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## The Communicator

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*Because of his glory and excellence,  
he has given us great and precious promises.  
These are the promises that enable you to  
share his divine nature and escape the world's  
corruption caused by human desires. 2 Peter 1:4*

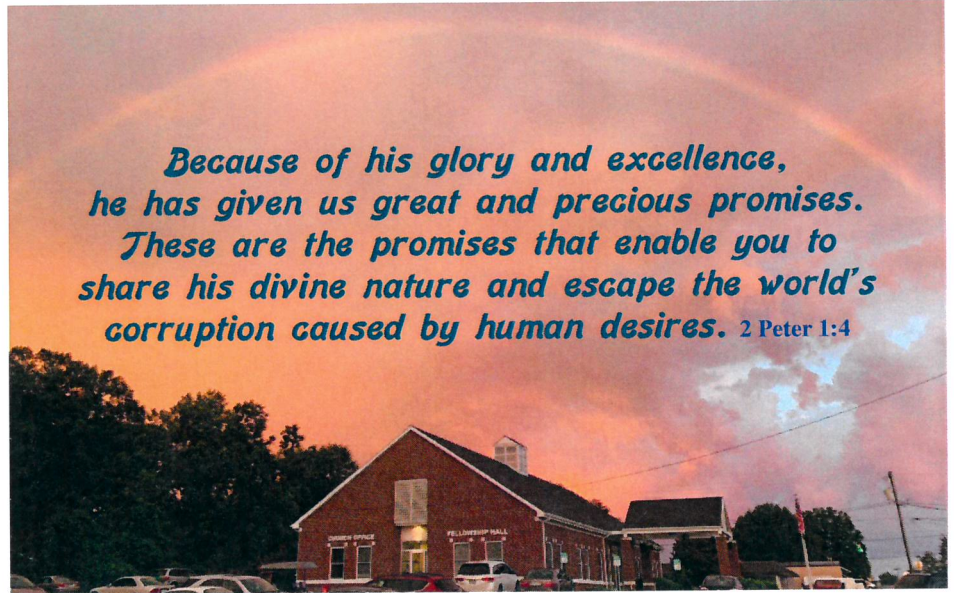
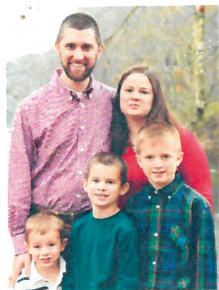


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School has started, and we are officially into a new church calendar year. It's an exciting time in the life of our community and our church. God is moving in exciting ways and the opportunities to get involved with His action in our midst are going to be many over the next few months. Check this out:

As you will see later in this very issue and on the first Sunday of the month, Nate and Marisa have arrived! We are so glad to have Nate joining our staff to bring his Spirit-directed leadership to our youth and children's ministries. God is working hard in this piece of our larger ministry these days—as the baptisms on September 8th will loudly proclaim—and the potential for an expanding impact is huge.

Even as we are seeing some sweet fruit come to bear, though, there is still soil-tending work to do and that's one of the places where you can be a part of what God is doing; where you can reach out to advance His kingdom. It is important for our kids to have the Gospel presented to them on a level that speaks directly to their heart—something they don't always get from preaching aimed at adults. Our Children's Church workers are fantastic, but as that group continues to grow, we need to divide it up for the sake of seeing it multiply further. But...that takes volunteers who are willing to invest a bit of time for the sake of great kingdom growth. Stay tuned for a specific invitation in coming days to join in what our faithful God is already doing there if you aren't already on board.

But wait! There's more.

Coming in October will be our annual Trunk-R-Treat Halloween event. We will once again partner with Red Cross Baptist and our community to provide a fun, safe space for local kids to have some Halloween fun. Start making your plans now to decorate your vehicle and hand out candy to the throngs of people who will likely be on hand as the event's reputation keeps expanding.

October will also bring the start to our partnership with Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child. This is a terrific way to reach out into the uttermost parts of the world with the good news of great joy that only the Gospel message can bring. You won't want to miss the second Sunday in October as we kick off this impactful project.

