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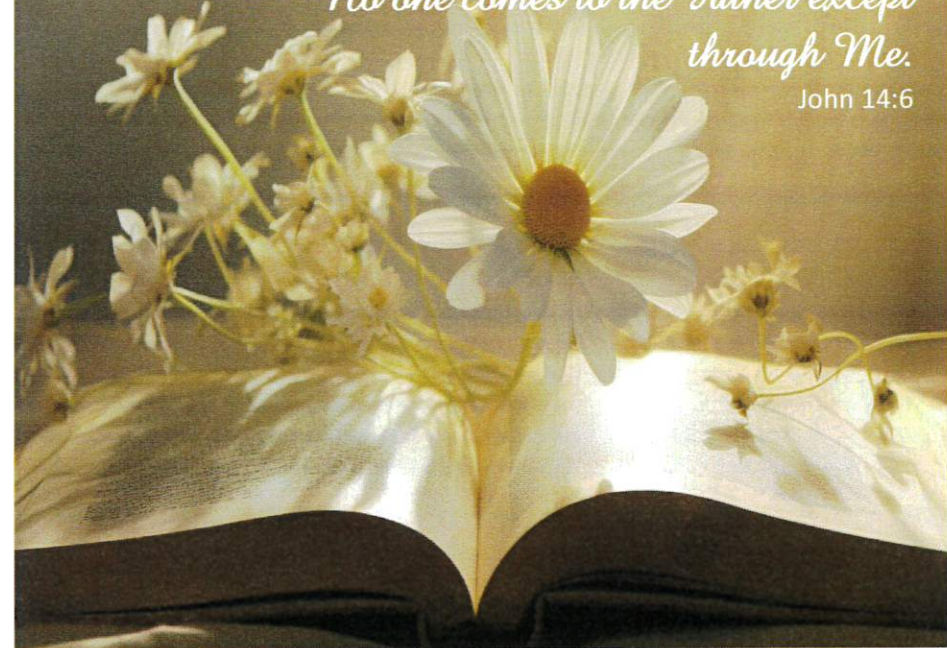
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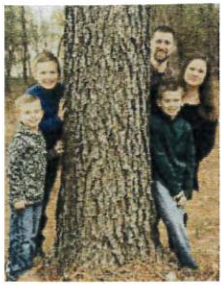
*I* am THE way,  
THE truth,  
and THE life.  
No one comes to the Father except  
through Me.  
John 14:6



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I was a weird kid growing up.

...I'll wait for the shock of that revelation to settle in...

I was the kid who always looked forward to the start of a new school year. I really didn't matter what grade I was starting from kindergarten all the way through seminary, new school years were something I spent weeks anticipating. There's just something that feels

good about getting a fresh start after a bit of time off. You hit the ground running with more energy and excitement than you had when you took your break. All...okay, most...alright, at least we can agree on some...of the exhaustion that had been dragging you down by the time the previous school year came to an end was gone. You were refreshed and excited and ready for the new adventures waiting for you.

Or at least I was. But again, I was weird.

Can I invite you into a bit of my weirdness?

This month brings the beginning of a new school year, and the return of The Gathering Place, and the jump starting off our Fall programming. I, for one, am really excited about what the immediate future holds.

First and foremost, this coming Wednesday we are all going back to The Gathering Place. Have you been missing that weekly chance to reconnect with your church family as much as I have? Look for the sign-up sheet for dinner this Sunday morning and be there this Wednesday and on forward from there as we gather to fellowship and grow together each week.

I'm also really excited about our student ministries as the Fall Semester gets underway. We are going to be working with Youth Commission Interim to bring some leadership to our youth ministry as we continue to search for our next Student Minister. They've got several fun activities on the books including a lock-in and a fall retreat. For more info, ask me about getting signed up for their weekly parent emails. Our kids' committee is stepping up to the plate in a big way as well to bring continued leadership to our kids' ministry. They too have a full calendar of events planned for the Fall which you can find in this newsletter and as cards around the church you can take home to put on your fridge.

Our building process is continuing to move forward. The Long-Range Planning Team has been faithfully meeting with the Brown Group, our design-build partners, to develop the plans for our new sanctuary space. This coming October, we are going to prayerfully take a major step together in the direction of seeing plans become an actual brick-and-mortar building by sacrificially pledging our resources toward a God-sized project for us as a church. None of us can make this happen alone, but as we work together under the leadership of God's Spirit, nothing will be impossible for us. Begin praying now for what God is calling you to put toward this effort that will set our ministry for years into the future and literally change the skyline of Oakboro.

Fall also brings with it our annual Trunk-or-Treat that has become one of the top-five largest annual events in Oakboro. Mark your calendars and make your plans now to join with the church family and other churches in the community on Sunday, **October 27**, as we bless our community with a fun, safe place for families to enjoy the holiday together.

God is moving in our midst (as the baptism service we have coming in the middle of the month attests!). I can't wait to experience more and more of His kingdom with you as we move forward together into the great future He has in store for us. Join me in praying fervently for the movement of His Spirit as we go!

*Pastor Jonathan*





## OUR RECORD OF GIVING

Budget Goals – July	32,547.30
Budget Receipts – July (6/27-7/31)	28,674.00
Budget Goals – YTD	305,944.62
Budget Receipts – YTD	268,896.00
Budget Variance	- 37,048.62
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	1,175.00
NC Baptist Children's Homes	100.00
Deacons	110.00



Go to our Facebook page or website [www.fbcoakboro.org](http://www.fbcoakboro.org) and click on the pool picture to let us know you'll be at the pool party!



