

The Visitor

First Baptist Church of Smithfield

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PRAYER - WITH LEGS ATTACHED

“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and love.” (I John 3:18).

No doubt, like you, I have been deeply saddened by the number of mass shootings that have been present in our country over the past few weeks. Countless people are suffering because of unexpected deaths that have come upon their families, including the families of the shooters. News interviews of a number of these people show profound grief and suffering. I have prayed for these victims and families as I know many of you have.

I was struck by the response of one suffering mother in a live TV interview. She lost her son in one of the mass shootings in Oakland, California. She said bluntly to the reporter, “I don’t want prayers. Please do not send me any more prayers in the mail. I don’t want your thoughts. I want gun control.”

Her stark words set me to thinking, not only about gun control, but about prayer. In truth, we do use a lot of clichés when it comes to prayer, do we not? Phrases like “you are in my thoughts and prayers,” or “I am sending good wishes your way” to name a few. These are no doubt genuine but, in the eyes of the beholder, may offer little comfort or result.

While I hear the words of this distraught mother, I still hold on to my belief in prayer and I depend strongly on the prayers of others. I was helped in my thinking when I came upon the above verse during a devotional time that reminds us to love in truth and action as well as in word and speech. A writer named Frederick Douglas once said, “I have prayed for twenty years with no result. I started seeing results only when I started attaching legs to my prayers.” Legs to prayers? Maybe this is a good way for us all to start praying.

Jessica Mesman, a devotional writer, gives a good example of prayers with legs. She says she came home recently to find a pan of lasagna on her front porch. It was left by a friend who was “just thinking” of her. She says it felt like a miracle. It was a prayer with legs attached.

Profound grief and suffering are not only states away but as close as our neighborhoods, friends, family members, and church family members. Does someone come to your mind that could use a prayer from you –with legs attached? Why not answer that prayer today?

Michael G. Cogdill
Transitional Pastor

Early Worship Resumes

On May 2, 2021, we will offer an Early Worship Service beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will be in-person only.

Nominating Committee

This Sunday, April 25, 2021, we will elect the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee. Please prayerfully consider your selections, as this group will recruit leaders for all our programs.

Youth Bake Sale

Fund Raiser

Join us Sunday, May 9th, Mother’s Day to get a delicious dessert for that special someone in your life! The cost is a donation. All proceeds will go toward the Youth Mission Trip.



Youth Opportunities

Youth Group "GLOW" will meet Sunday, April 25th in the Ministry Center, 5:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for Snack Supper and Bible Study.

Snack Supper: Wilmond Barnes and Chandler Marlow

Youth Amazing Race, Sunday May 2 at 5:00 p.m. Meet in the Ministry Center to "Start the Race" This will be in place of GLOW. Don't miss the fun!!!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED

Attention High School Seniors...We would like to get your Senior picture and information on where you will be attending college or what your future plans are. Please email your picture and college information/future plans to Brian (brian@fbcsmithfield.org) **by or before Monday, May 3. Graduate and Youth Sunday will be Sunday, May 16th.**

ATTENTION COLLEGE GRADUATES

College graduates don't forget to call the church office or email Janice (janice@fbcsmithfield.org) **by or before Monday, May 3rd** and let us know where you are graduating from and what degree you will be receiving.

THE JOHN L. RYBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP For High School Seniors going to College and Seminary Students who are or have been an active member of our church

The Ryberg Scholarship was established in 1985 by members of the First Baptist Church of Smithfield in memory of John L. Ryberg, minister of the church for over twenty-four years. **The application can be picked up in the church office and returned by June 1, 2021.**

Our Known Sick

Carolyn Crumpler (Home), Darwin Crumpler (Home), Phyllis Barfield (Home)

Flowers Sunday

The flowers Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of Mildred Jordan on the occasion of her 97th birthday by Kay and Terry Carroll.

Would You Like to Put Flowers in the Church?

The Flower Committee has four (4) opportunities available for altar flowers in May. May 2nd; May 9th (Mother's Day); May 16th;(Graduation Sunday) and May 23rd. If you are interested please call or text Gail Narron 919-965-1759 . Thank you.

New Members

We welcome into our Christian fellowship Steve and Carolyn Jones who come to us by letter from First Baptist Church, Clayton.

Children and Families Rooted in God's Word...Growing in Faith... Living for Jesus!!!

Parent/Child Dedication: We will have a service of dedication on *Mother's Day* and on *Father's Day* this year. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office to let us know which date you prefer.

Wednesday Nights for Preschool & Children: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Mission Friends (age 3-K) and **Children In Action** (grades 1-5) *have resumed!!*

April 14th – May 12th we will meet in our mission groups for preschool and children.

Please note: Children in Action will meet outside, if weather permits, on the big playground. If the weather is unsuitable, we will meet upstairs in the Fellowship Hall Bldg. Rm.224

Family Mission Opportunity for May

Wednesday May 19th – 6:30 Children/Parents come to the **BIG playground to make a tie-dyed T-shirt for our Mission Walk!** We have the dye! You bring a white T-shirt!!

Saturday May 22nd Global Walk for Water!

11 AM - Clemmons State Educational Forest -Clayton, NC
Wear your tie-dyed shirt!! Bring a picnic!

We will walk and enjoy lunch as we raise funds for people who need clean water. **JOIN US!** The Children will be accepting donations for this walk. If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a child, give money or check to FBC with "Kids Global Walk for Water" on the memo line. Thank you!