This November, our Eolia, KY missions team will join with the group from Big Lick Baptist and deliver the supplies we have been collecting all year to the students and families of Arlie Boggs Elementary. There is still time to join the team heading west and we will still have more opportunities to participate by contributing to the supply collections. Also, in October, the Gathering Place will have a special missions dinner night whose proceeds will all go to help underwrite the costs of getting the supplies and missionaries up there.

There's more going on than even this, but here's the point: First Baptist is a place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom. This is who we are, but it's also who God is shaping us to be. All of this activity is evidence that we are moving in the right direction. As I said before: God is moving in our midst. I can't wait to see what kind of Gospel transformations the days ahead bring!

*Pastor Jonathan*



*"This contribution is to say thank you for all the support and Christian love the church continues to provide Mother, Aline Tarlton. God certainly is at work. It is wonderful to see First Baptist Oakboro growing and initiating new programs. Mother loves to get the CD so she can still attend Sunday services. The monthly meal delivery has allowed her to meet newer members and share stories with them. She was especially touched when able to receive communion again in her home. I am so proud and blessed to have grown up in this church and continue to witness the growth in serving its members and the community.*

*Love," Pam Tarlton Wellons*

*"On behalf of West Stanly Christian Ministries, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$956.58. This is such a blessing. Your loving support helps us continue our mission in helping those in need. The generous support of churches, schools, businesses and individuals like you make it possible for our ministry to assist and to make the community a great place to live. God is so good! We pray God's blessings on you and your family, and in turn, ask for you to pray for this ministry and all that we, through Jesus Christ, strive to do.*

*In His service," Tammy Burleson*

*"Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, whether you sent a card, came to the reception, or gave us a present. Thanks also to Betty, Joyce and their families for their hard work and to the men who helped set up the tables and chairs." We appreciate everything and are grateful to the Lord for our many years and our terrific church family." Ted & Jewell Parker*

*A very special "thank you" to Sylvia Poplin for all her time and talent in making jump ropes for the children's choir to use this new year." We love and appreciate you, Mrs. Sylvia. Blessings!"*

*Dana B. Jenkins*





## NEW

New beginnings, new chapters, a new start. All of these things are so exciting and fresh. It brings energy, sparks new ideas, and grows much hope for the future. These are all how I would describe the way Marisa and I feel about God leading us to First Baptist Oakboro. Just in the few months before we even arrived, the love and support shown by the church has been overwhelming. From texts to prayers to finding a place to live and everything in between, we already feel like a part of the family here. We are so excited! The passion God has placed in my heart for students and for them to know God more is so exciting, and I can't wait to begin to see Him work in the life of our church to accomplish that goal.

This "new" feels great! As we get to know you, and you get to know us, we can't wait to learn about your stories, your passions, and your goals in this life. Inevitably, something will begin to happen over time: The new will wear off. As we grow deeper as a part of the FBC Oakboro family over the years, the excitement of "new" might transition into a feeling of familiarity. This is simply the nature of who we are as human beings. Just like a new car, or new home, or new pet aren't new after a few years, neither will this amazing partnership be. But that is a good thing. When we think of the excitement that surrounds something that is new, there is always the thought in the back of our minds that this is going to fade and that we should enjoy it being new while we can. But what if we are able to have something new that stays new forever? We can. This excitement that surrounds "new" is actually something built into us that points us to something greater: **our Creator**. Lamentations 3:22-23 says: "*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are NEW every morning; great is your faithfulness.*" You see, God had a plan to bring us together, and all the excitement surrounding the newness is because of Him. Praise God! It belongs to Him and is directed by Him. When we put excitement in another person, thing, or anything else, it's going to fade. When we put our excitement in the things that God is doing daily, they feel new daily. This is how we're wired, to want something new to last, but only a relationship with him will satisfy that craving. God's works feel new every morning because they ARE new every morning, just as he intended for us in his love.

So as we begin this exciting journey together, I pray things stay exciting. Not because of anything I can do, or will do, but because of the exciting, marvelous, wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will do in the life of our church. I can't wait to experience it all with you all!

In Christ with love,

**Nate**

## HOPE Fellowship Happenings



On Thursday, *September 12*, the group will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. to have buffet lunch at The Classic Restaurant in Denton, NC. Cost for the buffet is \$10.

The following Thursday, *September 19*, a trip to Stepp Apple Orchard in Hendersonville, NC is planned. This will be an all-day trip. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m., have lunch in Hendersonville, then enjoy the orchard.

