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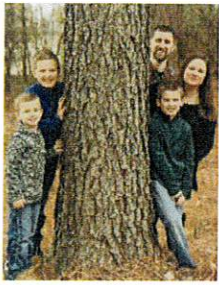


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When God shows up, everything changes.

Sometimes the change is immediately obvious.

When God showed up on Mount Carmel when Elijah was facing off in a spiritual throwdown with the 400 prophets of Baal (read about it in 1 Kings 18), there was no doubt about it. Fire shot down from the sky and incinerated the sacrifice that Elijah had prepared.

Everybody in the crowd watching the show dropped to their knees in worship of the God who was very obviously real and present.

When God showed up on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, no one could deny it. The wind of the Holy Spirit came rushing into the room, tongues of fire appeared over the heads of all the disciples, and they all started speaking in languages other than their native tongue. The scene was dramatic enough that people walking out on the street heard the commotion, stopped to ask about it, and Peter got to deliver the very first sermon in the history of the church.

Sometimes, though, when God shows up the impact isn't immediately obvious. God showed up in the story of Ruth which was taking place in the darkest hour of the story of Judges. Nobody knew about it until much, much later beyond those who experienced it the most personally.

The same thing goes with the story we looked at this past Sunday morning about the church in Acts 4. God showed up in response to the believers' prayer for Gospel boldness. When He did, "the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." But nobody outside of that room had any idea what had just been unleashed on the inside. The members of the early church didn't even know the full extent of what they had just encountered.

But one day they would. They all would. There wouldn't be any rational denying what God was doing. The church continued to grow and spread and here we are all still to this day.

Church, over the last month, we saw God show up. He showed up as we celebrated a new profession of faith. He showed up as we worshiped. He showed up as we unveiled our building plans. He showed up as we celebrated new baptisms. He showed up as we continued to see record-sized crowds at the Gathering Place including huge numbers of kids and youth who are hungry to experience genuine Christian community and

hear the Gospel. He showed up as we committed together to give—over a quarter of a million dollars so far!—to the work of expanding and renovating our old sanctuary building.

Now, from the outside looking in, not many people are going to have any idea what has been started. They don't know the Gospel impact that's coming in the days ahead of us. They don't know how God's Spirit is moving among His people in this church. But they will. Soon, they all will. They will all know the power of Christ through His faithful church. They will all know the love of Christ as we lavish it on the community around us and the world on outward from there. They will all know the joy of God's kingdom as we demonstrate it for them. They will all know the power of real Gospel community as they experience it through us.

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Now, though, is not the time to sit back and passively wait to receive what God intends to give. Now is the time to exercise the patience of James, Jesus' brother. This is a patience one commentator once called a "militant patience." It is the patience of actively doing the work of the Lord in all the ways we can with all the people we can in all the places we can for as long as we can. It is the patience of honoring our commitments whatever shape or form they happen to take. It is the patience of actively making ready to be a part of God's work as He continues to unleash it in our midst.

When God shows up, everything changes. Changes are coming. May the first and best changes be in our hearts and minds as we are evermore committed to the advance of His kingdom together.

Pastor Jonathan



New Address:

Nate & Marisa Sisson
Ben & Zach
3613 Timber Ridge Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

OUR RECORD OF GIVING

Budget Goals – October	33,350.30
Budget Receipts – October	25,058.00
Budget Goals – YTD	60,030.54
Budget Receipts – YTD	49,409.26
Budget Variance	-10,621.28
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	10,885.00
NC Baptist Children's Homes	100.00
NC Missions Offering	200.00
Deacons	50.00
Gathering Place	556.00
- Hurricane Relief including Wed. Meal	635.00
Christmas Show Trip	1,515.00
Women's Ministry (Books)	65.00
Pastor Appreciation	1,100.00
Preschool Ministry Donation	100.00



Please make the following new members feel welcomed and let them know you're excited to have them in our church family.

