

Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Charles Gaffigan
2nd Sunday: Rhonard MacRae
3rd Sunday: Jimmie Harris
4th Sunday: Phil Harris
5th Sunday: Tim Owen

July Wedding Anniversaries

Frances & C.L. Morris 15
Jack & Bunny Boulton 17
Marvin & Marjorie McEntire 21
Larry & Yvonne Hunter 27
Suzy & Rob Willoughby 28

July Birthdays

Christian Pullium 4
Nancy Norton 5
Angie Thomas 7
Kevin Revis 7
Dawn Campbell 7
Maia Becker 8
Chad Hunter 14
Mary McEntire 15
Cathy Duncan 16
Clay Duncan 16
Tom Hoyle 17
Gayle Padgham 18
Sherry Burnette 24
Bunny Boulton 25
Floy Walker 25

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1st Sunday: Bud Faw
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5th Sunday: Susan Hoyle

JULY EVENTS

SUNDAY:

9:45 - Bible Study
11 - Worship Service
5 - Youth
6 - Evening Worship Service, TeamKIDS

WEDNESDAY:

6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth, RA's, GA's, Acteens, Mission Friends
7 - Adult Choir Practice

July 3 - No Evening Services
July 4 - Independence Day
July 4 - Parade
July 7 - Blood Drive
July 9 - VBS Decorating Party 9am
July 10 - Communion
July 10 - Lunch Bunch 3 to 5pm
July 10 - Deacon's Meeting 7pm
July 17 to 23 - VBS
July 23 - VBS Post Party
July 24 - Lunch Bunch 3 to 5pm
July 24 - Quarterly Conference 6pm
July 25 to 31 - Pennsylvania Mission Trip

Pastor's Ponderings

On Sunday, June 26, all in attendance in the AM Service had an amazing experience as our youth led in worship. They brought back the experience they had at Centrifuge the week before. We felt the authenticity of the worship of our youth. They held nothing back, and they shared from their hearts. We felt the connection of our youth group, and it manifested itself in the congregation during the invitation. Connecting is what it is about in the church. We must connect to one another as we are connected to Jesus Christ.

Legos made a dramatic point. Legos are building blocks made for children, yet they can speak to adults as to how we are to connect to one another. Sometime ago, Dena and I went to one of the malls in Raleigh. We spotted a Lego store and went in. The store had unique structures built from Legos. There were many different types of buildings, ships, and planes. There were even characters from movies built from Legos. There were kits you could buy to duplicate these projects. They had just the right pieces to build the perfect structure. Also in the back of the store were bins of individual Legos so you could buy individual pieces and design whatever you want to build from them.

Legos only become more than individual pieces by connecting them together. You can buy a kit or individual pieces to design your own structure, but until you connect them together, all you have are pieces of Legos. Individually they don't look like much, but once you connect them they are pretty impressive. Legos were designed to connect together to be what the designer intended.

We are like Legos. We have been designed by the Master Designer to connect together to form what He intended, the Church. God has placed just the right individuals in His church to become what He has designed. 1 Corinthians tells us we are many members, but one body. Individually we aren't much, but together we are the body of Christ. But what happens when we are not connected together? We can't function the way God intended when we are not connected. We are to connect together to be His hands, His feet, His mouth, His arms, and His body. Christ is the head. He is the brain that controls us as we are connected, working together.

Sunday morning, everyone was given a Lego, and at the end of the service everyone came forward and connected his or her Lego to everyone else's Lego. There were several different stacks of Legos and after everyone had come forward, our youth finished connecting them all together. The structure is on display in the church foyer to represent and remind us of our connected body. Our youth are on fire for Christ right now. They are our catalyst and our glue. Let us follow their example. The Bible says, "and a child shall lead them." Let us encourage them and work beside them. They are working together the way Christ intended. They are growing spiritually in their walk with God. They have been feeding the poor and ministering to the shut-ins. There were over 20 youth, children, and adults participating in the Lunch Bunch distribution Sunday afternoon and nearly 30 youth, children, and adults who went to Mountain Ridge Wellness Center Sunday evening to visit the shut-ins. Let's allow our youth to continue to bring us together, connecting us as the body of Christ, to be what God, the Master Designer, intended us to be. Thank you for supporting our youth. They are our future. They are our present. Let us be connected to them as they are connected to one another and to Christ.

As I have been privileged to work closely with our youth for the past six weeks, I have been truly blessed to be able to connect with them. I am so proud of these young people and proud of the volunteers who help with our Youth Ministry. May God bless our church as we connect together in missions and ministry. Are you connected? If not, there is a place for you to connect at First Baptist Church.

Pastor Duane



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Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you so much for the mixed basket of flowers that you sent in memory of Lorene Cooper. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during our time of loss. The family of Lorene Reaves Cooper

Dear FBC, Thank you for your recognition in the service last Sunday. I enjoyed meeting everyone. Sorry I'm unable to attend this Sunday, I have to work. Cody Taylor

Dear FBC, Thank you for the graduation service and for the key chains. Thank you for all the loving support you have given me as I have grown up. You have helped me grow a strong faith in Christ. Thank you. Nathan Smith



Our youth have been very active lately. Eleven of them went to Centrifuge. Those eleven led the worship service on June 26. That afternoon about 20 youth and children distributed food to the Lunch Bunch. Following the distribution, all of them along with several adults went to Mountain Ridge Wellness Center to mingle and minister to the residents there. This past Thursday, a dozen youth enjoyed the splendors God has created by going to Sliding Rock and Coontree Picnic Grounds for a day of fun and fellowship. Our youth ministry continues to grow as we had 19 youth for Bible Study on Wednesday evening, June 29. God is doing amazing things with these young people.

