

THE

MESSENGER

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April 9, 1922

Florence Church - Established 99 years!!



**BIBLE
Drill**

**Bible Drill
Sunday April 18th
6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary**

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| Aspen Atkins | Camryn Mayse* |
| Carson Bailey* | Cooper Mayse |
| Griffin Bumgarner | McClure Mayse* |
| Kynlee Butler | Wesley Mayse* |
| Emma Hamrick* | Sasha McKeithan* |
| Jack Hamrick* | Max McKeithan |
| Emma Herdon* | Christopher Morrow* |
| Bailee Harris | Jadyn Padgett* |
| Lexie Hill* | Bailey Wiig |
| Lux Hodge | |

* represents competing Sunday

Live Stream - 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services
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**HOMEBOUND MEMBER
OF THE WEEK**

Evelyn Shows
Fair Haven Bostic
149 Fairhaven Dr. RM # A1
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Minister On Call Each Week

April 12th - Scott Haynes
April 19th - David Cox
April 26th - Scott Haynes



Please Remember

Christy Butler, Max Champion
Mike Chapa, Joe Freeman,
Hugh Hammond, Tony Harrill,
Paul Munsey, Amy Williams

IN SYMPATHY

The Ronnie Huntley Family
(Father of Christy Teague & Tonya Huntley)

The Hylon Fox Family
(Grandfather of Erin Wilson)

Ministers Moments



It was so good to see so many faces on Easter Sunday! It was a beautiful and glorious day. The foundation of our Christian faith lies in the truth of the resurrection. We celebrated that truth and good news in a mighty way.

On Saturday (April 3rd), I celebrated my 4th Anniversary as Full-Time Children's Minister (and Christian Education) with a fabulous group of kids and parents as we hunted Easter eggs and ate cupcakes! I can't think of a better way to usher in another year than that! I am super blessed to be able to serve my Florence family in this capacity and I thank all of you for your full support and encouragement.

This coming Sunday night (April 18th), we will have our Bible Drill competition @ 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. The Bible Drill team started class back in September and are ready to show off their skills. Bible Drill takes a hand-on approach to familiarizing the children with the Books of the Bible, key passages, and verses. You will be amazed at the skills they have learned. Come Sunday night to see these kids in action.

As summer approaches, we are making plans for some great times of fellowship and worship. A calendar of events for kids & youth can be found in the LEC and CGC Lobbies. I am taking reservations now for the Mother Daughter Tea Party on Saturday May 8th and on Saturday May 22nd, I have reserved South Mountain Christian Camp for Family Fun Day. More details will be forthcoming so save the date!

We have been so fortunate with keeping Covid19 at bay within our congregation and are very thankful for your due diligence in those efforts! Let's continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks so we can keep gathering as we have and be healthy to enjoy a summer full of fun, fellowship, family, and worship!

I hope each of you have a blessed week ahead and I look forward to when we can gather together again on Sunday!

Tonya

SUNDAY, April 4, 2021	
General Fund	\$40,610.32
Lightshine / Bldg Fund	\$14,315.00
BackPack	\$2,453.00
Annie Armstrong	\$4,524.00
Baptist Children's Home	\$52.00
Lottie Moon	\$50.00
NC Missions Offering	\$50.00
U.S. Hunger	\$25.00

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Katherine Eitel - (Sister of Ken Hardin)
Patsy Champion

Ronnie Huntly - (Father of Christy Teague and Tonya Huntly)
Martha Jean McFarland, Phillip & Alpha White

Mildred Person - (Grandmother of Jessica Haynes)
Martha Jean McFarland

Margaret Rollins - (Date of Death April 7, 2018)
Mary Jane Hinkle, Martha Jean McFarland

IN HONOR OF:

Joe Freeman
Virgil Webb Care Class



Ages 4 thru 6th Grade
You Are Invited!

Saturday, May 8th 11:00 a. m.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:
Wednesday, April 28th**

Call, text or email Tonya to make your reservation.

Come dressed in your best Tea Party attire.

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MEDIA.

Happy Birthday Florence!
Free Gift for everyone in our church!

We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free

access to our members. Get Free Access:

1. Check your email for the invite from RightNow Media on April 18th. Let us know if you do not see one.
2. Open the email and click "Get Started" ...yeah, it's that easy.

Contact Tonya or David if you have any questions or have trouble getting signed up!



- 04/18 Renee Bradley, Debbie Gaskill, Heather Harris, Jimmy Martin, Christy Teague
- 04/19 Max Cudd
- 04/20 Sherry Grayson, Stephen Hargett, Lynn Ruff
- 04/21 Dylan Campfield, John Nunez
- 04/22 Abby Bland, Amanda Jolley, Becky McDonald, Brian Wiig
- 04/23 Christy Bishop, Carley Means, Jane Toms
- 04/24 Sheena Gabbard, Avis King, Cameron Zaffuto



- 04/18 Al & Mae Freeman
- 04/20 Joe & Brenda Ellenburg, Chris & Betsy King, Tray & Jessica Robbins
- 04/21 Steven & Elaine Hughes, Dennis & Tina Tarlton
- 04/23 Clark & Karen Hoyle

Deacons' Corner

April 12, 2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FLORENCE BAPTIST CHURCH !!!

This past Friday, April 9th Florence Baptist Church celebrated its 99th birthday.