Sunday School: All Preschool and Children's classes are meeting in person @ 9:45 AM

ON THE GO!? Sunday School lessons for Preschool & Children are posted weekly on our website. Go to fbcsmithfield.org and click on Children & Family Ministries. Look under Sunday School for your child's class. This is a great way to take Sunday School lessons "on the road" or "in the home"!!

Extended Session/Nursery* for 11 AM Worship: Child care is provided during worship for babies – Kindergarten. However, if we do not have enough volunteers, we will staff the nursery for Babies/Toddlers and for 2s & 3s first. Older preschoolers (4s – K) may need to sit with parents for worship. ALL CHILDREN, infants and older, may sit with their families in the sanctuary.

We welcome your children to worship with us!!

***PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN EARLY SERVICE RESUMES MAY 2nd, THERE WILL BE ONE NURSERY CLASS TO CARE FOR BABIES to 3-YEAR-OLDS.** The room designated is Preschool 1. Older preschoolers and children will sit with their families during the Early Worship.



Passport Camp for children who have finished grades 3-5 will be June 29-July 2 at Greensboro College. Cost: \$250/child Balance due by April 25th!! Please contact Amy if interested.



Vacation Bible School! June 21-25
10 Children per class due to COVID restrictions.

Church Members (Sunday School, etc.) may register between now and May 15th.

Contact Amy Galloway to register.
These will be our classes:
Class for 3 Yr. olds (as of 9-1-2020)

Class for 4 Yr. olds (as of 9-1-2020)

Class for children who finished Kindergarten

Class for children who finished First Grade

Class for children who finished Second & Third Grade

Class for children who finished Fourth & Fifth Grade

If there is space after this date, registration will be open to neighbors, friends, W.E.E. and extended family until classes are full.

Annual Food/Supply Drive for Baptist Children's Homes

It's that time of the year again when we have our Annual Food/Supply Drive for our Baptist Children's Homes of N.C. Since we had a make up day last September for the previous year, we are delaying our drive this year from April until May. We will be at JCC on Monday and Tuesday, May 17 & 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you would like for us to shop for you, please make your check to FBC and label in the memo line BCH Food Drive and we will be happy to do the shopping. Last year we received over \$400 in coupons which enabled us to purchase a great deal more in supplies. If you would prefer, you may bring your non-perishable items out to JCC on either day. We have adequate help this year, but we would be happy for you to come and be with us as we enjoy fellowshiping together. Thank you so much for your support these past years and we look forward to another good year as we provide needed food and supplies for the children and staff of BCH. In loving appreciation, Harold and Carolyn Tharrington

Can You Help

Summer Adventures is in need of the following items for crafts this summer: shoe box lids, newspaper, half pint or pint jars and empty water bottles. If you have items to donate, please bring to the church. Thanks.

FROM THE PULPIT

April 25 Sermon by Mike Cogdill
"Psalm 23: Everybody's Favorite"
Psalm 23

May 2 Sermon by Mike Cogdill
"Universal Instructions"
Micah 6:6-8

WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

- 9:00 A.M. Early Worship **beginning 5/2**
 - 9:45 A.M. Sunday School for all ages
 - 10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM and 105.5 FM
 - 10:55 A.M. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary, broadcast over 1090 AM, 105.5 FM, Facebook, and YouTube
- NOTE:** By vote of the Deacons, face masks are required in all services. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- 1:30 P.M. Hispanic Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
 - 5:00 P.M. Youth Amazing Race, Meet at the Ministry Center (5/2)
 - 5:30 P.M. Youth Group GLOW, Ministry Center (4/25)
 - 6:00 P.M. Handbell Practice, Music Room

Monday

- 10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon

Wednesday

- 6:30 P.M. Youth Group "Bridge", Ministry Center
- 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Ryberg Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Friends (ages 3 – K), Preschool 3
- 6:30 P.M. Children In Action (grades 1-5), meet on the playground, weather permitting, if not, Room 224
- 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Bible Study with Mike Cogdill in the Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube.

Please worship as you feel comfortable:

Sunday School: In-person or online

Morning Worship:

9:00 a.m.: In-Person

11:00 a.m.: In-person or online

Wednesday Bible Study: In-person or online

2021 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,263.54
Received as of 4/11/21	\$16,208.50
Budget needs Year to Date	\$243,953.10
Received Year to Date	\$195,129.40

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 4/11/21	\$1,495.00
Needs Year to Date	\$39,200.39
Received Year to Date	\$27,693.27

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

Transitional Pastor	Mike Cogdill
Minister of Music	Braxton Kubasko
Minister of Youth and Education	Brian Theurer
Children and Family Ministries Coordinator	Amy Galloway
Organist	Marshall Tyson
Director of After School Care	Donna Donovan
Director of Weekday Early Education	June Ward
Administrative Staff	Janice Holland, Margie Crumley

2021 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,263.54
Received as of 4/18/21	\$8,134.50
Budget needs Year to Date	\$260,216.64
Received Year to Date	\$203,263.90

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 4/18/21	\$740.00
Needs Year to Date	\$42,000.41
Received Year to Date	\$28,433.27

Building Fund Note Balance

To Date	\$483,534.90
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