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God is our refuge and
strength, an ever-present
help in times of trouble

Psalm 46:1

*The Master's Plan
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God is moving in our midst. Can you feel it? Not only are we inching closer all the time to building the new sanctuary that has been in the works for quite a while, we have just followed God's lead in expanding our staff so we can continue to expand the ministry He is calling us to do. In case you missed it, this past Sunday we voted resoundingly to call Nate Sisson to be our Minister of Students. Nate and his wife, Marisa, are wrapping up a few loose ends in Wake Forest, NC, where they have been living for the past year as Nate has pursued his Master of Divinity from Southeastern

Baptist Theological Seminary.

This is a relationship the personnel committee has been exploring for several months now and seeing it come to fruition has been most satisfying. I hope you are excited at the prospect of what God has begun here in this step of faithful obedience. It may be clichéd that the children and youth are our future, but that doesn't make it any less true. And what we have been witness to together in the previous few months as we have been growing together has been a particularly acute bump of growth and energy among our young people. Bringing on Nate is going to give us someone who can focus special energy and attention on harnessing this energy and seeing it built into something that is expanding the kingdom of God in truly powerful ways.

God has designed us to be a place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom. We have young people connecting and that means not-as-young people connecting. What we are doing is going to allow for more of that to happen. Together we will keep growing to reach out to engage the world around us for the sake of His kingdom.

As exciting as all of this is, there is a challenge here for the rest of us. Just like I can't minister to the entirety of our incredible community all by myself, as terrific as Nate is, he can't minister to all of our students by himself. Too often, churches reach the point of hiring someone to focus specifically on their students, and then leave them to do it all alone. If we allow something even remotely along those lines to happen, this will be a failed venture from the start. What Nate needs, what our students need, what the kingdom of God needs is for all of us to continue to pour from our cups into theirs to the betterment of us all. The challenge is: How can you be a part of that? How can you be an active part of seeing the kingdom of God passed from your generation to theirs? It is an investment that will pay heavenly dividends in spades.

God is moving in our midst. There's simply no denying it. The work is not through—in fact, it's barely begun—but that just means the sweetest fruits are still ahead of us to be enjoyed. I can't wait to see what comes next. God isn't done with us. He's just getting started. As we move toward a new church year together, let's recommit to being a part of what He's doing in a big way.

Pastor Jonathan

Our Record of Giving

Budget Goals – July (including 6/30)	30,789.50
Budget Receipts – July	29,206.22
Budget Goals – YTD	295,579.20
Budget Receipts - YTD	273,358.43
Budget Variance	-22,220.77
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	1,430.00
Wednesday Meals	272.00
Youth Ice Cream	482.00
Preschool/Children Ice Cream	342.00
VBS Offering - West Stanly Christian Ministry	957.29
Eolia, KY Donation	25.00



Call (704) 228-4013 to register.

Reaching Out for God's Kingdom



August's items for Eolia, Kentucky are **canned vegetables**. Please make sure the expiration dates are good and drop off your donation in the fellowship building Sunday, **August 4**. Collection Sunday is the **first Sunday of each month**.

In memory of Mackie McLester, donations were given to the Building Fund by:

Harold & Louise Floyd

Eddie & Linda Arrowood

Jim & Cheryl Cameron

Marilyn Huneycutt

Ted & Jewell Parker

James & Dianne Hudson

and First Baptist Church, Oakboro.



In Loving Memory



The Worship Choir made contributions to the Building Fund in honor of **Scott Broadaway, Angel Copple and Peggy Carey.**

In honor of **Mae Brooks and Aline Tarlton,** donations were given to the Building Fund by the Blessed Assurance Sunday School class.

In honor of **Mae Brooks and Harold Floyd's birthday,** a donation was made to the Building Fund by Jeff & Sandra Chance.



The Youth will serve DELICIOUS homemade ice cream at the August Cruise-In scheduled for **August 23,** beginning at 6:00 p.m. **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who brought freezers of ice cream in July. We had a record number and made \$482, also **THANKS** to those who purchased and enjoyed it. Help us have the same success in August!



