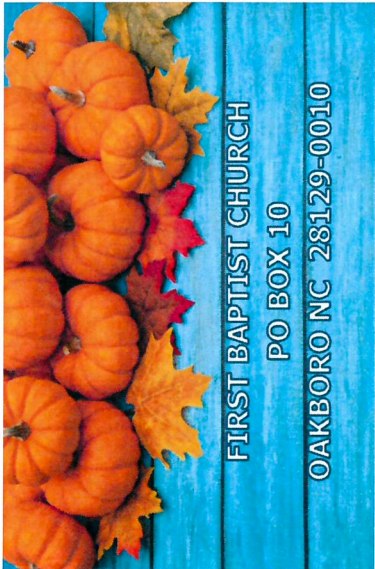


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We live in a world that is broken by sin at every point. We know this. We experience this. But, we don't always think about it in meaningful terms. We talk about the blanketing presence of sin in the world, but we treat it more like it's an academic subject rather than a horrifying, personal reality. Part of the reason for this is that we don't necessarily experience the ugly realities of sin on a regular basis. We hear about it in the news, but we don't have it thrust in our faces personally. The other part of the reason for this is that sin is messy. The nature of sin is that wherever it is present it corrupts and destroys. For reasons that should be obvious to everybody, we don't like to think about, much less be present in, situations that are corrupted and messy because of sin. We generally try and avoid them like the plague.

Here's the challenge: As followers of Jesus, we serve the God whose clear pattern throughout the Scriptures is not to avoid the messes of sin, but to walk straight into them and bring redemption, reconciliation, and restoration from the inside out. If we're going to follow Him faithfully and do the kinds of things that He did, it's going to require us to wade neck deep into some pretty messy places. And the messes will come in all kinds of shapes and sizes. But we've got to be there or we'll miss out on the opportunity to be a part of God working in His world, and as the primary institution designated by God to advance the Gospel of His kingdom, that's just not something we can afford to miss.

If we are going to do this, though; if we're going to be faithful to our God-given identity as both a church (to create a place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom), and as a branch of the church, it is going to require something of us. Most notably, it is going to require us to leave behind the safety of the borders of our campus and get out into the community.

Here's why: While we should be absolutely confident in Jesus' promise to be present where two or more of His people are gathered together in His name, and should relish the glory of His presence when we gather together for worship and Bible study here, the church isn't the only place Jesus is present in His world. He is equally present in the lives and situations of the people He loves wherever they happen to be. If the only time and place we are intentional about being where He is, is on Sunday mornings and at the Gathering Place, we're missing out on being in His presence more often than we're not. Also, as our culture continues to drift away from its Christian worldview foundation, we can't rely on

people to come to us as we once could. If we don't go to them, we will quickly find ourselves sitting comfortably in our tower while the world around us devolves into chaos.

So then, what do we do? We look for more and more opportunities to be out in the community as the presence of Christ. We seek to intentionally shift the balance on the locus of our ministry activities from in here to out there. Whether it's serving with our school partners, serving with West Stanly Christian Ministries, delivering for Meals on a Mission, or some other efforts we haven't even begun yet, we do what we were created to do and reach out for God's kingdom. Let us continue to move forward together as we seek to become fully who He made us to be.

Pastor Jonathan



Wednesday, October 31 ~
How creative with your trunk can you be?

This year, we are joining with Red Cross Baptist to offer this community event. If you don't wish to decorate your vehicle's trunk, donations of individually-wrapped candy and/or small prizes are needed. We will have hot dogs, cake walk and bouncy house. There will be fun for all ages! Don't miss it!

