 Leave for  
 Region 6 Missions Rally  
 Rockingham, NC

5:45 p.m.  
 The Gathering Place  
 6:45 p.m.  
 Preschool Choir, TeamKid,  
 Youth & Adult Bible Study  
 7:45 Adult Choir

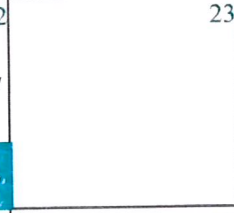


11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
 Community Inn  
 BBQ Fundraiser  
 West Albemarle Baptist

5:00 p.m.  
*Proverbs 31 Wannabes*  
 Paint Party @  
 Rebekah Crisco's

5:45 p.m.  
 The Gathering Place  
 6:45 p.m.  
 "Back to School" Pool Party  
 Adult Bible Study  
 7:45 Adult Choir

back to school  
**POOL PARTY**



6:30 p.m.  
 Youth Serve Ice Cream  
 During Cruise-In

8:30 a.m.  
 Two or More Prayer  
 9:30 a.m.  
 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

- September
- 2 Aline Tarlton
  - 3 Cameron Stroud

Please email or call the office with any additions to the list.