

THE

MESSENGER

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Special Report: Where did our Shoeboxes Land?



We have made children smile in Angola, Benin, Peru, The Dominican Republic and Hard to Reach Areas.

The Hard to Reach Areas involves children living in "hard-to-reach" areas in 29 countries. For the safety of our ministry partners living in these restricted areas, we cannot divulge the names of the countries.

Operation Christmas Child delivered 10.6 Million Shoeboxes in 2018. These boxes were sent to 112 Countries and Territories and 24 hard-to-reach areas. For those of you who packed a box this year, THANK YOU!!! You have shared the Good News of Christ and brought JOY to the face of a child.

UPWARD GAMES

February 9th - Second Baptist Church
February 16th - Florence Baptist Church
February 23rd - Second Baptist Church

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IN THE HOSPITAL

Chester Melton
Spartanburg Rehabilitation Institute

IN SYMPATHY

Martha Jean McFarland in the loss of her sister, Peggy McFarland Harrill
The Ray Tate Family

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Earleen Douglas
Holly Springs Senior Center
1881 Big Island Road
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

Philippians 1:3 reads, "I thank my God every time I remember you." The apostle Paul expresses my sentiment as I think of how you have served as my pastor and pastor to my family all of these years and certainly over the last five weeks. I cannot thank you enough for all of your expressions of kindness and support over these past few weeks.

Thank you to our wonderful church staff! God has always blessed this church with wonderful staff, and that has never been more evident than at the present time. So many times, I have looked to Scott to "steady the ship," and he always reminds us that it will be alright. David has stepped up on Sunday mornings. Tonya has stepped up on Wednesday nights. (And all of this right in the middle of Upward Season!) All three of them made pastoral care visits and wrote articles for The Messenger that I know you enjoyed. Thank you to Scott, David and Tonya for your leadership over these last few weeks!

I told Teresa Skinner that in the seven months that she has served as our Office Manager things could not have been much crazier. Scott has been on sabbatical, and I have been as well. Tonya has had surgery, and now I have also. In other words, in her seven months on staff, there have not been many weeks when all of us have been here, but Teresa has handled it beautifully. We are so glad to have Teresa on our team.

And I can't say enough good things about Tommy. Ronda and I have called Tommy to our house to help us out. Tommy and Paula came to visit, and Tommy prayed the most touching prayer with me. Tommy has been a fellow staff member all of these years but also a dear friend.

And Ashlee Kallay and Harold Graham have told me repeatedly they would do whatever was needed to keep things running smoothly. And it appears that Wednesday nights and Sundays have run very smoothly!

I am so proud of our church staff! We are very blessed to have each of these wonderfully talented, gifted and giving people!

Let me also thank Mack McKeithan, Chairperson of Deacons. Mack has also carried an extra load during these weeks, and he has been so supportive of me. He came to the hospital and prayed with me before surgery. He has stayed in touch with me through phone and text. He has encouraged me to rest, get better and take care of Bobby. Thank you Mack!

Thank you also to Darryl Maxwell! When Preacher Fred, my Father in the Ministry, died several years ago, I thought I would never have anyone come close to filling that void. But God saw fit to bring Darryl and Doris Maxwell to Florence. Darryl is a prince of a preacher, but he is also just a dear friend and confidant. He has stayed in constant touch with me during this time and offered his continuous support.

And two more! Let me thank Greg and Paula Qualls. Paula of course is leading on Sunday nights, and so many of you have expressed how much you are enjoying her. Greg has stayed in touch with me as a fellow preacher and offered his love and support.

I will have much more to share with you on Sunday. I look forward to being back and preaching this Sunday morning February 10. You are the best! Yes, I thank my God every time I think of you!!!

