

### Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Tony Silver  
 2nd Sunday: Arthur Burnette  
 3rd Sunday: Stephen Willie  
 4th Sunday: Mickey Gilliam

### August Wedding Anniversaries

Charles & Wendy Gaffigan 3  
 Phil & Liz Lowery 10  
 Winston & Merrell Riddle 28



### August Birthdays

Betty Reel ..... 2  
 Jeanette Beach ..... 4  
 Al Burnette ..... 13  
 Ruby Guffey ..... 13  
 Lisa Biddix ..... 15  
 Susan Hoyle ..... 15  
 Abbie Brooks ..... 17  
 Arthur Burnette ..... 17  
 Stephanie House ..... 17  
 Danna Revis ..... 17  
 Liz Lowery ..... 29  
 Gail Turner ..... 31



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Old Fort, NC

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# THE VOICE

### Offertory Prayer:

1st Sunday: Rhonard MacRae  
 2nd Sunday: Tony Silver  
 3rd Sunday: Arthur Burnette  
 4th Sunday: Alex Little



### AUGUST EVENTS

#### SUNDAY:

9:45 - Sunday School  
 11 - Worship Service  
 5 - Choir Practice  
 6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth

#### WEDNESDAY:

6 - Adult Bible Study/Prayer,  
 Youth, Children in Action,  
 Mission Friends,  
 7 - Choir Practice

**Aug 1** - WMU, Baptist Men 6 pm

**Aug 1-3** - Church Office Closed

**Aug 4** - Youth Car Wash 9 am-2 pm

**Aug 5** - Called Business Meeting, Deacon Election Vote 11 am; Last Lunch Bunch 3-5 pm; Deacon's Meeting 7 pm

**Aug 7** - Blood Drive 12:30-5 pm

**Aug 9** - BRBA Senior Adult Rally at Sugar Hill BC 10:30 am

**Aug 20** - Newsletter Articles Due

**Aug 25** - Youth Dollywood Splash Country Trip

**Aug 26** - Back to School Sunday 11 am

**Aug 27** - School Starts



## Reflections of a Shepherd

As I sit in my study at the parsonage, it is hard for me to believe that a year has already passed since becoming your pastor. The year has flown by. The holidays are not the only time one reflects on the past 12 months. I often find myself in an introspective mood at the anniversary dates of my pastorates, and as I look back I am very grateful God has placed me here at First Baptist of Old Fort.

To be sure there have been ups and downs, this year. For instance, we saw more funerals this year than I would have liked, but we've also baptized more people this year than I have before. We may not have seen the explosive growth that we all may have been dreaming of, but I have seen gradual growth in many areas that leaves me hopeful for the future.

Another thing that I am grateful for is the respect that you have shown to me as pastor. You are a flock who desires to be led by God's man. This is something that you should be commended for, because it is very rare in today's world. So many churches out there are just seeking a man who will satisfy the masses. Either through weak theology, soft messages, or passive leadership. But here at FBC Old Fort things are different. You desire a man who will stand on the truth, challenge you with the Word, and lead you by the Spirit. Your support through prayer, encouragement, and continued interest means more than you will ever know.

I am so very proud to be in a church that actually desires to follow through on the Great Commission. We don't expect a lost world to beat down our doors. We understand that we have been commanded to go to them. To show them the grace of God. To express to them the love of Jesus. Now this doesn't mean that we're doing all that we can, we're not. But we have a genuine heart for the lost and desire to see them become saved. I am encouraged to know that so many of us understand what our task here on earth is: to know Him and to make Him known!

When I wrote to you a year ago about beginnings and how excited I was with our new beginning together. Maybe we didn't accomplish all that we had hoped. Maybe we have left some things undone. But we cannot allow those things to discourage us from moving forward. We cannot allow discouragement to squelch God's Spirit. Whatever obstacles we may face, we serve a God who has already overcome them. I believe that God still has great things in store for us here. I'm still excited to be your pastor. I'm excited for what this next church year will bring our way. I'm excited for all the changes I believe God can bring through His amazing power. I'm excited to begin year two. Aren't you???

