

THE

# MESSENGER

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The  
**LORD'S  
SUPPER**

Palm Sunday, April 14,  
The Lord's Supper at  
First Light and Salt and Light

## Join Us for a Fun Night!!

Sunday April 14th  
6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Kids ages 4 through 6th  
grade

Easter  
SCAVENGER  
HUNT



## Meet in the Ark!!

There will be a "traditional" egg  
hunt for kids ages 1 - 3 years old  
on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-7:00 p.m.!



Easter Egg Hunt

### Church Staff

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## HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Al & Patsy Searcy  
123 Pin Oak Dr.  
Forest City, NC 28043-6175



Come out and support the youth ministry by donating a baked item for the silent auction. If you are willing to help, please contact David Cox or call the Church Office.

All baked items should be delivered to the LEC Gym no later than 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 17. The auction will take place during the Fellowship Supper.

Thank you for making this a fun and successful event!!

## PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

On Tuesday, April 9, Florence Baptist Church turns 97 years old. We were founded on April 9, 1922. Our history says, "The fulfillment of Matheny's dream began on Sunday, April 9, 1922, when a large crowd of people congregated at the Florence Welfare Building located on the northern end of Harmon Street. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a Baptist church. The presbytery was comprised of forty-four pastors and deacons representing eleven Baptist churches in Rutherford County. Rev. C. C. Matheny served as Moderator, and Rev. C. D. Barton, Pastor of Caroleen Baptist Church, acted as Secretary of the group. Barton led in prayer, and at the appropriate time during the service, the following courageous Christians presented themselves for membership in the new congregation:..." There are 33 names on that list.

Our history then adds, "The name, Florence Baptist Church, was chosen by the group and services were scheduled on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Prayer Services were set on Thursday nights with a business meeting to be held each third Thursday of the month."

What a day that must have been 97 years ago! Imagine for a moment if you will what it must have been like for those 33 people stepping out in faith to start a brand new church! We are indebted to those 33 people and to so many who have followed in their footsteps. Obviously we are a blessed congregation today, and we are where we are today because of the vision, the sacrifice, mission spirit and the generosity of so many. We say, "Thanks be unto God for our 97-year history, for the blessings of the present and all who work, serve and fellowship in and through Florence today, and for our bright future!"

What better way to express gratitude to God and to celebrate all that our Lord has done for us than to gather for The Lord's Supper! We will observe The Lord's Supper at First Light and Salt and Light this coming Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 14. We hope you and yours will join with us for this special time as we begin Holy Week.

Please also look ahead to Easter Morning, April 21. On that morning, we are asking you to help us transform the crosses that will be in the LEC Gym and lobby of the Sanctuary into something beautiful and amazing. For Easter morning, the crosses will be wrapped in chicken wire. Everyone is asked to bring some greenery or flowers from your yard or garden and place them in the chicken wire when you arrive. Children, youth and adults are asked to participate. As we all do this, we will watch the crosses change from dark and drab into something amazing and awesome. Jesus died on the cross, but He rose from the tomb! This is the greatest victory ever! The transformation of the crosses will serve as visuals of the Resurrection of our Lord and the abundant and eternal life we have in Christ.

Even as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter, please remember our Bible Drillers. We have seven who will participate in the Regional Bible Drill this Saturday, April 13, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Hudson. Please be in prayer for the Bible Drillers, their parents and our leaders. Our own Tonya Garrison has been invited to serve as one of the judges for this event.

Preacher B

### SUNDAY, March 31, 2019

<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$34,388.00</b>
<b>Lightshine/Bldg Fund</b>	<b>\$2,757.00</b>
<b>Backpack</b>	<b>\$76.00</b>
<b>World Hunger</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>US Hunger</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

### GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**Nancy Hensley** - (Michelle Padgett's Mother)  
Martha Jean McFarland  
Potter's Clay Class

**Kathy Winfield** - (Dianne Hardin's sister)  
Martha Jean McFarland,  
Phillip & Alpha White

**Peggy Harrill**, who passed away January 24, 2019  
**Margaret Rollins**, who passed away April 7, 2018  
**Cary McFarland**, who passed away April 20, 1996

**Troy McAbee**, who passed away April 24, 2006  
**Stella Hollifield**, Date of Birth, May 1, 1887  
Martha Jean McFarland

#### IN HONOR OF:

**Karen Hamrick**  
Adult Choir



### Notes of THANKS

Hi Florence Church!