Church Volunteers

Date	Greeters	Nursery - Worship
Oct 7	Doug & Sheila Hinson – Sunday School Doris Hatley - Worship	Ashley Morton Sandra Chance
14	Mike McClellan– Sunday School Thomas & Ellen Meadors – Worship	Lori & Allison Efird
21	Jeff & Sandra Chance – Sunday School Ted Parker – Worship	April & Sophie Tucker
28	Danny & Julie Poplin – Sunday School Butch Poplin – Worship	Renée Watkins Deborah Tucker
Nov 4	Bobby & Renée Watkins – Sunday School April Tucker - Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Oct 7	Chip Alsobrooks	Eddie Arrowood
14	Doug Burgess	Doug Burgess
21	Jim Cameron	
28	Andy Castelloe	Usher
Nov 4	Kevin Floyd	Wiley Little



Christmas Show Trip: If you signed up for the **November 26-28** Myrtle Beach trip, a \$98 per-person deposit will be due **October 21** (\$196 per couple). You may place in an envelope with your name and "beach" marked on it or you may give it to Delinda or Betty Huneycutt. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist, Oakboro. Only a couple rooms remain if you haven't signed up but would like to go.

HOPE Fellowship will leave at 9:30 a.m. on **October 16** to visit Deal Orchards in Taylorsville and get apples. On the way home, there will be a lunch stop. Please sign up on the bulletin board to ensure we have adequate transportation. Come and go along!



Scenes from "See You at the Pole" September 26, 2018

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For More Information
Contact Capt. J. Robinson or Ms. A. Copple at Albemarle Correctional Inst.
704-422-3036

If you wish to enter the Chili Cook-Off or Fire Truck pull, there are forms located on the glass table in the fellowship building.



Youth Ski Retreat

February 1-3, 2019

Winterplace Ski Resort, Beckley, WV

Package includes: Saturday night and Sunday worship featuring the Be Do Tell team and a guest speaker

- Two-nights' hotel lodging & continental breakfasts
- One-day ski or snowboard rental & lift ticket (8 a.m.-10 p.m.)
- Lunch vouchers and Dinner at worship venue

If your child is interested in going, or if you are interested in being a chaperone, please let a member of the youth committee know.

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THE CHRISTMAS TOUR

Bojangles' Coliseum
November 30
6 PM

FBCO has purchased a block of tickets for this concert. Please see Ashley Morton for tickets or more information.

YES!
We are still collecting box tops for our local schools. Simply clip them off your items & bring to the collection containers at church.

Our Record of Giving

Budget Goals – September/YTD	\$ 24,631.60
Budget Receipts – September/YTD	20,520.00
Budget Variance	-4,111.60
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	960.00
Youth – Ice Cream	100.00
Youth – Building Use	200.00
Wednesday Meals	199.50
NC Missions Offering (Goal \$800)	620.00

Begins Wednesday, October 3, at 8:30 a.m. **JOIN US!**

Breathe

by Priscilla Shirer

Please sign up if interested.



October's requested items are **canned meat: tuna, chicken, salmon, and/or Spam®**. Stanly Community Christian Ministries also has put out a plea to help stock their shelves since supplies are low, so all donations will be appreciated. Please bring your donations and place them in the basement kitchen area.

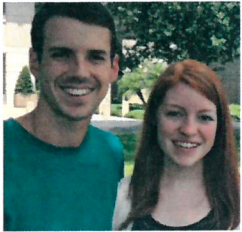


WMU Reminders

Please turn in regular-sized bars of soap (3 to 6 ounces) at our meeting on Wednesday, **October 3**. This is an outreach to the Stanly-Montgomery Baptist Association Prison Ministry.



Jump Rope Braiding will be happening on Saturday, **October 6**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. Anyone (and everyone) is invited to come and help!



David & Aimee Eddy are excited to support Bible translation in Papua, New Guinea as staff of Pacific Orientation course. David will work in a maintenance role as Center Manager. Aimee will assist with administrative tasks as well as staff and student care needs. They leave in Spring 2019. They also are expecting a baby girl in a couple of weeks. Aimee is the niece of Jane Barnhardt, and they are my neighbors. Please pray for this couple as God guides their footsteps. Please pick up a brochure in the fellowship building if you would like to partner with them in their ministry. You may be their prayer partner or become a financial supporter. – *Dana Jenkins*



In honor of **Mae Brooks, Harold Floyd, Joe Huneycutt, Jewell Parker, and Jake McEachern**, the Worship Choir made a contribution to the Building Fund.

In honor of **Bertha Rogers**, the Blessed Assurance class presented a gift to the Building Fund.