Jennifer Stancil

Carley & Landry (baptized 10/27/24)

730 Bo Run Drive
Oakboro, NC 28129
(704) 292-5565 – Jennifer

Iris Mooney

 (baptized 10/27/24)

17008 Frog Pond Road
Oakboro, NC 28129

Thea Ellis

402 S Love Chapel Road
Stanfield, NC 28163
(704) 491-0190



Upcoming Events

Sundays

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service

Wednesdays Starting 8/7/24

5:30 Dinner @ The Gathering Place
6:30 Bible Study for all ages

November



11/13 Shoebox Packing
Missions Night
11/20 Thanksgiving Fun

December

12/5 Christmas Parade
12/18 Christmas Party 12/24 Christmas Eve Service
12/25 & 1/1 No Activities



Join us for Missions Night on Wednesday, **November 13**, at 6:30 p.m. following dinner at 5:30 p.m. We will have a "Shoebox Packing Party" for

Operation Christmas Child. A list of items is posted on the bulletin board, and copies are available in the fellowship building lobby. Please donate these items by **November 3**, then come and have lots of fun on the 13th!

FBO has a date and time slot secured to go and process shoeboxes on Friday, **December 13**, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. All participants must be 13 and older. If you would like to join in this outreach ministry, please sign up on the sheet located in the fellowship building lobby.



**WE'RE HAVING A BBQ
YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Saturday, November 2, 2024
5:00 p.m.
FBO Fellowship Building**

Sponsored by Our Men **Chicken and Pork with ALL the fixin's
– AND Brunswick Stew
Please bring tea and desserts if you'd like.**



Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner

Come and gather with your church family on Sunday, **November 24**, at 5:00 p.m. to count your blessings and share a meal. The church will purchase hams and turkeys, and everyone is asked to bring side dishes, desserts and/or tea, water or soft drink to complete the menu. Again, invite others to join you.

HOPE Fellowship Happenings

A trip is scheduled to *Southern Supreme Fruit Cakes & More* Thursday, **November 21**, leaving promptly at 7:30 a.m. After touring, sampling and shopping at Southern Supreme, we will have lunch at Bestfood Cafeteria in Siler City. In order to get an estimated count of attendees, please sign up on the sheet located on the fellowship building bulletin board.



**November 11-13
Annual Myrtle Beach
Christmas Show Trip
Leave Monday at 10:00 a.m.**

YOUTH Events

- December 5 – Oakboro Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade
- December 18, 6:15 p.m. – Christmas Party
Christmas Sweaters, Gift Exchange, Cookies
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 & January 1 – No Activities



SONS & Daughters

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" // ROMANS 8:15

God made it possible for us to be adopted into His holy family. The moment we place our trust in Jesus Christ, God's only son, and believe in His death and resurrection as the payment for our sins, we become the sons and daughters of God the Father. We are no longer bound to the guilt and punishment of sin – **we are set free!**

Just as God has modeled adoption through the good news of the Gospel, NC Baptist couples like Chris and Lindsay Clufo stepped forward in faith to first foster and then adopt brothers Liam and Tyler. As a result, Tyler accepted Christ in 2023. God uses your mission dollars through Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) Annual Offering to make the Clufo's story possible.

Through your offering, we care for children who have been neglected and abused. Many are among the 10,000 boys and girls in NC foster care. BCH's many ministries share hope with families, special needs adults, single moms, expectant mothers and others across NC, SC and Guatemala. **Last year, you helped impact 117,502 lives and 844 professions of faith have been proclaimed in the last five years.**

WEEK OF PRAYER | Please pray for the BCH ministry and the lives of the children and families we serve together.

Sunday. Pray for children and families in your community and across North Carolina.

Thursday. Pray for intellectually/developmentally disabled adults we serve daily.

Monday. Pray for the thousands BCH serves across three-dozen communities in NC, SC and Guatemala.

Friday. Pray for impoverished children and people served through our partnerships in Guatemala.

