

THE

# MESSENGER

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## Vacation Bible School June 17-20

Snack Supper!  
5:45-6:15

Vacation Bible School  
6:30-8:30

Classes for children,  
youth and adults!

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### HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Mary Lee Curtis  
**Fair Haven Bostic**  
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### IN THE HOSPITAL

Steve Garrison  
Care Partners

Davis Poplin  
Spartanburg Regional

## PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

On May 29, 2019, we were able to make a \$125,000.00 payment against the principal of our Christian Growth Center Loan in addition to our regular monthly payment of \$19,980.00. In making this additional payment, our principal balance on the Christian Growth Center Loan now stands at \$823,704.14. This is still a lot of money, but when you consider we started at \$3.7 million eleven years ago, it is outstanding. We were able to make this large payment against the loan because of your faithful and generous giving. You are to be commended on your track record of giving. At the same time, we ask you to remain faithful. We find ourselves in the summer months which are the height of vacation season. Also, we are planning another capital campaign this fall. As we all work together and remain faithful, we will not only retire this debt, but we can begin to look seriously at other goals and dreams of Florence Baptist Church. Again, thank you for your faithfulness in stewardship and giving!

Thank you also goes to Harold Graham who has served as Custodial Assistant since June 4, 2012. Harold officially retired June 4, 2019, but he is helping us this week while Tommy is on vacation. Harold has done a super job for us and been a great member of our staff team. We love Harold and Jan, and though we will miss Harold as part of our staff, we will still look forward to their being part of our Florence family. Harold, thank you for seven years of dedicated service!

We are also celebrating Teresa Skinner's first anniversary as our Office Manager. Teresa joined our staff June 11, 2018, and it has been a great first year. Teresa has a heart for the Lord and a heart for people, and she is doing a tremendous job in our office. We are delighted to have Teresa on our team. Teresa's church is Boiling Springs United Methodist Church, so she is not at Florence on Sundays. If you have not had an opportunity to meet her, we invite you to stop by the office and introduce yourself. But from all of us here at Florence: "Thank you Teresa for a wonderful year, and we look forward to many more!"

Thank you also to our Fellowship Supper Volunteers who serve so faithfully each Wednesday night. The supper this Wednesday night, June 12, will be our last until August. It has been another great year of Wednesday evening Fellowship Suppers, and we could not do it without our volunteers who come early and stay late. You are a great team surrounding Ashlee Kallay. Thank you to all the volunteers and to Ashlee. We love and appreciate all of you.

And thank you to the church family for the way you support the Wednesday night Fellowship Suppers and the Wednesday night programs. Wednesdays are indeed wonderful at Florence. We have delicious food, warm fellowship and strong programs. It is a winning combination. We look forward to starting back in August.

And now we hope you have noted that it is time for Vacation Bible School! June 17-20! The theme is "In the Wild!"

And we have a place for the entire family-children, youth and adults! This is one of the unique features of our Vacation Bible School. We do provide opportunities for children, but also for youth and even for adults..

Adults, we will meet in the Sanctuary each evening from 6:30-7:30. We invite you to join us in the LEC Gym for the snack supper at 5:45, and then our study will begin in the Sanctuary at 6:30. All of us lead busy lives. We will do our best to make these sessions lively and meaningful for daily living. We look forward to seeing you.

Preacher B

<u>SUNDAY, June 2, 2019</u>	
<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$18,299.75</b>
<b>Lightshine/Bldg Fund</b>	<b>\$2,437.72</b>
<b>Backpack</b>	<b>\$148.00</b>
<b>Campus Crusade</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>

### GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**Marie Hollifield Davis** (Date of death June 8, 2013)

Martha Jean McFarland

**Stella Hollifield** - (Date of death June 8, 1968)

Martha Jean McFarland

**Betty Lee** (Mother of Sheila Biggerstaff)

Martha Jean McFarland

**Marie Lonon** - (Sister of Earl Estes)

Phillip & Alpha White

**Steve Lowrance** (Brother-in-Law of Tiny Jones & Frances Toney)

Patsy Champion

#### IN HONOR OF:

**James Harmon**

Adult Choir

**Mary Jane Hinkle** (for her birthday June 8th)

Martha Jean McFarland

**Eddy Jones**



- 06/16 Al Adams, Andy Sims
- 06/17 Elizabeth Davidson, Matthew Fenner,  
Lindsay McCracken, Whitney Munsey
- 06/18 Catherine Ewart, Kendall Padgett,  
Lori Ray, Ashley Wright,  
Lauren Yelton
- 06/19 Debbie Cudd, Joyce Spurlin
- 06/20 Donna Cobb, Savannah Finucan,  
Nancy Splawn, Jami Toms
- 06/21 Mae Freeman, Adam Hollifield,  
Johnny Marlowe
- 06/22 Charles Butler, Bryan Jackson,  
Ashlee Kallay, Mike Newton,  
John Towery



- 06/16 Tim & Michelle Elmore,  
Tim & Linda Lovelace,  
Tony & Sonja Smith
- 06/17 Bob & Priscilla Marshall,  
Alex & Bethanna Moore
- 06/18 Tony & Libby Fowler,  
Grant & Anna Haynes
- 06/19 Bobby & Ronda Gantt
- 06/20 Aubrey & Betsy Clay,  
Travis & Jessica Haynes,  
Al & Kelly Lovelace,  
Bud & Janice Robbins
- 06/22 Rodney & Sharon Marshall,  
Bobby & Tiffany Suttle



**Monday, June 24, 2019, 8:00 AM - Saturday, June 29, 2019, 3:00 PM** - The youth will be going to M-Fuge Summer Camp in Nashville, TN this year!



### VBS Snack Suppers

**Monday:** Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies

**Tuesday:** Pizza, Chips, Ice Cream

**Wednesday:** Corn Dogs, Chips,  
Rice Krispy Treats

**Thursday:** Hamburgers, Chips, Brownies



### Summer Book Club!

Ages 3-Kindergarten will meet  
Mondays 9:30-12:00  
Starts June 24th

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet  
Tuesdays 9:30-12:00  
Starts June 25th



### Senior Adult Calendar

- July 9th** - 10:00 a.m.  
Asheville Arboretum &  
Lunch at S & K
- August 13th** - 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast & Peaches at  
Strawberry Hill
- September 10th** - 10:00 a.m.  
Mountain State Fair
- October 22nd** - 9:00 a.m.  
Leaf Trip, Lunch at Cheddars
- November 19th** - 12:00  
Bingo & Lunch (Lunch provided)
- December 10th** - 12:00  
Covered Dish Luncheon

### Mom Set Free Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:30! Starts June 25th!  
STAY TUNED for more information



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Or Current Resident

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR - June 16 - 22**

**SUNDAY:**

8:45 - First Light (LEC/Gym)  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)  
No Evening Services or Activities  
(Father's Day)

**MONDAY:**

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers  
5:45 - 6:15 - Snack Supper  
6:30 - 8:30 Vacation Bible School

**TUESDAY:**

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers  
5:45 - 6:15 - Snack Supper  
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**WEDNESDAY:**

5:45 - 6:15 - Snack Supper  
6:30 - 8:30 Vacation Bible School

**THURSDAY:**

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers  
5:45 - 6:15 - Snack Supper  
6:30 - 8:30 Vacation Bible School

**FRIDAY:**

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

**Save the Date!**

**Starting week of June 24<sup>th</sup> - Summer Book Club!**  
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Mondays 9:30-12:00  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet on Tuesdays 9:30-12:00  
**July 9 - 10:00 a.m.** - Senior Adults leave for Asheville Arboretum with lunch at S&K Cafeteria

**NURSERY - Sunday, June 16, 2019**

**8:30 A.M.** - Kim Bridges, Brooklyn Smith,  
Hollie Brackett, Trudy Holtzclaw,  
Rosemari Holland  
**1100 A.M.** - Kim Bridges, Trudy Holtzclaw,  
Brandon & Kara Ellenburg, Kathryn Holland

**6:00 P.M.** - No Services (Father's Day)

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - June 16, 2019**

**8:45 A.M.** - Tonya Garrison, Jean Gordon  
**11:00 A.M.** - Tonya Garrison, Chris Quinn

