

Deacon of the Week:

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

June Wedding Anniversaries

Terry & Arthur Burnette 29



June Birthdays

Harold Shuman	.....	3
Erika Effler	.....	7
Jean Buchanan	.....	8
Janice Whitley	.....	11
Rebecca Bruner	.....	13
Lilian Parker	.....	14
Bob Jones	17
David Workman	17
Robbie Effler	23



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Old Fort, NC

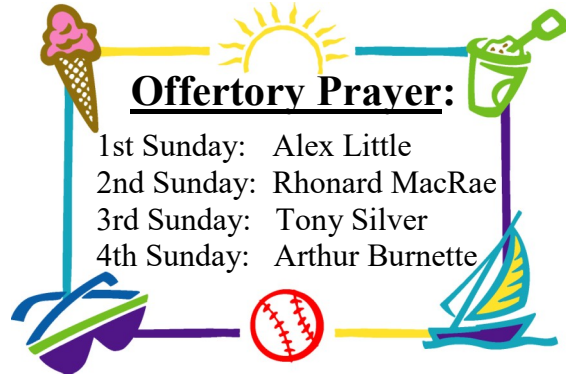
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THE VOICE

Offertory Prayer:

1st Sunday: Alex Little
 2nd Sunday: Rhonard MacRae
 3rd Sunday: Tony Silver
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JUNE 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

June 2 - Youth to Rock the Park
 at Carowinds

June 3 - Graduate Recognition
 11 am & Graduate Luncheon
 12 pm; Baccalaureate at Grace
 Community Church 5 pm

June 6 - WMU, Baptist Men 6 pm

June 8 - McDowell High School
 Graduation at MHS Stadium
 6:45 pm

June 10 - Called Business
 Meeting-Nominating Committee
 Election 11 am; Deacon's
 Meeting 7 pm

June 17 - Father's Day-No
 Evening Services

June 18-22 - CentriKid at
 Campbell University

June 20 - Newsletter Articles
 Due

June 21 - Summer Begins



Reflections of a Shepherd

I've been reminiscing here lately. Thinking back on my days in high school. Back when my whole life was ahead of me. It surprises me that I'm doing this, to be honest. High school was not my favorite time. I wasn't a jock, I wasn't cool, I was just...there. And I longed for the days that I wouldn't be. I especially longed for graduation. I can vividly remember echoing Dr. King's refrain, "Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!!"

Graduation is a day of consequence, and for many young people it is the first time that they are actually aware of the gravity of the day. Graduation represents more than just the closing of a chapter; in many ways it's the closing of a book. It is the time where, as Paul says, "we put away childish things." After graduation, we begin to move out from the shadow of our parents. We begin to spread our wings and test our limits. But with those also comes trials and tribulations. The kind of trials that many of us never really had to face.

We of the older generations, and yes I do qualify to consider myself that, have no comprehension of the world our young people face today; the temptations, the struggles, the persecution. See, most of us grew up in an era when America (for the most part) could still be considered a Christian nation with (mostly) Christian values. While I've never believed the idea that most Americans were Christians, I do think that most of us held Christian ideals. Murder was wrong. Homosexuality was perverse. Gender wasn't chosen. God was Father, and Jesus was His son.

But today.....today the kids walk out into a world quite different than the one we walked into. Society is more than just post-Christian, it is hostile to Christianity. Hostile to the church and her God. Admittedly, in my day, we started to see a slide into post-Christian thought. There was a certain, live-and-let-live mentality that was in the air in the '90's. Sure, Christians had different opinions about morality, God, and salvation. But we were at least allowed to have those opinions! Now if you dared speak with conviction, you're a bigot! And not only that, you're ignorant and naïve; foolish even. Just this week I read in the comment section about how we needed to "grow up" and quit believing in our "sky daddy." All because we choose to follow our religious convictions and not allow the intellectual elites to tell us what to believe. Muslims don't face this. Catholics don't really face this (because of their hypocritical lifestyles). Many other protestant denomination don't face this either (because they are enlightened by "love" to accept all people the "way God made them").

