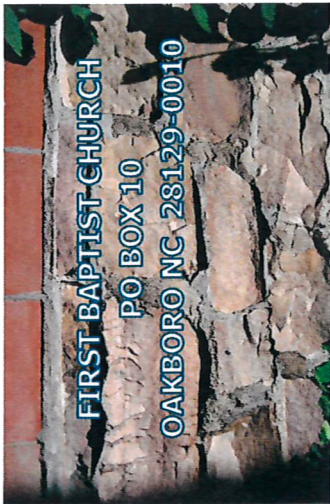


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Here we stand on the cusp of a new year. This is always a moment filled with excitement and anticipation. In some ways, for grown-ups, the transition from one year to another is a little like Christmas is for kids. I don't mean that in the sense that we hold New Year's Day up with the same kind of energy and emphasis as we do Christmas Day, but rather that the practically palpable anticipation kids feel on Christmas Eve is something of what we feel as we wait for the calendar to click over.

There's something about the changing of the calendar that fills us with hope and expectation. The possibilities that stretch out before us are just nearly endless. While we can certainly make guesses, we more accurately cannot imagine the things that will have happened in a year's time. Some of them will be the substance of memories we will cherish for the rest of our lives. Some of them will be experiences we will spend years doing everything we can to forget. The one thing these ends and everything in between them have in common is that right now, they are all only possibilities.

But, while we should give some thought and reflection to the possibilities stretching out before us in terms of our personal and family lives, allow me to encourage you to do some thinking about the possibilities stretching out before us in terms of the life of our church. What does God have planned to accomplish in and through and for us in the next few months should He tarry His return?

Allow me to do just a bit of dreaming with you. In the next twelve months, God is going to make us even more into a place where people can connect. We'll be talking about this more specifically in a couple of weeks, but being a place where connections can be made is part of who God has designed us to be. He's going to make us more into that church in the days ahead. Part of this may be learning to connect with people who are not like us—something that's never easy for any mostly homogenous group to do. He is going to work in us to streamline our discipleship pathway so that people who do connect can be shepherded even more quickly into a place of growing and learning.

Speaking of that, in the next twelve months, God is going to increase our ability to help the people around us grow more intentionally into who He designed them to be. He is going to help us grow people in two ways. The first will be primarily spiritual: They will learn to better understand and apply the deep truths of the faith. The second will be more practical:

They will grow in their application of their faith—something we'll talk about this coming Sunday—through getting involved in serving and loving the community and world around them.

And speaking of this, in the next twelve months, God is going to enable us even more to reach out powerfully for His kingdom. We are going to form new or tighter partnerships with some groups in our area who are already engaged in kingdom advancing ministry and resource them with all the tools God has given us to better accomplish the work He has given them to do. We are going to see lives transformed by the Gospel as demonstrated by baptism of some folks who aren't even connected with our community right now. And we are going to engage our unbelieving neighbors through our love and service, to more intentionally consider the Gospel than they have before.

Sound good? Now, as exciting as these may sound to you, they are all still only possibilities right now. There's only one way to make the merely possible into a present reality: Work. Starting on our knees and then getting active in other ways from there, we can see and experience together all that our great God has planned for us. Are you ready? I sure am. Let's get to work!

### *Pastor Jonathan*



Introduce yourself to our newest church member and make her and Andy feel like a part of our church family:

**Kristen Beatty**

108 Morning Dove Drive  
Oakboro, NC 28129.



*Welcome, Baby Girl!!*

***Iris Annette Mooney***

*arrived on December 28, 2018, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measuring 20 inches long! Proud parents are Ashlea & Jordan Mooney; Bobby & Renée Watkins are her grandparents, and Bea Goodman is her great-grandmother. Congratulations!*

## Our Record of Giving

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Goals – December    | \$ 30,789.50 |
| Budget Receipts – December | 36,906.27    |
| Budget Goals – YTD         | 110,842.20   |
| Budget Receipts - YTD      | 105,182.46   |
| Budget Variance            | -5,659.74    |
| <i>Special Offerings</i>   |              |
| Building Fund              | 1,585.00     |
| Wednesday Meals            | 232.00       |
| Lottie Moon Offering       | 4,050.00     |



For January, Stanly Community Christian Ministries is asking for donations of **rice, dried or canned beans, and canned tomatoes**. Thank you for your contributions in 2018. Please continue to pick up these items and drop them off in the basement kitchen area.



Hymn of the Month: “Day by Day” – Page #517

As we look to a new year, I am reminded to take “one day at a time.” The words to this hymn “Day by Day” were written by Caroline V. Sandelberg and Oscar Ahnfelt. I hope it will be an encouragement to you: “Day after day, He bears our burdens.” Psalm 68:19

Day by day, and with each passing moment,  
 Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
 Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,  
 I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.  
 He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,  
 Gives unto each day what He deems best,  
 Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,  
 Mingling toil with peace and rest.



On **February 12**, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We will go sing at the Taylor house with Fran VanHorn, then go to lunch, and return to church at 1:00 p.m.

