



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## October 2024



To the members and friends of First Baptist Church, Plymouth.

Our annual homecoming service and celebration is this month– Sunday, October 13. I pray you will be able to be in Plymouth at the church for our wonderful morning and lunch together. Homecoming causes us to reflect on the past, get updated on the present and think about the future. When we see people after a long time we notice changes in them, maybe their hairstyle or countenance. Time is relentless. One obvious thing we may notice is if they have gained or lost weight.

Let me ask you, are you carrying around some extra spiritual weight? You see, just as we may leave unnoticed a few extra pounds physically we can also leave unnoticed spiritual weight. This can make it difficult to function. What is that extra load we can carry? Well, sin in general that we've grown accustomed to, but included in that are some things that we may think aren't important. I'm writing about, unforgiveness, bitterness and anger. They can affect our health, physically, spiritually and emotionally. The Bible in Ephesians 4 we read, *"In your anger, do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold...Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

So let's lose any extra spiritual weight we might be carrying around by confessing and repenting of our sin of unforgiveness, and release those who have offended us. Because of their continued disobedience and sin we may not be able to be restored in our relationship with them or walk in fellowship, but we can release them of the debt with the help of the LORD, and forgive- so that we can live with peace in our hearts. By the way, let us be mindful of how we may have sinned against another. Let us turn from our sins and seek forgiveness from the one we have offended.

Blessings, Pastor Paul



## Backpack Ministry

It is time for the Appalachian Coalfield backpack Ministry. Our goal is 150 backpacks. This year we are asking that if you would like to contribute to this ministry, you may donate money or contact Phillip Ward for an empty backpack to fill with requested items. The Baptist men will enclose a Bible and a copy of the Christmas Story in each backpack.

The deadline for this ministry is  
October 16, 2024.

*Packing Instructions are available in the Church Office*

## October 2024 Meetings and Gatherings

1st-Helen Peele meets –at 7:00 pm. Lesson 4 in Revelation, Carolyn Watlington is hostess.

6th- Baptist Men’s Breakfast at 7:30 am /Communion.

6th-Called Conference following worship to vote on the 2024-2025 Committee Report.

7th-Mission Action Circle meets at 1:00 pm at Golden Skillet.

7th-Buildings and Grounds Committee meets at 6:30 pm.

13th-Homecoming.

14th-Deacons meet at 7:00 pm with Caroline Chandler hosting.

30th-Quarterly Conference.

Ladies Bible Study meets every  
Monday at 10 am through November 18.



Thanks to all who have already donated candy for our upcoming Outreach event - **Trick or Treat on Water Street**.

This will be the second year we will be joining **Tyrrell Washington Partnership for Children** in their annual Trick or Treat event. Last year was a great way for us to represent First Baptist and invite parents of children and youth to First Baptist.

I am actively brainstorming all possible ways to draw attention to our booth during the event, in addition to having candy for the kids. If you have any ideas yourself - or want to be involved on that night - text or call me anytime. You can also reach me or link me ideas via email at [Loyd@firstbaptistplymouth.org](mailto:Loyd@firstbaptistplymouth.org)

I am fully aware that some prefer to avoid Halloween, which would make it hard to participate on the 31st. If so, you can still support by donating candy, as many have already done so.

**Let us be praying for our Youth and Children all across the nation. It is during the times that look the darkest - that our Lord shines all the brighter. God Bless!**

**Youth and Children's Outreach!**

**TRICK OR TREAT  
-on-  
WATER STREET**

**OCT 31ST, 5:30PM - 7:30PM**

## Birthdays

Sharon Smith 10/1

Marie Bullock 10/5

Charlene Evans 10/14

Carson Brown 10/14

Tony Brabble 10/14

Ann Cody 10/17

Phyllis Faulk 10/20

Dewaine Smith 10/21

Emily C. Youmans 10/22

Bob Cody 10/29

Jamie Leary 10/29

Kierstyn Smith 10/31



## Anniversaries

Johnny & Jolie Barnes

10/3

Rex & Sandy Statesberry

10/16

Bill & Elizabeth Benjamin

10/19

Tim & Janet Ruth Griffin

10/21

## PRAYER LIST

### **CHURCH FAMILY:**

Shelley Brown  
George Boyd  
Mittie Ward  
Wilma Waters  
Kristie Shaw  
Margaret Sugg  
Sharon Smith  
Chris Smith  
Marguerite Hart  
Ann Bland  
B.J. Lyle  
Phyllis Dickerson  
Faye McCombs

### **FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:**

Family of ET Vinson  
Ronnie Collier( Father of Rhonda Hickman)  
Tracy Pinner (Granddaughter in law of Shirley Pinner)  
Vanessa White  
Stanley Curry  
Jeff Davis  
Mary Bunting (Mother of Leroy Bland)  
Amy Phelps  
Danny Barber  
Mike Bullock  
Donna Shaw  
Steve Peyton  
Stan Dymek  
Joelle Dickey  
Joyce Jones  
Shirley Harrell  
John C. Mann  
Evan Roberson  
Betty King Witney Denton  
Keith Sawyer  
Junior Daffon- brother of Ami Thompson

### **In the Nursing Homes**

#### **Tim Elks**

*Carrolton of Plymouth*

#### **Steve Barnes**

*Autumnfield of Belhaven*

#### **Nancy Revell**

*Ahoskie Assisted Living*

#### **Shelby Flint**

*Three Rivers Nursing Home*

### **Nursery Rotation**

#### **October**

**6th- Ann Cody,**

**India Jones**

**13th-Lora Craddock,**

**Glenda Smith**

**20th-Caroline Chandler**

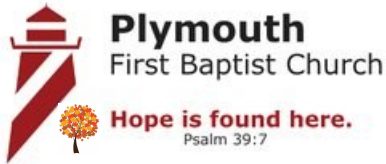
**Amy Collins**

**27th-Faith Noell,**

**Jolie Barnes**

**IT'S SOCK-TOBER!**

**FIND OUT MORE ON SUNDAY OCT 6TH**



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# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## Homecoming Celebration!

October 13, 2024

Join us for a morning of Worship, Fellowship and Reflection

Followed by our Homecoming Meal!

Chicken and barbecue will be provided.

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Thomas Doubt**

**Interim Associational Missionary for the South Roanoke Baptist Association**

*When you can't make it to worship- Listen on*