Preacher B

SUNDAY, January 27, 2019

Sunday School Attendance	321
General Fund	\$17,543.25
Lightshine/Bldg Fund	\$3,384.00
Backpack	\$123.00
World Hunger	\$150.00
Lottie Moon	\$1.00

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Charles Dula, Mike Dula & Tim Dula
Edith Dula

Peggy McFarland Harrill - (Martha Jean McFarland's Sister)
Joyce Buckaloo, Carolyn Smart, Ruth Hodge,
Josephine Hardin

Richard Mason, Sr.
Shirley Hudson

IN HONOR OF:

Bobby and Ronda Gantt - (For their 34th Anniversary in Ministry at Florence Church)
Martha Jean McFarland

YOKEFELLOW ASSIGNMENT

Dried Beans



In addition to the assigned item, personal items such as tooth paste, children's diapers, and toiletries are requested. Thank you for your continued support!



- 02/10 Rick Millwood, Cynthia Morrow, Elijah Sims, Chad Sneed
- 02/11 Alayna Holland, Michaela Hughes
- 02/12 Jeff McCracken
- 02/13 Jackson Marshall, Caleb Smith
- 02/14 Elizabeth Edwards, JB Greene, Stanley Smart
- 02/15 Nikki Brock, Laura Harris
- 02/16 Susan Callahan, James Hunt, Rhonda Wright



- 02/11 Len & Debbie Poole
- 02/15 Danny & Susan Lynch
- 02/16 Kevin & Kathy Tuttle



February 13th - Youth Bowling



We will be going to Autumn Lanes during our Wednesday Night service. We will leave the church at 6:15 PM and return at 8:30 PM. Cost is \$1 for shoe rental and \$1 per game per person. Please bring cash that night to pay for your game and shoes. It should be a fun night so please

encourage your students to join us!

March 22nd - 24th-Youth D-Now Weekend

The youth will be getting together on this weekend to grow closer in their walk with God. We need volunteers to host students in their home, to make food, and be there to drive students to different locations. If you can help with this, please contact David.

Church Drill

March 3rd - 6:00 P.M.

Associational Drill

March 17 6:00 P.M.
Florence Church



Awards Night - March 5th
R.S. Central High School



Would you be willing to help staff the nursery during services at Florence? Helping during any service would be helpful but the need is especially great on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Please contact Tonya Garrison if you would like to help out in the Nursery.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



Stop by the LEC Dinning Room to have your Blood Pressure checked. This will be available between 6:00 - 6:30 the last Wednesday of each month.



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Or Current Resident

OPORTUNITIES FOR - February 10 - February 16

SUNDAY:

8:45 - First Light (LEC/Gym)
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 - G.L.O.W.
5:00 - Youth Praise Band
6:00 - Evening Service
PowerHouse (4 year olds - 3rd Grade)
Children's Bible Drill (4th-6th grades)
Youth Discipleship
Adult Handbells

MONDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
5:00 - 8:00 - Upward Practice

TUESDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
5:00 - 8:00 - Upward Practice

WEDNESDAY:

4:30 - Senior Adult Choir
5:00 - Staff Fellowship Supper Serving Time
5:30 - Choir Helpers Fellowship Supper Serving Time
5:45 - 6:15 - Fellowship Supper Serving Time
6:15 - 7:00 - Preschool & Children's Choirs
6:15 - Youth Bowling at Autumn Lanes
6:30 - Prayer Meeting
7:00 - 7:30 - Children's Mission Groups
7:30 - Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:30 - Adult Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers
5:00 - 8:00 - Upward Practice

FRIDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

SATURDAY:

9:00 - 6:00 UPWARD Basketball Games
Florence Baptist Church

Save the Date!

March 12th - 10:15 am Senior Adult Lunch
Spartanburg, SC - Japanese Steak House

NURSERY - February 10, 2019

8:30 A.M. - Kim Bridges, Travis & Jessica Haynes,
Phil & Amber Styles

11:00 A.M. - Alyson Mayse, Lauren Hill, Heather Harris,
Libby Fowler, Kathy Key

6:00 P.M. - Kim Bridges, Beth Roper, Mary Lib Henson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - February 10, 2019

8:45 A.M. - Tonya Garrison, Rebekah Walker

11:00 A.M. - Tonya Garrison, Rebecca Ennis

POWERHOUSE - February 10, 2019

6:00 P.M. - Tonya Garrison, Steve Garrison