Christmas Show Trip Myrtle Beach, SC November 11-13, 2019

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.



We are excited to welcome **Nate Sisson** and his wife **Marisa** to our church family. He will be part-time Minister of Students, working with children and youth.



*"Dear Church family, Thank you all for the Bible given to me on graduation recognition Sunday. I will remember you as I use it to study God's word. I also want to thank you for the support you have given me throughout the years. It has meant a lot to me.
Love," Matt Thompson*

*"Dear Church Family, While away I have missed home and all of you. You have ministered to me in the way of calls, visits, food, yard care, card and prayers. I continue to thank God that He ordained my loving church family. In Christ,"
Mae Brooks*



*"OFB Scholarship Committee, Thank you so much for awarding me with the Bud and Teresa Smith Scholarship! I hope to make you all proud as I keep a Christ-centered life at UNCW."
Graham Tucker*

HOPE Fellowship Trip



On Tuesday, **August 13,** the group will venture to McLeod Farms Roadside Market in McBee, SC, leaving at 9:30 a.m. Lunch most likely will be at the on-site restaurant, Big's Meats & More. 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. All ages are welcome to sign up & join us!

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
Carolina Opry Christmas
Legends Christmas
(featuring Elvis, Martina, Karen Carpenter, Blues Brothers, Alan Jackson tribute artists)
Prices: \$197 per person (2 to a room)
\$266 - single
\$189 per person (3 to a room)
\$185 per person (4 to a room)
Deposit for 1/2 due October 6
Remainder due November 3

Church Volunteers

Date	Greeters	Nursery/Children's Church
Aug 4	Mandy Smith – Sunday School Deborah Tucker – Worship	Cheryl Cameron, Sheila Hinson Andy Castelloe
11	Bonnie Lee – Sunday School & Worship	Matt & Melanie Hudson, Marilyn Huneycutt – Missy Wadkins
18	Mike McClellan – Sunday School Mary Nelms – Worship	Ashley Morton, Sandra Chance Lisa Waits
25	Rita Crisco – Sunday School Jim & Cheryl Cameron – Worship	Lori & Allison Efird Sandra Chance
Sep 1	Sue Greene – Sunday School Harold & Louise Floyd - Worship	April & Sophie Tucker

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Aug 4	Nick Wadkins	Jim Cameron
11	Chip Alsobrooks	Lynn Edwards
18	Doug Burgess	
25	Jim Cameron	Usher
Sep 1	Andy Castelloe	Wiley Little