It was so good to be with you all in February! A million thanks for your prayers & support!

Love,  
Joel & Kristen Snyder - Ethos 360

Florence Church, David Cox and Preacher Bobby,

Thank you for letting us use your facilities for our ManUp Mentoring program. I've been blessed to have witnessed the "hands and feet of Jesus" working for these young men and reaching out to meet them where they are. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

Sincerely,  
Joy VanDyke



- 04/14 Paula Butler, Mike Finucan, Ruth Hodge, Chad Holland, Christopher Morrow
- 04/15 Skyler Edwards, Todd Hunnicutt, Brandy Mitchem
- 04/16 Lindsay Helton, Carol White
- 04/17 Amy Bland
- 04/18 Renee Bradley, Debbie Gaskill, Heather Harris, Jimmy Martin, Christy Teague
- 04/19 Max Cudd
- 04/20 Sherry Grayson, Stephen Hargett, Lynn Ruff



- 04/15 Tyler & Michaela Moore, Justin & Rebecca Pintuff
- 04/16 Fritz & Doris Ebert
- 04/17 John Mark & June Bennett
- 04/18 Al & Mae Freeman
- 04/20 Joe & Brenda Ellenburg, Chris & Betsy King, Tray & Jessica Robbins

### Regional Drill

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Hudson

Van will leave church at 8:00 a.m.! Drill starts at 10:00 a.m.!

Practice for **Regional Level Drillers** ONLY on Wednesday, April 10th, 5:15 - 6:15 in the dining room!



### Backpack Ministry



The Backpack Ministry is in need of plastic grocery bags. These are filled with the various items each week and sent home with the students in three different schools in Rutherford County. Please bring bags to the Church

Office Monday-Friday. On Sunday, you can actually drop bags off in the Backpack room located on the first floor of the Adult Education Center. Thank you for the way you support the Backpack Ministry!!



### MFUGE Meeting - April 14th

If you are going to MFUGE this year, please come to our meeting Sunday night, April 14th, at 6 p.m. in The Loft. We will discuss details about the trip. Also, your students will have a chance to make requests for roommates and make their track selections. I am also asking that parents attend with their child's insurance card so they can sign a release waiver for the camp. If you cannot attend, please contact David so he can get the required information from you.

April 17th - Youth Silent Bake Auction

### VBS Volunteers Needed

Those interested in leading a class to different stations, helping with snack supper, crafts, Bible study or recreation are asked to contact Tonya. VBS will be June 17th - 20th. The theme this year is "In The Wild".



### Senior Adult Lunch and a Movie April 16

The Senior Adults will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. to have LUNCH at The Depot in Lattimore.

They will then return to the Florence LEC Gym to watch

**"I Can Only Imagine"!**





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### OPPORTUNITIES FOR - April 14 - April 20

#### **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 - JR G.L.O.W.

Youth Praise Band

6:00 - Evening Service

6:00 - 7:00 Scavenger Hunt & Egg Hunt

Youth Discipleship

#### **MONDAY:**

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

#### **TUESDAY:**

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

6:30 - Knit, Crochet, Pray

#### **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

6:30 - Silent Bake Auction

6:30 - 7:30 Youth Discipleship

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

10:00 GriefShare

#### **FRIDAY:**

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

### **Save the Date!**

**April 16** - 10:30 a.m. Senior Adult  
Lunch and a Movie  
Local Restaurant- Movie in the LEC

**April 17** - Youth Silent Bake Auction

#### Nursery - Wednesday, April 10, 2019

**6:15 - 7:00 p.m.** - Jessica Herndon, Tray Robbins,  
Nikki Brock, Rebecca Pintuff

**7:00 - 7:30 p.m.** - Jessica Herndon,  
Tray & Jessica Robbins, Nikki Brock, Rebecca Pintuff

#### NURSERY- Sunday, April 14, 2019

**8:30 A.M.** - Gina Greene, Trent & Ashley Self,  
Warren & Tara Hamrick

**11:00 A.M.** - April Mayse, Jason & Michelle Padgett,  
Jessica Robbins, Janice Robbins

**6:00 P.M.** - Kim Bridges, Rosemari Holland

#### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - April 14, 2019

**8:45 A.M.** - Tonya Garrison, Cecille Mansberry

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

#### POWERHOUSE - April 14, 2019

**6:00 P.M.** - Scavenger & Egg Hunt

