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**Can you feel the energy? Can you feel the excitement?** God is moving in our midst. There has never been a time in the whole history of the church that the movement of God’s Spirit in the midst of His people has not been a precursor to a powerful advancement of His kingdom into His world.

In Acts 4, Luke, who carefully investigated everything about the life of Jesus and the rise of the early church to leave for us an orderly sequence so that we might know about these things, tells about a time when the Spirit moved among His people. The apostles had recently been arrested and beaten with the threat of more if they didn’t keep silent about all this resurrection nonsense they had been spouting. When they rejoined the other believers the whole group responded, not with prayers for safety and protection, but with prayers glorifying God for His work in their midst. They said this:

*“Master, you are the one who made the heavens, the earth, and the sea, and everything in them. You said through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David your servant: ‘Why do the Gentiles rage and the peoples plot futile things? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble together against the Lord and against his Messiah.’ For, in fact, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, assembled together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your will had predestined to take place.”*

In other words, they praised God for working out His plans in spite of the challenges posed by the world. Then they prayed something that is about as far from what we might have prayed in their shoes as it could be. Check this out: *“And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants...”* Any guesses on what comes next? Stay safe? Be careful? Are protected from what they intend to do to us? Nope. They prayed this: *“...grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand for healing, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*

If that doesn’t make your jaw hit the floor, read it a couple more times for good measure. The culture around them hated them and planned all kinds of evil things for them and they responded by essentially saying, “God, keep doing what you do, and help us proclaim it with boldness.”

## Our Record of Giving

Budget Goals – February	24,631.60
Budget Receipts – February	22,263.40
Budget Goals – YTD	160,105.40
Budget Receipts - YTD	148,049.01
Budget Variance	-12,056.39
<b>Special Offerings</b>	
Building Fund	1,235.00
Wednesday Meals	508.00
Heck-Jones WMU Offering (Goal: \$500)	915.00
Meals on a Mission	90.00



On Tuesday, **March 26**, meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. We will go to Spring Arbor in Albemarle and sing a program at 10:00 a.m. David Love is a resident. We will go to a pizza lunch close to Hobby Lobby. All are welcome to go!

On **April 2**, we will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. to visit Bonnie Richardson at Brookdale in Monroe, then go out to eat at Hilltop (they serve fried okra on Tuesdays)!



The children are busy preparing for the spring program of worship for Sunday, **April 7**, at 6:00 p.m. The musical “Sure Foundation” will include 8 Biblical principles:

- 1) God is the Creator (Genesis 1:1)
- 2) Everyone has sinned (Romans 3:23)
- 3) The Bible is truth (2 Timothy 3:16)
- 4) Jesus was born (Matthew 1:21);
- 5) The remedy for sin (Matthew 20:28)
- 6) Significance of the cross (1 Corinthians 1:18)
- 7) Power of the resurrection (Romans 3:23)
- 8) Jesus’ ultimate return (Revelation 1:7)

Psalm 150:6 – *“Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!”* – Dana Jenkins





## Poor Man's Supper

*Proceeds to fund the renovation of the Coble-Teeter House.*

Come out to Wayside Restaurant in Oakboro on Saturday, **March 16**, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. enjoy a poor man's supper while supporting a good cause. Plates are \$7 each, with special plates for children 12 and under, and take-outs are available.

## History Room

Have you visited the Oakboro First Baptist History Room located in Room 202 on the second floor of the Sanctuary Building?



The History Room is opened each Sunday morning prior to Sunday School and remains open until after the Worship Service. Visits at other times are encouraged and can be made by contacting a member of the History Committee. Also, information about items in the room can be provided at any time by a committee member.

A book for each year is being compiled. Please remember to give photos and information of church and family events to Vickie Yandle or Linda Arrowood. They will also be happy to receive any items you find that will help tell the history of First Baptist.

There are some centennial items available. Please see Cheryl Cameron to obtain toboggans, plates, ornaments, or favorite scripture booklets.



We welcome **Theo Burris**, born to Meya and Danny on Thursday, February 21, 2019. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches long. Congratulations to the entire family!

The culture around us is changing. It's changing in ways that are not to our immediate cultural favor. Now, Oakboro is still fairly insulated from many of the most radical of the changes, but what starts in New York or Washington D.C. or Los Angeles or Charlotte doesn't stay in those places. Being known as those who carry the name of Jesus as our banner is becoming less and less popular. I recently heard a pastor talk about being at a social event in Asheville and when his profession was revealed, three people got up and left the table and had nothing to do with him the rest of the night.

And yet, for all this turmoil, God's Spirit is still moving in God's churches, including this one. We are on the cusp of seeing God move powerfully in our midst to advance His kingdom in some truly profound ways. We may be relatively small and culturally out of the way, but that is exactly the kind of place God tends to do His best work. After all, Jesus was born in the little town of Bethlehem and grew up in Nazareth, about which one of His own disciples said, "*What good has ever come out of there?*"

Now, as for what this will look like, we don't know yet. But the pieces—that is, the people—are slowly being put in place for something big. I can feel it and I hope you can too.

So, what do we do? We start with prayer. We pray intentionally and fervently for God's Spirit to come and move powerfully in our midst. We pray without ceasing for the kingdom to advance from our borders in ways that transform our community and beyond. We pray courageously that we might be bold in our witness and Gospel proclamations. Then, we get ready to receive the people God will send our way. This means continuing to be the welcoming church we already are. It means being ready to rub elbows with people who are not like us, receiving them just as they are, and pointing them intentionally toward the Gospel. It means reaching out with greater focus and intentionality into our community to bring the relief of the Gospel to those whose lives need it most, recognizing that the people who need it most may not be the first people we expect. In short, it means being fully the church God created us to be: A place where people connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom.

