

THE

MESSENGER

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Wednesday Evenings

Adult Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.
Missions Journey: Kids 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Youth: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evenings

G.L.O.W.: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Bible Drill Team: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
PowerHouse: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

LiveStream - 8:45 a.m. and
 11:00 a.m. Services
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Minister On Call Each Week

September 19th - Scott Haynes
 September 26th - Tonya Garrison

Deacon On Call Each Week

September 19th - Chuck Hardin
 September 26th - Brad Teague



Ministers' Moments



Hello Florence family!

We want to congratulate Lukah Walker for her public profession of faith and Rebekah Walker for her response to God's nudge on her heart. We were scheduled to do the Baptism service on Sunday September 19th however we need to postpone until September 26th.

This Wednesday, September 15th, we will resume our Fall programming from 6:30-7:00pm. Adults will meet in the gym while children and youth will go to their various classrooms. We will re-evaluate our fellowship meals and choirs on a month-to-month basis.

Our backpack food ministry has never skipped a beat through Covid, and we even provided bags through the summer. Currently we are providing 140 bags each week. There are over 900 children in our county who are food insecure which means they have limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods. This ministry is so important and if you would like to be involved, please let us know!

Many of us have had friends and family affected by Covid. On Friday, I found out our son-in-law, his grandfather, and both of our grandchildren tested positive. In just a few short days 3 generations were affected. Vaccinated individuals are also being affected with the new presented strains. We will continue to encourage masks, provide hand sanitizer, and allow social distancing. I would also like to encourage you, if you hear someone has Covid please call to check on them and see if there is anything you can do to help.

As we reflect on the events of 9/11, I would like to thank all our firefighters, police officers, and emergency management services that protect us every day. Life is fragile and while we may not know what each day holds, I pray each of you know who holds each day and are grateful at the beginning of each day and thankful at the end.

Here is to a great week ahead!

Tonya

SUNDAY September 5, 2021	
General Fund	\$15,888.12
Lightshine / Bldg Fund	\$2,840.00
BackPack	\$503.00
Baptist Hospitals	\$200.00
Baptist Children's Homes	\$212.00
Baptist Retirement Homes	\$200.00
NC Missions Offerings	\$400.00
Annie Armstrong	\$2.00

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Mary Frances Moore
 Carl & Cassandra Parton, Jim & Sylvia Gardner, Mack & Pam McKeithan, Elizabeth Davidson, Wendall & Beckie Bailey, Dennis & Tina Tarlton, Joyce Buckaloo, Tim & Linda Lovelace, TLR LTD, Connie Champion

Jerry Lynch
 June Scruggs

Max Champion
 June Scruggs

IN HONOR OF:

Dorothy Buckner
 Joy Class

Florence mission teams are being organized for day trips to the Canton, Haywood County area that was devastated recently by tropical storm Fred.

Anyone interested in helping our neighbors at home is asked to attend an informational meeting on Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. at Florence. The Mission Committee is urging anyone, and everyone interested in helping rebuild this flooded area to attend the meeting.

We plan to launch the first team on a Saturday in October, date not set until the Sept. 26 meeting. Calvin Spurlin reminded the mission committee at its' meeting Sunday afternoon the first word in the Great Commission from Jesus Christ is "Go."

Will you go and help?

Leaf raking

Another "Go" opportunity will be in November as we ask teams to join in the annual leaf raking Saturday right here at home. The mission committee asks any of our seniors and those who need help with raking, to call the church office and leave your name with Theresa. There will be more about this mission opportunity later.

We are Baptist on Mission in Forest City, western North Carolina, eastern North Carolina, Montana across the country and world. Our command from Jesus is "Go."

More on leaf raking later. - The Mission Committee

SEPTEMBER
Birthdays

- 09/19 Michele Blanton, Roger Godfrey, Rick Mason
09/20 Denise Arrowood, Matthew Barger, Sharon Haulk, Michelle Padgett
09/21 Vickie Campfield, Eddy Jones, Randy McKinney, Emily Sain
09/22 Billy Mac Clement, Paul Munsey, Luke Smith
09/23 Kim Francis, Megan Harrison, Ramona Howell, Eddie Jolley, Jean Lee, Dorlis Roberts
09/24 Meredith Bennett, Kathy Carver, Rachel Greene
09/25 Nancy Clay, Gerald Robbins

SEPTEMBER
Anniversaries

- 09/19 Andy & Cindy Cobb, Jack & Donna Rhyne, Jeff & Tina Yelton
09/21 Robert & Martha Rogers
09/24 Wendall & Beckie Bailey
09/25 Greg & Karen Park

**It's time for a new journey:
Introducing Missions Journey: Kids**

Our RA/GA/Mission Friends program will have a new curriculum focusing on missions work both here in the US and throughout the world, *Missions Journey: Kids*. This will captivate your children's minds and hearts as they learn about the different avenues Christians use to share the gospel with the nations. Children can immerse themselves in a new culture each month, discover God's plan for missions, and explore the tools missionaries use to reach the people God has called them to serve.

