



PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2024

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

I have shared with you previously that I have a once-a-day calendar that features the PEANUTS comic strip by Charles Schultz. One family member or another always includes one as a gift at Christmas time. This has gone on for several years and I truly enjoy it year 'round. On August 22nd of this year the day's comic featured a familiar context which involves Linus and Charlie Brown standing behind a brick wall discussing Charlie Brown's perceived or very real struggles in life. This time Linus asks Charlie, *"Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you were in over your head?"* To which Charlie responds, *"That's happened to me a lot lately."* Charlie then rests his chin between his two hands and with his elbows resting on top of the wall says, *"As soon as I get up in the morning, I feel I'm over my head!"*

We can all identify with Charlie Brown's feelings, at least from time to time. Sure we do enjoy seasons of rest and calm, but there are those seasons when before we even put our feet on the floor, we wonder how we are ever going to cope with it all. Thankfully, we have a Lord and Savior— Jesus Christ, for whom nothing is too difficult, and who loves us beyond our comprehension. Lamentations 3:22-26 reminds us, *"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.' The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD."*

I pray that when we feel "in over our head," our faith in the LORD will rise up in our hearts and we will know with confidence that our God is greater than all our problems— and is always working on behalf of His people. Our job is to seek Him and wait quietly for His provision. - Peace be with you, Pastor Paul

From Pastor Loyd,

A LOOK AT OUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S Ministry in...

SEPTEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Thank you to everyone who has given items for our blessing box, enabling our students to join in and take part in giving to our community during the month of August. Below are some pictures of how our student-designed *Blessing Bags* turned out! You will also find a photo from our recent attempts of student and family outreach, where we represented First Baptist at the *Empowerment Extravaganza* event hosted by Candie B Studios.



12pm - 5pm SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024
CANDIE B. STUDIOS

EMPOWERMENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Come and Join us for Parade, Food & Entertainment

Oppositional, Defiant Disorder, Embolism, and Thrombosis of Arteries of Upper Extremities, Chronic Idiopathic David Cogar
Birthday: March 24, 2006



Spina Bifida Alex Martinez
Birthday: November 15, 2005



Autism Jereshion Genell Phelps
Birthday: December 29, 2015



Charg Syndrome TyAsia Young
Birthday: August 21, 2007



ADHD, Nonverbal, Autism Roniya & Toniya
Birthday: January 23, 2019



Autism Javarro Brown
Birthday: July 30, 2012



Free Foam Party at 3pm

Community Outreach!



September 2024 Meetings and Gatherings

Sunday 8th:

11 AM: Communion

5:00 PM Loyd's Ordination Service and Reception

Monday 9th:

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study Begins

5:30 PM Handbells

7:00 PM Deacons meet at 7 pm with Ronnie Thompson Hosting

Wednesday 11th:

6:30 PM Wednesday Suppers Begin (Sign Up Sheet in Bulletin)

7:00 PM Bible Study Begins

Sunday 22nd: 2 PM Riddick & Rogers Bridal Shower



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 and fill it with the items listed below. 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.

Items that can be included are as follows:

- A) Small items of **NEW items of warm clothing** such as winter hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc.
- B) Small **pop-top canned food** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans)
- C) At least 1-2 **NEW, age-appropriate non-breakable toy** (*no toy weapons, please!*) This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, Legos, etc. For oldest age group (15-17) substitute an appropriate item instead of a toy, such as, a flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, books, hunting and fishing magazines for the boys - jewelry, books, skin care products, hair accessories, etc. for girls.
- D) **Hygiene items** including full sized containers of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant, as well as toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb. (*Please fit these items into a one-gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak out into the rest of the backpack.*)
- E) **Fresh, wrapped candy** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt; and no peanut products*)

Age Grouping and Labeling. Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groups for this year are **4-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17**. Due to labels falling off in previous years, we went to a ribbon system for labeling last year, and it proved to be very effective. Each backpack will have two 10 inch ribbons tied to them - one to indicate gender and one for age, as follows:

Gender:

Blue ribbon will indicate a boy's backpack.

Pink ribbon will indicate a girl's backpack.

Age:

Yellow ribbon will indicate that the back pack is for ages 4-7

Green ribbon for ages 8-10

Red ribbon for ages 11-14

White ribbon for ages 15-17.



We ask that you prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives and will be a witness of Christ's love! As always, thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Birthdays

Laurie Bland 9/1

Cecilia Spruill 9/1

Katlynn Stotesberry 9/3

Nevis Leary 9/5

William Speller 9/5

Megan Spain 9/6

Sam Rogers 9/7

David Carraway 9/7

Leroy Bland 9/8

Jordan Brown 9/9

Sue Smith 9/13

Steve Barnes 9/24

Brenda Bullock 9/25

Celia Davenport 9/25

Tim Elks 9/27

Anniversaries

**Kyle & Lindsey Modlin
9/12**



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

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 Dianne Ward

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 Amy Thompson

Nursery Rotation September

Sept. 1 Ann Cody and India Jones

Sept. 8 Lora Craddock and Glenda Smith

Sept. 15 Caroline Chandler and Amy Collins

Sept. 22 Faith Noell and Jolie Barnes

Sept. 29 Dianne Swain and Susan Sawyer



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Homecoming Celebration!

OCTOBER 13, 2024

**MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON!**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Thomas Doubt
Interim Associational Missionary for the South Roanoke Baptist Association



JOIN US FOR A

Bridal Shower

HONORING

*Elizabeth Riddick
&
Austin Rogers*

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

2 O'CLOCK UNTIL 4 O'CLOCK

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

309 WASHINGTON STREET

PLYMOUTH, NC 27962

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Worship Director

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Office Administrator

Mrs. B.J. Lyle, Organist

Ronnie Thompson,
Deacon of the Month

September 2024

North Carolina MISSIONS Offering

GIVE THE GIFT OF
RELIEF FOR TODAY.
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

Our Goal is \$1000

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