Follow our youth ministry on Instagram @fboyouth

**College Addresses Needed:** Please call or email the church office at [firstbaptistoakboro@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptistoakboro@gmail.com) to give us your college student's address for the upcoming year. They will be featured in the "Student of the Week" on the announcements page.



*In honor of Mae Brooks's 99th birthday,  
a donation was given to  
First Baptist Oakboro by Pamela Wellons*

*Contributions to the Building Fund were made  
in honor of Mae Brooks's birthday by  
Jim & Cheryl Cameron and  
James & Dianne Hudson*



*"Dear Oakboro Family, Thank you so much for the amazing send-off last week. The love you showed us was amazing and blew us away. We've gotten our stuff to Fredericksburg and made it to Mississippi. We're so looking forward to visiting soon and will be praying for you all. Keep praying for us. Can't wait to see you all again and love you all so much.*

*Love," Nate, Marisa, Ben and Zach*

*"Thank you for the scholarship that your church gave to me. It will be put to good use.*

*Thank you!" Marianna Harrison*

**Upcoming Events**

*A fun, safe community  
where I can grow  
to love and serve like Jesus!*

<b>Sundays</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	<b>Wednesdays Starting 8/7/24</b> 5:30 Dinner @ The Gathering Place 6:30 Bible Study for all ages
<b>August</b> 8/2 Pool Party @ Oakboro Pool 6:00-8:00 pm 8/23 Prayer & Game Night	<b>September</b> 9/18 Prayer & Game Night *WATER GAMES* 





## Myrtle Beach Christmas Show Trip November 11-13, 2024

Prices: \$245 per person (2 to a room)  
single room: \$350

(Pricing for 3 & 4 to a room available)

Currently, the Package Includes:

- ~ 2 nights' oceanfront accommodations @ Beach Cove Resort (all taxes & fees)
- ~ 2 hot breakfast buffets
- ~ Transportation by mini-bus and/or van (or you're welcome to drive your own vehicle)
- ~ Day of shopping or rest
- ~ 1 all-you-can eat buffet at Original Benjamin's Seafood
- ~ Alabama Theatre's Christmas Show
- ~ LeGrand Cirque's Winter in the Air



2 SHOWS  
(this year)!!



EVERYONE is welcomed to join us on our annual trek to Myrtle Beach for some early Christmas fun. In the past, we have attended 2 shows, but for a couple of years, we opted to do just 1. This year, we're doing 2, which accounts for the price increase. Winter in the Air is a fairly new show to the Grand Strand at the Broadway at the Beach Theatre. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, and if you have any questions, please contact Betty Hunzycutt or call Delinda in the office.

A \$100-per-person deposit is due *September 8*, with the total due *October 9*. This is a GREAT, FUN trip at a TERRIFIC price. Don't miss it!

This month's HOPE Fellowship trip is to Mill Grove Church in Midland, NC for lunch, leaving First Baptist Oakboro at 10:45 a.m. In conjunction with Abound Health, Mill Grove hosts a community café, where they provide adults with special needs job training skills. The free lunch is open to the public on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board or email the church office at [firstbaptistoakboro@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptistoakboro@gmail.com) if you'd like to go along.

# The FBO Gathering Place

## Resumes Wednesday, August 7

WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO  
**THE GREAT GATSBY  
90+ BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**AUGUST 6, 2024  
2:00 PM**

**STANLY COUNTY SENIOR CENTER**  
283 N. 3RD ST. ALBEMARLE, NC 28001

**IT'S A ROARING 20'S BIRTHDAY BASH THEME!**

**Call 704.986.3769 to RSVP by Wednesday,  
July 31st.**

**You may bring up to 2 guests.**

Stanly Community College will be conducting interviews with participants.

**If you are interested in being interviewed, let the front desk know when you RSVP.**





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# AUGUST

- August 2 T. J. Smith  
10 Miles Mooney  
12 Christy Morgan  
14 Meredith Broadway  
15 Naley Barringer  
16 Vera Robinson  
18 Debbie Edwards  
21 Julie Castelloe  
22 Bobby Watkins  
23 Roslyn Smith  
Phil Morgan  
24 Reagan West  
26 Carla Smith  
Nate Barringer  
27 Victoria McEachern  
28 Brooks Barnhardt  
Sheila Hinson  
29 Helena McClellan  
31 Denise Nightingale

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 9:00 A.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL (LIVE &amp; ZOOM) 10:00 A.M. - WORSHIP</p>			1	<p>6:00-8:00 p.m. Kids &amp; Youth Pool Party at Oakboro Swim Club (Please sign up)</p>	3	
4	5 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	6 	7 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place (please sign up) 6:30 Bible Study for All Ages 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	8 	9	10 
11 	12 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	13 6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	14 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place (please sign up) 6:30 Bible Study for All Ages 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	15 10:45 a.m. HOPE Fellowship Trip Lunch at Mill Grove Church in Midland (please sign up)	16 	17
18	19 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	20	21 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place (please sign up) 6:30 Bible Study for All Ages 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24 7:30 a.m. Gideon Men's Prayer Breakfast In Men's SS Class 
25	26 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	27	28 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place (please sign up) 6:30 Bible Study for All Ages 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	29 	30	31

Please contact the church office with any revisions that need to be made to the birthday calendar.