Tuesday. Pray for BCH's cottage parents, staff, care givers, foster parents and adoptive parents who care for children around the clock.

Saturday. Pray for women we minister to who face an unplanned pregnancy. Pray they see the beauty of choosing life for their unborn babies.

Wednesday. Pray God leads couples to foster and/or adopt through the EVERY CHILD ministry.

Sunday. Pray children, families & individuals BCH ministers to will come to know Jesus as Savior.

Through your offering, **117,502 LIVES** were impacted in 2023. In the past five years, there were **844 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST.**





In Memory and In Honor

*In memory of **Bill Thomas**,
a donation was given by Catherine Thomas
to the Building Fund.*

*A contribution was made to the Building Fund
by Deborah Tucker in memory of **Lucille Williams**.*

*In memory of **Louise Floyd**, donations were given
to the Building Fund by:*

Kevin & Erica Floyd

Jewell Parker

Cliff & Lynn Edwards

Chip & Dot Alsobrooks

Doug & Ann Burgess

Jeff & Sandra Chance

Sue Greene

Nancy Haywood

Wiley Little

Danny & Julie Poplin

Blessed Assurance Sunday School Class

First Baptist Church, Oakboro



*In honor of **Jim & Cheryl Cameron**,
a donation was made to the Building Fund
by Deborah Tucker.*



TOGETHER

INVESTING IN GOD'S KINGDOM

**BUILDING
CAMPAIGN**

*THANKS BE TO GOD FOR
HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!
2 CORINTHIANS 9:15*

With our building campaign now started, you may have questions. If you'd like to give, from your mobile phone, you may go to www.fbcoakboro.org and click on "Partner with FBC." If you already have an online giving account, you may sign in – or create a new one if you don't have an account. To go directly to online giving, you may enter: <https://www.ministrybrands.com/e360giving/> and either sign in or create a new one. We have Building Fund envelopes available at the church if you prefer to complete these and drop them into the offering plate during Sunday School or Worship. Feel free to contact Pastor Jonathan or Delinda in the office if further information is needed.



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- November**
- 1 Bud Smith
 - Michael Thompson
 - 3 Cooper Hudson
 - Gray Crisco
 - 4 Shannon Baucom
 - Myra Beatty
 - 6 Cindy Thompson
 - 8 Donna Coble
 - 9 Sheila Rich
 - 10 Lisa Lowder
 - Riley Wadkins
 - 11 Deborah Tucker
 - 13 Bug Kippes
 - 15 Starla Thompson
 - 18 Andy Beatty
 - 19 Denise Ross
 - 24 Tommy Ross
 - 26 Angel Copple
 - Billy Hazelwood
 - 27 Alyssa Smith
 - 29 Allison Toepferwein

- December**
- 1 Butch Poplin
 - 2 Harry Foster
 - 3 Kristen Beatty

Please call or email the office with any changes to the birthday calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly Sunday Schedule 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Live & Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Worship						
3 After Worship Kids Leave for Lunch & 4:00 p.m. <i>Proverbs 31 Wannabes</i>	4 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	5 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. YMCA in FH	6 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place <i>(please sign up)</i> 6:30 Bible Study for ALL 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
NC Baptist State Convention						
10	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. YMCA in FH 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 11:00 Veterans Parade <i>Happy Veterans' Day</i>	12	6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	13	14	15
Myrtle Beach Christmas Show Trip						
17	18 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	19		20	21	22
			5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place <i>(please sign up)</i> 6:15 Youth Friendsgiving 6:30 Kids Thanksgiving Fun Bible Study 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	7:15 a.m. HOPE Fellowship to Southern Supreme FRUITCAKE & Bestfood Cafeteria	23	 7:30 a.m. Gideons' Prayer Breakfast in Men's SS Class
24	25 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	26	27	28	29	30
5:00 p.m. Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner 			7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. YMCA in FH NO SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES			