*Dana B. Jenkins*



## Youth Ski Retreat

February 1-3, 2019

Winterplace Ski Resort, Beckley, WV

**\$100 Deposit Due January 6**

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.



**JANUARY 20, 2019**  
 Since this is a first-come, first-served event (not ticketed), the Youth group will leave the church at 1:30 p.m. Also, there is no school the next day due to Martin Luther King holiday.



“Dear FBC Oakboro Family, Thank you so very much for all your texts, phone calls, messaging and cards. But most of all, thank you for your prayers. God performed a miracle, is all we can say, through the prayers of our church family and the skills of the medical staff. We are blessed beyond measure. Thanks for praying us through this. God is good! Continue to lift us up as we continue this journey to a full recovery.

Thank you again! Love,  
 Jeff & Sandra

**Poinsettias:** If you ordered a Christmas poinsettia this year and haven’t taken it home with you, please get yours from the church Sunday.



## In Honor



In honor of **Joe & Betty Huneycutt**, Mae Brooks made a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Fund.

A donation was made by Louise Floyd to the Lottie Moon Offering in honor of **Ladies 1 Sunday School Class**.

In honor of **Pastor Jonathan, Lisa and Boys**, a contribution was given to the Lottie Moon Offering by Harold & Louise Floyd.

In honor of **The Waits Family and Proverbs 31 Wannabes**, a donation was made by Mae Brooks to the Lottie Moon Offering.

A donation was given in honor of **Jeff & Sandra Chance** by Harold & Louise Floyd to the Lottie Moon Offering.

The Worship Choir gave a contribution to the Lottie Moon Offering in honor of **Dana Jenkins** for her faithful service to our Lord.

A contribution was given to the Lottie Moon Offering by Mae Brooks, honoring **Vickie Yandle and Hope Gaston**.

Helena McClellan made a donation to the Lottie Moon Offering in honor of her children.

In honor of **Dana Jenkins, Jim & Cheryl Cameron and Lisa & Tracy Lowder**, a gift was presented to the Lottie Moon Offering by Mae Brooks.

In honor of **Harold & Louise Floyd**, a donation was made to the Building Fund by Kevin & Hunter Floyd.

A contribution was given to the Building Fund in honor of **Mike & Mary McClellan's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** by  
Jim & Cheryl Cameron  
Ted & Jewell Parker  
Harold & Louise Floyd

## In Loving Memory of

In memory of **Margaret Tyson**, a donation was given to the Meals on a Mission by Buddy & Karen Barbee.

A donation was made by Kay Vanhoy in memory of **Margaret Tyson**.

Contributions were given toward the Building Fund in memory of **Margaret Tyson** by  
Eddie & Linda Arrowood  
Marilyn Huneycutt  
Doug & Ann Burgess  
Doris Hatley  
Jim & Cheryl Cameron  
Barbara Drye  
James & Dianne Hudson  
Kevin & Hunter Floyd  
Annie Hartsell  
Worship Choir  
First Baptist Church, Oakboro

Bud & Teresa Smith made a donation to the Scholarship Fund in memory of **Margaret Tyson**

A contribution was given to the Lottie Moon Offering by Harold & Louise Floyd in memory of **Margaret Tyson**.

In memory of **Fetzer Hartsell and Ruby Thomas**, contributions were given by Barbara Drye to the Building Fund.



Keep those t-shirts coming in. Remember: they must be no less than 80/20 cotton blend and have no side seam. **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for all the shirts donated and for those who helped to braid some of the jump ropes!! We will continue making them for children in Honduras and for the Samaritan Purse boxes.

## Church Volunteers

| Date  | Greeters                                                                  | Nursery/Children's Church                        |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Jan 6 | Doug & Sheila Hinson – Sunday School<br>Mary Nelms - Worship              | April & Sophie Tucker,<br>Julie & Presley Poplin |
| 13    | Danny & Julie Poplin – Sunday School<br>Jim & Cheryl Cameron – Worship    | Renée Watkins, Deborah Tucker<br>April Tucker    |
| 20    | Jeff & Sandra Chance – Sunday School<br>Harold & Louise Floyd – Worship   | Danny & Julie Poplin<br>Andy Castelloe           |
| 27    | Shea & Ashley Morton – Sunday School<br>Doris Hatley – Worship            | Jane Baucom, Kay Smith                           |
| Feb 3 | Bobby & Renée Watkins – Sunday School<br>Thomas & Ellen Meadors - Worship | Andy & Julie Castelloe,<br>Lisa Waits            |

| Date  | Deacon of the Week | Stewardship    |
|-------|--------------------|----------------|
| Jan 6 | Jim Cameron        | Eddie Arrowood |
| 13    | Andy Castelloe     | Doug Burgess   |
| 20    | Kevin Floyd        |                |
| 27    | Matt Hudson        | Usher          |
| Feb 3 | Tracy Lowder       | Jeff Bowers    |

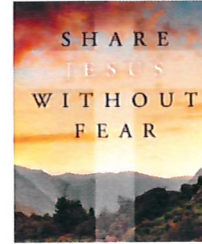
Karen Peck & New River  
And  
The Isaacs



March 30, 2019  
at 6:00 p.m.