Mark your calendars for *October 24*, as we will leave the church at 8:45 a.m. for a tour of the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory. We MUST sign up 2 weeks in advance in order to confirm the tour with them. Also, mark *December 12* as a tentative shopping trip to Gaffney Yellow Mall (Hamrick's) and to see Christmas lights. As always, our events are open to all ages: if you're able and available, then you are welcome!

Remember to sign up for the following SOON!



**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)  
\$268 - 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

**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 are placed on the bulletin boards.**





Donations were given to the Building Fund in honor of

**Ted & Jewell Parker's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary** by:

R. W. & Marilyn Brooks

Norris & Libby Parker

Doris Hatley ~ Mae Brooks

Harold & Louise Floyd

Nancy Haywood ~ Mary Nelms

Matt & Melanie Hudson

In honor of **Debbie Edwards's birthday**, a contribution was made to the Building Fund by Mae Brooks.



**In Loving Memory**

A donation was given to the Building Fund by Doug & Ann Burgess in memory of **Mackie McLester**.

Annie Hartsell made a donation to the Building Fund in memory of **Bertha Rogers**.

In memory of **Bertha Rogers**, donations were given to the Scholarship Fund by:

Bea Goodman ~ Harold & Louise Floyd

Doris Hatley ~ Jim & Cheryl Cameron

Barbara Drye ~ Bobby & Renée Watkins

Bud & Teresa Smith ~ Brooks & Jane Barnhardt

Cornelius & Barbara Waksmunski

George & Doris Reynolds

William & Nancy Talbert

Earl & Nancy Westall

Mary Adkins ~ Frank & Connie Waksmunski

Paul & Kelly Gregg ~ Bobby & Jennifer Barbee

Blessed Assurance Sunday School Class  
and First Baptist Church, Oakboro.

In memory of **Louise Walker**, contributions were made to the Building Fund by:

Eddie & Linda Arrowood

Ted & Jewell Parker

Jim & Cheryl Cameron.

A gift was presented to First Baptist, Oakboro by Mary Nelms in memory of **Louise Walker**.

A donation was made to the Worship Choir by Mae Brooks in memory of **Louise Walker** and **Kathryn**, Hope Gaston's friend.

## Our Record of Giving

Budget Goals - August	24,631.60
Budget Receipts - August	23,407.06
Budget Goals - YTD	320,210.80
Budget Receipts - YTD	296,765.49
Budget Variance	-23,445.31
<b>Special Offerings</b>	
Building Fund	3,005.00
Wednesday Meals	291.00
Scholarship Fund	505.00
Worship Choir	75.00



"Life changes overnight for Coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news." The movie reminds us that our identity comes from our Creator. We will begin a weekly Bible study on Wednesday, **October 2**, at 8:30 a.m. It will run for 6 weeks. Please sign up on the bulletin board so that books can be ordered.

## Reaching Out for God's Kingdom

**Vienna sausages** are the designated items for September. Please make sure the expiration dates are good and drop off your donation in the fellowship building by Wednesday, **September 4**. For October, we will collect **canned soup** and the final collection will be **canned fruit**.

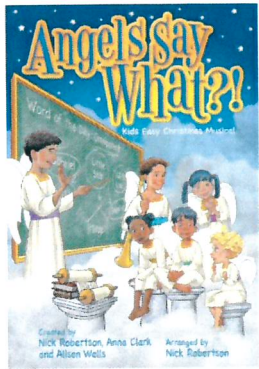
# First Baptist, Oakboro Children's Choir

Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

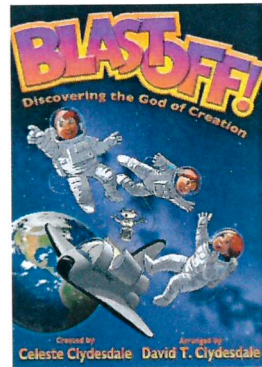


Songs include "All Creatures of Our God and King"  
"At Your Name"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"So Will I"  
"Indescribable"

We will sing these all through the year, on our field trips, and when we sing in Worship October and March.



December 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



April 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Both Christmas and Spring musicals will be held in the fellowship building.