Jesus told us that we would be persecuted and reviled by the world for our beliefs. We in America, especially the American South, often bemoan the moral decay of our nation. But Jesus told it would come, and now it has. We are sending our graduates out into a world that says you must accept everyone for who they are, except for you. We hate you. Our graduates need our prayer. They need our support. And, most of all, they need our Savior and His strength to stand firm in the storm that they are facing.

Pastor Drew

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WELCOME
New Members

We welcome
Toney & Lynn Lewis
Who joined our fellowship
on April 8, 2018

A Special
THANK YOU

Thank you to those that volunteered to greet and check-in people during the directory photography sessions on April 5-7. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

Cleff Notes

Baseball, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Hockey, Rugby, Firefighting, Rescue, Surgery, Band, Orchestra, Choir, Ministry, Church; what do all these things have in common? "TEAM WORK"

A team cannot function if every member does whatever they want while ignoring their leadership or not paying attention to what is happening around them. A team cannot function properly if its team members are distracted by outside sources. A team becomes impaired when team members are ill and cannot make practice or rehearsal. But the most damaging situation is when team members just don't show for practice. This situation creates discouragement among the members as well as low productive practice. I mean, how effective is a baseball 2nd baseman that doesn't know how to turn a double-play, or a basketball player who doesn't know how to pass. What about a volleyball player who can't set, or a soccer player who can't kick. A fire-fighter who can't handle the hose or a rescuer who doesn't know CPR. A band or orchestra leader who doesn't know how to read music or play their instrument. A choir member who doesn't practice with the choir, or a church member who doesn't practice their faith in Jesus, who puts Him on the shelf or just ashamed of what others will think. Think about it.

Rev. Stephen Willie

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!
2018

McDowell High School

Kieran Becker
Abbie Brooks
Adrienne Hollifield
Reagan Revis
Dustin Sanders

Sunday, June 3, 11:00 am
Graduate Recognition
and
Lunch to Honor Our Graduates
(immediately following the
Morning Worship Service)

Baccalaureate Sunday, June 3 at 5:00 pm
Grace Community Church

McDowell High School Graduation
Friday, June 8 6:45 pm
MHS Stadium

DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles
June 20th

**There will be a
Called Business Meeting
Sunday, June 10
for the purpose of:
Nominating Committee Election**

**Eleck Willis Hensley "Heart of a Lion" Scholarship
Benefit Car Show**
We need Baked Goods for the Bake Sale Tent.
Please let Cathy Moore know, if you plan to contribute to
the Bake Sale.

A Father Just Like You

*I just want to let you know
You mean the world to me
Only a heart as dear as yours
Would give so unselfishly*

*The many things you've done
All the times that you were there
Help me know deep down inside
How much you really care*

*Even though I might not say
I appreciate all you do
Richly blessed is how I feel
Having a father just like you*

A total of 29 pints were collected on May 15, 2018.

Thank you to the volunteers from our church who made all the donors feel comfortable.

American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of Squash:
Squash Gossip
Squash Criticism
Squash Indifference

Plant three rows of Peas:
Purity
Patience
Perseverance



Plant four rows of Lettuce:
Let us be Kind
Let us be Faithful
Let us be Obedient
Let us Love one another

No Garden is complete without Turnips:
Turn up for Meetings
Turn up for Service
Turn up to lend a Helping Hand

To conclude our planting, we must have Thyme:
Thyme for God
Thyme for Study
Thyme for Prayer

Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.



Our thanks and appreciation to the Homebound Committee for the Easter basket. We have enjoyed it.

Bill and Juanita Ramsey

To: The Pastor, church members and especially the ladies for the wonderful meal. We cannot thank you enough for assisting our family.

Susan Lawing & family of
Marjorie McEntire



Saturday, July 14
9 am - 2pm



July 15-19
5:30-8:00 pm

Family Night
July 20 at 6:00 pm



**Sunday, July 29th
at 6:00 pm**

If you would like to sing, play an instrument, recite a poem, sign a song, a skit, etc. in this service please let Stephen know by July 22.

**Refreshments following service.
Please bring your favorite finger food.**