### Stanly County Agri-Civic Center

Tickets: \$22 for Orchestra; \$17 for General Admission  
(Group pricing for 10+) – See Delinda for tickets  
Relay for Life Benefit Concert



Everyone is invited to breakfast on Saturday, *January 26* at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship building. Please sign up on the bulletin boards if you plan to attend. After breakfast, a “Share Jesus Without Fear” mini-seminar will be held from 9:00–10:00.



On *January 27*, we will recognize our Baptist Men/Brotherhood members and have special guest speaker Jim Walters to deliver the 11:00 message. Remember back in the summer when the VBS children (and adults) raised money for the Guyana church? Well, Jim is a leader with the organization responsible for that, and we are privileged to have him with us on the 27th. Hope you'll be here, too.

### *This Is My Story . . .*

*a Ladies' Luncheon with*

*Author Janice Cole Hopkins*



All ladies: Mark your calendars now for an exciting luncheon on Saturday, *February 16*, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Center. Many of you had Mrs. Hopkins as a school teacher and perhaps a coach, even though she may have been Mrs. Gibson at the time. A headcount is needed to adequately prepare, so please sign up on one of the bulletin board sheets.

On *February 17*, it will be an honor to have Mrs. Linnie Wright, Mae Brooks's daughter, to be the featured speaker during the 11:00 Worship for Focus on WMU Sunday. You don't want to miss this!



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- January 2 Julie Poplin
- Ann Burgess
- 4 Jean Little
- Pat Eudy
- 5 Jessica Colquitt
- 7 Sonja Linthicum
- 9 Carol Kiker
- 10 Jane Barnhardt
- 11 James Hudson
- 13 Melodie Marcus
- Sarah Hartsell
- Teri Bowers
- 14 Mrs. Cody Smith
- Carolyn Hinson
- 15 Janet Jackson
- Eleanor Brooks
- 17 Suzanne Marsicano
- 18 Lana Lambert
- 19 Dana Jenkins
- 23 Ashley Morton
- Chris Johnson
- 24 Josiah Waits
- 26 Vivian Williams
- 29 Lori Efird
- 30 David Efird

- February 3 Eddie Henry
- 4 Stacey Teeter

Please email or call the church office with additions to or deletions from the calendar.

|    | Sun                                                                                                                                              | Mon                                                                                                                                                | Tue                                                                                | Thu                                                                                                                                 | Fri | Sat                                                                                                                              |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                    |  | 2<br>5:45 p.m.<br>The Gathering Place<br>6:45 p.m.<br>Missions Night for ALL Ages<br>7:45 Worship Choir                             | 3   | 4<br>5                                                                                                                           |
| 6  | 4:00 p.m.<br>Deacons' Meeting<br><i>(Ski Trip Deposits Due)</i>                                                                                  | 7<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Two or More Prayer<br>9:30 Senior Adult<br>Committee Meeting<br>3:00 p.m.<br>Children's Choir                                    | 8                                                                                  | 9<br>5:45 p.m.<br>The Gathering Place<br>6:45 p.m.<br>Preschool Choir, TeamKid,<br>Youth & Adult Bible Study<br>7:45 Worship Choir  | 10  | 11<br><br>12                                  |
| 13 | 5:00 p.m.<br><i>Proverbs 31 Wannabes</i><br>at Melanie Hudson's                                                                                  | 14<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Two or More Prayer<br>3:00 p.m.<br>Children's Choir                                                                             | 15                                                                                 | 16<br>5:45 p.m.<br>The Gathering Place<br>6:45 p.m.<br>Preschool Choir, TeamKid,<br>Youth & Adult Bible Study<br>7:45 Worship Choir | 17  | 18<br>19                                                                                                                         |
| 20 | 1:30 p.m.<br>Youth Leave for<br><b>WINTERJAM</b>                                                                                                 | 21<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Two or More Prayer<br>NO Children's Choir<br> | 22                                                                                 | 23<br>5:45 p.m.<br>The Gathering Place<br>6:45 p.m.<br>Preschool Choir, TeamKid,<br>Youth & Adult Bible Study<br>7:45 Worship Choir | 24  | 25<br>26<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Church-Wide<br>Breakfast/Fellowship<br>9:00 - 10:00 a.m.<br><i>Share Jesus Without<br/>Fear Seminar</i> |
| 27 | <br>BAPTIST MEN'S DAY<br>11:00 a.m.<br>Jim Waltera, Preaching | 28<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Two or More Prayer<br>3:00 p.m.<br>Children's Choir                                                                             | 29                                                                                 | 30<br>5:45 p.m.<br>The Gathering Place<br>6:45 p.m.<br>Preschool Choir, TeamKid,<br>Youth & Adult Bible Study<br>7:45 Worship Choir | 31  |                                                                                                                                  |

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Ski Trip: February 1-3

February 16 - Ladies' Luncheon:

*This Is My Story . . .*