In honor and appreciation for all that's done for her Mother, Aline Tarlton, a donation was given to the church by Pamela Tarlton Wellons.



In memory of **Faye Hinson**, a donation was given to the Building Fund by Doug & Ann Burgess.

In memory of **Bob Harvey**, a contribution was made to the Building Fund by Doris Hatley.

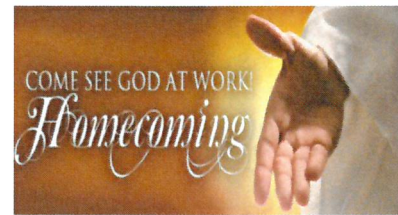
A donation was given to First Baptist, Oakboro, by Annie Hartsell in memory of **Bob Harvey**.

In memory of **Imogene Morton**, Ted & Jewell Parker made a contribution to the Building Fund.



"In honor and to say thank you to all the commitment and love so many people from our church continue to provide my Mother, Aline Tarlton, through visits that she cherishes and looks so forward to weekly, cards she received, and now through your food ministry, providing food for her a weekend each month. The food has been exceptional. Thank you," Pam Tarlton Wellons

"On behalf of West Stanly's football team and coaching staff, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks and gratitude for the meal you prepared on Friday for us. Feeding a football team is no easy task, and I deeply appreciate your willingness to do so. Thank you," Brett Morton



Rev. Dwight Mabry, who served as our Interim Pastor, will deliver the 11:00 Homecoming message on Sunday morning, **October 21**, in the church sanctuary. We then will gather in the fellowship building to enjoy lunch prepared by some of the best cooks around. Invite friends, neighbors and family to join you in celebrating the church's anniversary.



Shoebox Kick-Off Sunday, October 7
Be thinking: what would you like to put into your box?



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October

- 1 Jade Phillips
- 2 Hope Gaston
- Sandra Chance
- 3 Marci Collins
- Daniel Efird
- 4 Susan Gwyn
- 7 Scott Broadway
- Ann Eudy
- 8 Matthew Smith
- Seth Hathcock
- 9 Danny Burris
- 12 Gavin Hudson
- 15 David Love
- Linda Arrowood
- Jonathan Waits
- 16 Graham Tucker
- 17 Cheryl Cameron
- 18 Gerald Lee
- 19 Matthew Thompson
- 20 Debbie Eudy
- 21 Lorrie Hatley
- 22 Wiley Little
- 23 Bea Goodman
- Roger Robinson
- 25 Jewell Parker
- Missy Wadkins
- 26 Terrell Watts
- 28 Eddie Arrowood
- Zach Broadway
- 29 Tim Turner
- 30 Cortney Davenport
- 31 Drew Williams

November

- 1 Bud Smith
- Michael Thompson
- Robbie Foxx
- Tracy Mitchell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir	2	3 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Missions Night for ALL Ages 7:45 Adult Choir	4	5 	6 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Work Day 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Muscle Hustle at Stanly Community College
7 3:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 4:00 Deacons' Meeting 6:00 "Voices of Zambia" at Red Cross Baptist	8 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir 	9	10 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Worship Choir	11	12 	13 
14 5:00 p.m. <i>Proverbs 31 Wannabes @ Lisa Waits'</i>	15 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir	16  9:30 a.m. HOPE Fellowship to Deal Apple Orchards, Taylorsville & Lunch	17 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Worship Choir	18	19 	20 Homecoming Preparation Day
	22 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Committee 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir	23	24 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Worship Choir	25	26  Block Party at West Stanly High	27 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pleasant Grove Festival Health & Fun Day
11:00 a.m. Worship in Church Sanctuary 12:00 Covered Dish Luncheon in Fellowship Bldg	28 11:00 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper 	29 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer NO Children's Choir: School's Out	30 	31		

Everyone is invited to the Youth Center on Saturday, **October 6**, beginning at 8:30 to help assemble the children's jump ropes to send to the mountains.

Join us for Homecoming with Pastor Dwight Mabry on **Sunday, October 21**. Plan to stay and enjoy lunch with your church family following the morning worship service.