God's Spirit is moving. He's preparing us for something powerful. Let's make sure we're ready to be a bold part of it.

*Pastor Jonathan*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Our November Myrtle Beach trip dates are set for *November 11-13* (Monday-Wednesday).



*In Honor*



*In honor of Linnie Wright, a contribution was given by Susan Brooks.*

*In honor of Vickie Yandle, a donation was made to the Heck-Jones WMU Offering by Mae Brooks.*

*A donation was given to the WMU/Proverbs 31 Wannabes by Linnie Wright.*

*In honor of Aline Tarlton, the Blessed Assurance Sunday School class made a donation to the Building Fund.*

*Mae Brooks made a contribution to the Building Fund in honor of the Baptist Men.*

*In Loving Memory of*

*In memory of Gladys Helms, donations were given to the Building Fund by:  
Harold & Louise Floyd  
Doris Hatley  
Doug & Ann Burgess  
Eddie & Linda Arrowood  
Barbara Drye  
First Baptist Church, Oakboro  
Jerry Austin  
Buddy & Mary Helen Gaddy  
Josephine Allen*

*In memory of Gladys Helms, Mae Brooks made a donation to the Heck-Jones Offering.*

*In memory of Tracy Lowder's aunt & cousin, a contribution was given to the Building Fund by Jim & Cheryl Cameron.*



Our next journey takes us back to The River's Edge Restaurant in Cheraw, South Carolina on Wednesday, *March 13*, leaving the church at 9:30 a.m. This is a unique Amish restaurant, featuring home-cooked meals and famous desserts. Come along!



**text GIVING**

After several inquiries, we now offer you the ability to give to the church by using text messaging. The first time you use this, you will need to register by calling (704) 228-4013. Additionally, you still may sign up for E-Giving by clicking on the **E-Giving** link on our website and following the prompts to set this up. You may use either a checking account or credit card for these transactions.



Want to see and hear what's going on in YOUR church? Come out Wednesday, *March 13*, at 6:45 p.m. Department heads and committee chairs are encouraged to present a report on their respective areas.





## Church Volunteers

Date	Greeters	Nursery/Children's Church
Mar 3	Gerald & Bonnie Lee – Sunday School Tracy & Lisa Lowder - Worship	Ashley Morton, Sandra Chance April Tucker
10	Mike McClellan – Sunday School Jane Baucom – Worship	Lori & Allison Efrid Renee Watkins
17	Rita Crisco – Sunday School Jane Baucom – Worship	April & Sophie Tucker Julie & Presley poplin
24	Sue Greene – Sunday School Felix & Mark Hinson – Worship	Renee Watkins, Deborah Tucker YOUTH SUNDAY
31	Doug & Sheila Hinson – Sunday School Wiley Little - Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin Andy Castelloe

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Mar 3	Nick Wadkins	Betty Huneycutt
10	Chip Aleobrooks	Kevin Floyd
17	Doug Burgess	
24	Jim Cameron	Usher
31	Andy Castelloe	Wiley Little

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

Make Plans to Attend: **Youth  
Hot Dog Supper  
Bake Auction**  
March 23 at 5:00 p.m.



Please sign up  
to bring baked goods  
for the auction.



Confirmed: June 24-29  
\$100 Deposit Due Soon



March's requested items are **canned soup  
and crackers** for Stanly Community  
Christian Ministries. You may continue to drop off  
your donations in the basement kitchen area.







# MARCH

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- March**
- 1 Vickie Yandle
  - 2 Katie Broadway
  - 4 Sheridan Meadors
  - Lynn Edwards
  - Nick Wadkins
  - 5 Charlie Kippes
  - 7 Mike Eudy (Ann)
  - 8 Billy Taylor
  - 10 Lydia Crisco
  - 11 Bill Yandle
  - Brett Smith
  - 15 Mary Ellen Nelms
  - 16 Louise Floyd
  - 18 Jenni Foxx
  - 20 Tripp Collins
  - Emily Williams
  - Ronell Taylor
  - Hunter Floyd
  - 22 Annie Hartsell
  - 25 Phyllis Whitley
  - 26 Devin Floyd
  - Kevin Floyd
  - 29 Frances Beatty
  - Chance Boger
  - 30 Felix Hinson
  - 31 Rachel Young
- April**
- 2 Kay Smith
  - Lanee Eury

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly Sunday Services</b> <b>9:45 a.m. - Sunday School</b> <b>11:00 a.m. - Worship</b>						
3 4:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting Handbells Rehearsal	4 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir	5 	6 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Missions Night for ALL Ages 7:45 Adult Choir	7 	8 	9 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 
10 4:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal	11 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir	12 	13 9:30 a.m. HOPE Fellowship to River's Edge Restaurant 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 Preschoo, TeamKid, Youth & Business Meeting 7:45 Adult Choir	14 	15 	16 5:00-8:00 p.m. Pool Man's Supper at Wayside Restaurant for Coble-Teeter House Restoration 
17 4:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal 5:00 Proverbs 31 <i>Wannabes</i> 	18 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir	19 	20 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Business Meeting 7:45 Adult Choir first day of spring	21 	22 	23 5:00 p.m. Youth Hot Dog Supper & Bake Auction 
24 4:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal	25 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 Senior Adult Committee 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir	26 9:30 a.m. Nursing Home Ministry to Spring Arbor	27 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Adult Choir	28 	29 	30 6:00 p.m. The Isaacs and Karen Peck & New River Benefit Concert at Stanly Agri-Civic Center 
<b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> 31 11:00 a.m. Lord's Supper Observance 	4:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal					

Please call or email the office with any changes that need to be made to the list.