Program will start on Wednesday, September. 15th
6:30 - 7:00pm.

Here is the class lineup:

Ages 3-4 led by Rebecca Ennis and Peyton Teague (in the Eagles SS Classroom)

Kindergarten led by Lauren Hill and Michele Blanton (in Kindergarten SS Classroom)

1st-3rd Grade girls led by Nikki Brock and Tracy Self (in 1st Grade SS Classroom)

1st-3rd Grade boys led by Jennie and Shannon Morrow (in 3rd Grade SS Classroom)

4th - 6th Grade boys & girls led by Cassidy & Stuart Butler (in 5th/6th Grade SS Classroom)

Nursery will be provided during this time-period as well.

As we add in fellowship meals and children's choir, we will adjust time slot as needed. As with any of our gatherings, we encourage you to sanitize your hands, social distance, and wear masks to prevent the spread of Covid.



<http://florencechurch.net/florence-kids-podcast/> Kids audio Podcast password: **esther**

Attention: 4 yr. olds through 3rd Graders

PowerHouse will kick off Sunday, September. 19th 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Leaders will be Ms. Tonya, Laura Harris, & Jennie Morrow. We have fun activities planned so don't miss it!

Hey Florence Family,

I hope you are well. Have you celebrated a milestone lately? How many have a child who started their first year of school or preschool? How about starting college and you left them all alone on a campus full of strangers. Did your baby (in your eyes) start their senior year in high school? Has someone in your family relocated to another state and you are starting a new way of communicating with them? Have you started a new job or changed careers and feel a little overwhelmed, while at the same time excited about your new position?

Milestones and change are all part of our experience here on earth. I experienced a milestone in my life on September 8th. That day marks my tenth birthday. Yes, I know, I look a little older than ten, but, trust me, I am ten. On September 8, 2011, I received a bone marrow transplant from my youngest brother Patrick, who was a perfect match, in order to defeat leukemia.

He arrived at Baptist Hospital, in Winston-Salem, that morning and they retrieved two bags of blood. The blood was then spun down and the marrow separated. This life saving marrow was then brought to my room and given to me through IV. The actual transplant took about an hour. However, the days that led up to the transplant were not pleasant. My brother started his process several days before the donation. He had to inject himself three times a day for five days with a drug that built up his marrow. Most donors have excruciating pain in their bones with all the excess marrow. Patrick didn't have any side effects from his experience.

I had ten days of chemo that depleted my body of all blood cells good and bad. This process was vital for my body to accept the new transplanted marrow and forget the bad. Eleven days after the transplant, my body had accepted the new bone marrow and here I am ten years later. God has been so good to me during this process. One, I was bathed in prayer from Florence Church. Two, I had the support of Ann, who was there by my side the entire journey. Some days she literally had to drag me out of bed and make me shower and walk. Finally, my brother who didn't hesitate when I asked him if he would be my donor.

Milestones and change come whether we are ready or not. At the time, my milestone seemed difficult, but as time has gone by, those memories have diminished, and I mainly remember the love from family and community. Hopefully your memories from the milestones in life will be of love as well.

Scott



Attention: 4th- 6th Graders

Bible Drill Team will kick off
Sunday, September 19th 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Leaders will be Kristy & Billy Holland and Linda Bradley. We promise you will have a great time and if you don't believe me, ask any of our bible drillers and they will confirm!



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Or Current Resident

Save the Date

WEDNESDAY: September 15th

Back to Church:

6:30 Prayer Service
6:30 - 7:00 Youth & Children's Missions

SUNDAY: September 19th

8:45 - First Light (LEC)
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 - G.L.O.W.
6:00 - Church Bible Drill (4th - 6th Graders)
Powerhouse (4 yr olds - 3rd Graders)

Nursery Volunteers

8:45 a.m. Service

September 19th

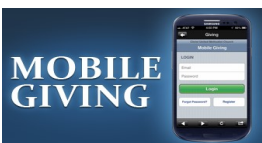
Karen Hamrick
Kris Landry
Paula & Tommy Wilson

Wednesday night

6:15-7:15 p.m.

September 22nd

Vanessa & Brian Wiig
Aaron & Taylor Conner



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