*Pastor Drew*


### Church Staff


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✿ The Church Office will be closed August 1-3 and will re-open on August 6. ✿  
 If a need should arise, please contact your assigned deacon. Thank you.

 **There will be a Called Business Meeting Sunday, August 5 at 11 am for the purpose of:**  
**Vote to approve the list of deacon nominees who have agreed to serve**

 The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be at our church Tuesday, August 7th 12:30 pm - 5:00 PM  
 To schedule an appointment visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767

 **Dr. Don Berry will be the Guest Speaker for the 11 AM Worship Service on August 19th**

**Gaither Vocal Band Reunion Live** will be at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville, SC  
 Friday, October 19 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, October 20 at 6:00 PM  
 Group rate pricing of \$31.50 each is available for 10 or more.  
 A signup sheet is in the sanctuary foyer. We plan to purchase our tickets by the end of August.  
 You may contact Cathy Moore (668-4419 or 281-798-9575) for additional information.

**Membership UPDATES**

Please let the church office know if your mailing address, street address, phone number, e-mail address or marital status has changed so that we will have current information in our church files. Thank you. 668-7853 or [offbc@frontier.com](mailto:offbc@frontier.com)



**Youth Car Wash**  
 Saturday, August 4  
 9:00 am-2:00 pm



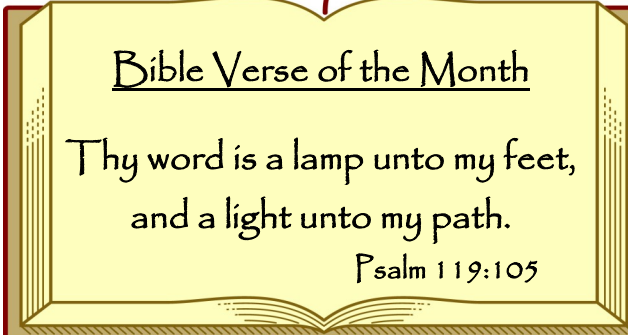
 **DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles August 20th**



**Youth Trip on August 25**  
 See Nova Effler for more information



**Last Lunch Bunch August 5 3-5 pm**

 **Bible Verse of the Month**  
 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.  
 Psalm 119:105



On Sunday, August 26, we will have **Back to School Sunday** during the morning worship service. Grades K-12 will meet their teachers for the 2018-2019 Sunday School Year.

**Cleff Notes**

I recently sang "In the Garden" and shared how this song speaks to me in my darkest moments. It seems there is a hymn or song that brings comfort to my distress as well as a verse of scripture from God's Holy Word. So I began to wonder how many of us find encouragement from the music we listen to and what messages the Lord sends us through our music. With that said, if you would be willing, I would really like to hear about your song and how it speaks to you. You may email ([swillie54@gmail.com](mailto:swillie54@gmail.com)), text (767-6369), message me, Facebook me (Stephen Willie), write a letter (snail mail-P.O. Box 222, Ridgecrest, NC 28770), or simply write it down and hand it to me when you see me. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Stephen Willie

**BRBA Senior Adult Rally**  
 Thursday, August 9 at Sugar Hill Baptist Church  
 Program at 10:30 am with lunch to follow.  




Where in the Bible is found: The women who had to shave their heads before they could marry?

Deut. 21:11-13

**SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 27**

**TIPS FOR DRIVERS**

Drivers also need to be very aware when school is back in session and children will be walking to and from schools and bus stops. As autumn approaches, there will be less daylight and children will be out early in the morning and more difficult to see.

- ◆ Be watchful around schools and bus stops for children running into the street.
- ◆ Watch for children entering the street from behind buses or running to catch the bus.
- ◆ When driving your children to school, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible.
- ◆ Don't leave until they are safely on school grounds.
- ◆ Drive slowly when approaching children riding bicycles and walking near the street.
- ◆ Watch your speed when entering school zones