Make plans to attend

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

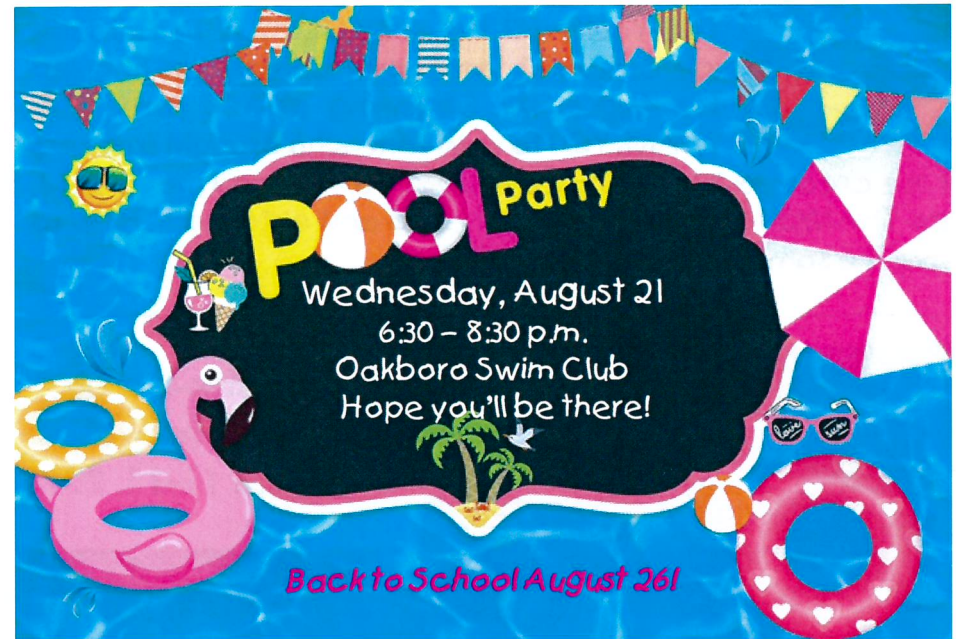
Sunday, August 12 - After Worship

- Election of Deacons
- Nominating Committee Report
- Stewardship Report

This year, we'll be electing 3 deacons to serve 3-year terms. 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, Doug Burgess, Jim Cameron, Andy Castelloe, Kevin Floyd, Matt Hudson, Tracy Lowder, Mike McClellan, Thomas Meadors, Shea Morton, and Nick Wadkins.



Please provide addresses for college students so we can feature one weekly in the "Student of the Week" section of the bulletin. You may write out the mailing and/or email address and drop the information into the offering plate or call or email the church office. Please include the phone number if desired.





Please join us in celebrating the
70th anniversary of
Ted & Jewell Parker
 at a reception
Saturday, August 17, 2019
 2:00 'til 4:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Building
 First Baptist Church, Oakboro

~ Your friendship is a treasured gift;
 we request no other. ~

Glasses Found!

These Nautica glasses were found in the fellowship building recently. If they belong to you, please contact the church office to claim them.



Welcome New Members!

We welcome **Joe Watkins** back into our fellowship and community. The following young people united with our church and will be baptized in the upcoming weeks. Feel free to be a mentor to them, give them words of encouragement and offer your Christian friendship to them as they grow in God's Wisdom and Spirit.

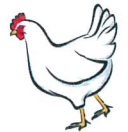
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**BBQ BENEFIT
 FOR BEVERLY POPLIN
 KIDNEY TRANSPLANT**



**Saturday, August 10
 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Stanly County Fairgrounds

Plates are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door

Pre-Ordered Boston Butts \$35

(704) 982-3192

Cornhole and other activities!



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







The Joy Sunday School class members are having lunch at the newly-rebuilt Classic Family Restaurant in Denton, NC. On Thursday, **August 8**, they'll leave FBCO at 10:00 a.m., and you are invited to go and enjoy the wonderful lunch buffet which features pork chops on Thursdays. Many of you may remember the restaurant has been closed for 2 1/2 years when it was destroyed by fire. For more information, please contact Vera Robinson at (704) 485-4443.



- August**
- 1 Kelli Coley
 - 2 T. J. Smith
 - 13 Pattygene Baggie
 - 14 Meredith Broadaway
 - 16 Vera Robinson
 - 18 Debbie Edwards
 - 20 Claudia Boger
 - 21 Julie Castelloe
 - 22 Bobby Watkins
 - 24 Reagan West
 - Merideth Enloe
 - 26 Tom Rogers
 - Carla Smith
 - 27 Victoria McEachern
 - 28 Brooks Barnhardt
 - Sheila Hinson
 - 29 Helena McClellan
 - Alan Love

- September**
- 2 Aline Tarlton
 - 3 Cameron Stroud
 - 4 Steve Williams

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

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Weekly Sunday Schedule <i>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</i> <i>11:00 a.m. Worship</i>					
	4:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 Mission Night for ALL Ages 7:45 Worship Choir	10:00 a.m. Joy Sunday School Class to 		
	12:00 p.m. Annual Church Conference Elect Deacons Approve Nominating & Stewardship Reports	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	 9:30 a.m. HOPE Fellowship to McLeod Farms for Peaches & Lunch Region 6 Missions Rally at 1st Baptist, Troy			2:00-4:00 p.m. 70th Anniversary Celebration for Ted & Jewell Parker in Fellowship Building
	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Care Ring to Visit Forever Young Retreat		5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:30-8:30 p.m. POOL PARTY Adult Bible Study 7:45 Worship Choir 		6:00 p.m. 	
11:00 a.m. Lord's Supper Celebration 	8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 9:30 Senior Adult Comm 		5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Worship Choir			