Our Lead Teams continue to plan activities for our youth for the coming months. On Wednesday evening, July 6, the youth will be going to Ridgecrest for a youth worship service at Centrifuge Camp. The times for that will be sent to the youth and parents early that week. There will be a swimming outing at Duane and Dena's on Thursday, July 7 from 11:30 AM until 3 PM. Lunch will be served and those needing rides can contact Pastor Duane at 442-4105. On Saturday July 9, the youth group will leave at 8:30 AM for Wetlands Water Park in Jonesborough, Tennessee. The cost per person is \$12. Lori Patton or the pastor must be made aware by July 7 everyone who has plans to participate in this trip. Parents or guardians must sign permission slips before their youth can go. The permission slips are available from the church office or Pastor Duane.

The most exciting event will be a baptism service July 10 for a least 5 of our youth. The rest of July will include Lunch Bunch distributions on July 10 and 24. VBS will be July 17-22 with a class for the youth. On July 23 there will be a VBS Post Party. More details will be available later. Then on July 25 – 31 some of our youth will be going to Reading, PA for a mission trip. This is a busy summer for our youth. If you would like to help, contact the pastor. Be sure to let folks know what is going on so they can invite more youth. You can stay informed of youth activities by visiting the youth page on our web site. Keep our youth in your prayers as they stay connected and active for Jesus.

Lead Teams for Youth meet every third Sunday right after church. A meal is provided. This month's meal will be Spaghetti, Bread and Salad. If anyone would like to donate items for this please call Sandy Draper 668-0807. The different Lead Teams are Fellowship, Meals for the team meetings, Nursing/Rest Home/Homebound, Spiritual Events, Lunch Bunch, and Community Service Projects. If anyone is interested in participating on a Lead Team contact the church office or Pastor Duane. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far, however, we do need more help. Join us and check out what is going on!

Anyone willing to deliver monthly and quarterly materials to our church family members who are unable to come to church, please contact Darlene at home (738-3030). Thanks

HERE WE GROW...JUNE

Avg. Worship Attendance... Avg. 79 General Fund....\$2,567
Avg. SS Attendance... Avg. 58 Maint/Bldg Fund.....\$218

The 2011-2012 Nominating Committee will be Rhonard MacRae, Charles Gaffigan, Bob Smith, Eric Parker, & Larry Hunter.



Homebound: Gloria Holley, Marjorie McEntire, Hugh Guffey, Angie Knupp, Mary McEntire, Exam Haney, George Early, Grady & Mildred McCauley
Nursing Home: Carolyn Miller, Francis Morris, Marvin McEntire, Bernice McAfee, Ronnie Harmon



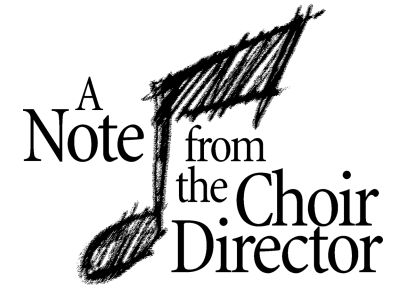
VBS will be July 17th - 22nd from 6pm to 8:30pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm each evening. Please save these dates now for your children & grandchildren to attend VBS.



The Baptist Men will begin meeting quarterly for Baptist Men's Breakfast, starting Sunday, September 18th.

REMEMBER

Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad,
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget
The friends that proved untrue,
But never forget to remember
Those that have stuck by you.
Always remember to forget
The troubles that passed away.
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.



This was on a little cutout piece of newspaper that I found as I was going through the belongings from my Aunt Annie's house. She is a pretty special lady at 99. Both she and her daughter had saved LOTS of clippings. I had to read this one through more than once for it to sink in and make sense. As I get older, memory is an issue...and that word REMEMBER keeps repeating in the poem.

Here's another good one:

- 1. Your thumb is nearest you.** So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
- 2. The next finger is the pointing finger.** Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers..
- 3. The next finger is the tallest finger.** It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president no matter how you voted, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
- 4. The fourth finger is our ring finger.** Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
- 5. And lastly comes our little finger** - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

I JUST HOPE I CAN **REMEMBER** THESE DIRECTIONS 'CAUSE IT WOULD DEFINITELY PUT A SPARK IN MY PRAYER TIME.

And speaking of prayer, Duane's sermon's have been right-on-spot for the last several weeks. You have been listening, haven't you? Pray for our church, that we can put our petty, picky, prideful, pessimistic thoughts aside and learn to love each other as our FATHER intended *commanded* us to do. There's no room in church for anger or pride-full thoughts, especially when you are in *HIS* house. There's really no room for *our opinions*. *HIS* is the only "opinion" that counts. REMEMBER, seek *HIS* will. Now that's my opinion!



On Monday, July 25, a group from our church will leave at 6 AM for Reading, Pennsylvania to do mission work. Those going will be involved in Backyard Bible Clubs, Sports Clinics, and construction. The group will return late on Sunday evening, July 31. If you would like to donate to this mission trip, your gifts are appreciated. Your prayers will be more appreciated. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest that many new believers will be brought into the Kingdom as a result of the efforts of this mission team.