All ages are invited as The Worship Choir hosts  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing**  
Sunday, **September 29** at 6:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Building  
Other churches/choirs will be invited,  
and a reception will follow the singing!



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## Church Volunteers

	Greeters	Nursery/Children's Church
Sep 1	Sue Greene – Sunday School Harold & Louise Floyd - Worship	April & Sophie Tucker Lisa Waits, Missy Wadkins
8	Doug & Sheila Hinson – Sunday School Doris Hatley – Worship	Renée Watkins, Deborah Tucker Baptism
15	Jeff Chance – Sunday School Thomas & Ellen Meadors – Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin Renée Watkins, Ashlea Mooney
22	Danny & Julie Poplin – Sunday School Ted Parker – Worship	Lisa Waits, Ashlea Mooney Marisa & Nate Gisson
29	Bobby & Renée Watkins – Sunday School Butch Poplin – Worship	Tracy & Lisa Lowder Family Worship
Oct 6	Eddie & Linda Arrowood – Sunday School Jimmy & Angel Cople - Worship	Cheryl Cameron, Sheila Hinson April Tucker, Meredith Broadway

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Sep 1	Jeff Chance	Kevin Floyd
8	Cliff Edwards	Betty Huneycutt
15	Matt Hudson	
22	Tracy Lowder	Usher
29	Thomas Meadors	Joe Cople
Oct 6	Shea Morton	

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS

# WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

Join Proverbs 31  
Wannabes  
5:00 p.m.  
September 8  
Youth Center  
for Movie,  
Refreshments &  
Bible Study

Time to Wage War Against the True Enemy



- September**
- 2 Aline Tarlton
  - 3 Cameron Stroud
  - 4 Steve Williams
  - 6 Telia Baucom
  - Doris Hatley
  - 7 Wil Kippes
  - 9 Renée Watkins
  - 13 Christopher Kiker
  - Lennon Henry
  - 14 Chris Huneycutt
  - 15 Ellen Meadors
  - Gale Medlin
  - 16 Laney Castelloe
  - 19 Tina Ross
  - 20 Sue Greene
  - Trevor McClellan
  - 22 Wes Tucker
  - 23 Scott Marcus
  - 24 Catherine Thomas
  - 25 Harrison Montgomery
  - 27 Ashlea Mooney
  - Marilyn Huneycutt
  - 28 Jill Turner
  - Andy Castelloe
  - 29 Shea Morton
  - 30 Bonda Whitley
  - Noah Waits

- October**
- 2 Hope Gaston
  - Sandra Chance

# SEPTEMBER


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Sat
<p>5:00 p.m. <b>CREATION SINGS</b> Children's Choir Begins 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. <b>RESCHEDULED</b></p> 	<p>8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer</p>		<p>5:45 p.m. <b>The Gathering Place</b> 6:45 Mission Night for ALL Ages Deacons' Meeting 7:45 Worship Choir Opening Enrollment Night (meet in sanctuary)</p>		<p>8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 3:00 p.m. Meet at Church to See Movie <b>OVERCOMER</b> Then Supper at Chick-Fil-A in Albemarle</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting 5:00 Children's Choir &amp; <b>War Room</b> Movie, Refreshments &amp; Bible Study in Youth Center</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer</p> <p>Youth Feed West Stanly Cross Country Team</p> 		<p>5:45 p.m. <b>The Gathering Place</b> 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth &amp; Business Meeting 7:45 Worship Choir</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. HOPE Fellowship Lunch at</p> 	
<p>5:00 p.m. Children's Choir</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Ladies' Care Ring to Visit Forever Young Retreat</p>		<p>5:45 p.m. <b>The Gathering Place</b> 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth &amp; Adult Bible Study 7:45 Worship Choir</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. HOPE Fellowship to Lunch &amp; Visit Stepp Orchards</p> 	 <p>in Fellowship Building</p>
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 <p>11:00 a.m. Lord's Supper Celebration</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Hymn Sing</p> 	<p>8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer</p> <p>9:30 Senior Adult Comm</p>		<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; background-color: yellow;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Weekly Sunday Schedule</h2> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 1.2em;">9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 1.2em;">11:00 a.m. Worship</p> </div>		

Week of Prayer for NC Missions  
Sunday, September 1 - 7