I am uplifted as I know each one of you are at the influence this church has directed in our lives. We've had many people saved and baptized in this very place. Experiences that were directed from this church to the mission fields around the world have made a direct impact in near and faraway places, that would not have heard the name Jesus without the strength and reach of Florence. Even the very location of this church serves as a beacon of hope to our town and community, as it can be seen from many viewpoints in this area. People glance at our steeple, buildings and campus and are reminded that we do serve God in this community, and that Christ is alive and well. We have the legacy, and we are the legacy as we move into the next 100 years. What will be observed from you, your family, and your witness here at Florence as we move forward? We all have a year to get ready for our 100th celebration.

Be thinking of ideas to help us celebrate, and we will assemble a committee to begin working on this major event. Share your ideas with the church staff, and we will begin the exciting journey of a big birthday celebration in April of 2022.

Please take some time to engage in conversation with our seniors and membership with their stories of the imprint on their life or their reflections concerning the impact of Florence.

Florence has a rich history, and we will be sharing some of those stories as we approach our 100th birthday.

At any time you have questions about the church, contact one of our deacons or myself at:

Cell: 828-429-9352

Email: lc farms01@gmail.com

Hey Florence!



Our youth have been having a great time on Sunday and Wednesday nights as we go through our series "Squad Up" which is all about friendship and how to care for one another as a body of believers. On Sunday Nights we have been meeting in the gym to have games and activities. Also, on Sundays I deliver a message from the Scriptures for our youth. On Wednesday's nights we have been meeting in the loft to have fellowship and then we break into small groups. These small groups are divided up by grade level and in their small groups, they discuss the message that was given on Sunday. I have really enjoyed these times of discussion and hearing how God is working in our student's lives!

I could not do Sunday and Wednesday Nights without the help of our amazing youth volunteers. Chris and Betsy King, Bruce and Katie Squires, Brooke Barrick, and Randy Bailey have been coming to assist with the youth. They interact with our students and lead small group discussions. They have done an excellent job and I am grateful for their help! If you are interested in helping with our youth ministry, we would love to have you join us on Sunday or Wednesday Nights. Please reach out to me and I will get you plugged in.

Thanks,

David

Mission Spotlight:

Chase Corner Ministries is located at 1604 Chase High Road in Forest City and assists families in the Chase community and across Rutherford County.

In addition to providing free food, the center provides financial crisis assistance to eligible clients, operates a thrift store, and provides clothing.

The center was established in 1979 to meet the needs of the community.

There is always a need for volunteers, gently used items for the thrift store, and monetary donations.

Cynthia Cooper, executive director says, "Many families in this community, either from lack of adequate salary/work or disability or crisis, depend on Chase Corner Ministries to sustain their food resources. We are fortunate our partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank and the community giving has provided enough food for us to operate three pantry options: USDA distribution each Wednesday, Mobile Food Trucks one each month providing large surges of food into a food insecure household, and Emergency Pantry open the other four days of the week for those to walk in who need immediate food."

Funding and donations of food keep the pantry operational to meet critical needs for families.

The Center has become a strong referral and resource to clients to meet greater crisis needs thanks to the strong partnerships across the county, including Florence Baptist Church. Available funding assists with rent, utilities, and prescriptions

Florence Baptist is providing \$2,400 from the annual local missions budget to Chase Corner Ministries this year.

"We are so grateful and never take for granted that without this community support we could not make the impact we do to all of Rutherford county residents as we have clients from across this vast county," Cooper said.

Thrift Store open M-F, 8.30-2.30. Crisis Center, M-F, 9-2. Proceeds from the thrift store fund the ministry..



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Bible Studies for Life: Senior Adult

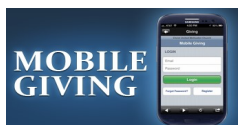
The Return of Jesus

Matthew 24:3-8,29-32,42-44

When have you found yourself counting down to a big event? There are some big milestones in our lives that we look forward too: Graduation, Marriage, Birth of a child, Retirement. But the biggest event of all time awaits humanity: Christ's return! Life as we know it changes with the milestones we experience through life and especially when we see Jesus. We can plan for all of the things I just mentioned, including preparing us for Christ's return. But when will it happen? Even Jesus' disciples asked this question. Jesus didn't give us a date to plan for but He presents us with many signs. As you read those "warning signs", read them with hope because we know who is in control.

Apply the text:

- ◇ **Pray.** Thank Jesus for the promise of His return.
- ◇ **Prepare Yourself.** Consider steps you need to take to prepare for His return.
- ◇ **Prepare Others.** Identify those who are not ready for Christ's return. Pray and look for opportunities to lead them into a relationship with Christ.



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and give using
your smart phone!



Spring is in the air and that means it's Softball time!

If you are interested in playing on a Florence Co-ed Softball team please contact Randy Bailey 828-447-4141. Practice will start mid April and official season starts May 3rd.



The Knit Crochet Pray Group will start gathering again starting Tuesday April 13th at 6:00 p m, in the Ladies Suite. This group will be led by Rebecca Ennis and Laura Harris. All are welcome including beginners or those wanting to learn!

Children's <http://florencechurch.net/florence-kids-podcast/>



Kids audio Podcast password: **blame**

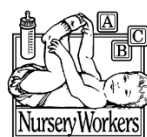


Save the Date

Family Fun Day

South Mountain Christian Camp

May 22, 2021



8:45 a.m. Service
Nursery Volunteers
Michelle & Jason Padgett
Jessica & Travis Haynes