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Pastor's Note

I tried it again at my home. There were bare spots dotting my front yard where grass used to grow. Up until Saturday it was covered by the only thing that would grow in the spots, weeds. There were remnants of dandelions, clover, and crab grass covering the areas. Earlier in the spring, I had attempted to reseed the front yard in hopes that something good would take root. Nothing did. This time I decided to do something different. This time I removed that which was dead to make room for something new. I mixed top soil and fertilizer and mixed that with the soil left behind in those now totally cleared dead spots. I then tossed out seed and watered it immediately. In the midst of watering, I added straw to protect the soil and the seed.

Time is to tell if the work done on Saturday is to improve the look of my front yard. It is the work that comes with growing things. Many of us in our church know about growing things. Each year land is cleared. Soils are prepared. Rows are shaped. Seeds are planted and watered. Those who farm know what work is required to create a crop.

Is the same true for growing our faith? Is the same true for the gospel seeds that have been planted in us? I believe the parable of the sower and soils is correct, and preparing the soils is the key step. The soil is the most important thing in how a seed becomes something more. Other things contribute. Warmth, water, and sunlight all have a part to play, but without the nutrients from the soil growth is not possible. What is contributing to your growth in God?

Grace,
Michael

The Beacon

April 24, 2018

"Live by faith; reach out in love; make disciples of all."



Quarterly Business Meeting & Fellowship Meal

Wednesday, May 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Meal will be served at 5:30 pm. Menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, and Green Beans. Cost: \$7.00. Call the office for reservations by noon Monday, May 7th. Business meeting at 6:00 pm.



Friday, May 11, 2018
BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bun, Dessert
\$8 per plate
Chopped - \$8 per lb.
All proceeds will go to DFBC Missions Ministry



Serving God By Serving Others

Youth Program

This program temporarily on hold



Children's Program

This program temporarily on hold

Gifts & Receipts

(\$5649.52 per week needed for budget) *

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Undesignated Gifts: \$2641.00

Designated Gifts: \$0.00

Money Market Account: \$74,913.73

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Undesignated Gifts: \$2245.00

Designated Gifts: \$60.00

Annie Armstrong

Goal: \$2500.00

Received-to-Date: \$1265.00

Girl Scout Travel Fund

If you would like to donate to this fund, make your check out to "Kim Baker-GS Travel Fund". Do NOT make the check to DFBC.

CRBA SPRING MEETING

Tuesday, April 24 at Hopewell Baptist Church. Meeting begins at 5:15 pm.



Prayer Concerns for April, 2018:

Steven Abernathy	Denola Green
Neil Arney Jr.	Olene Griffin
Joe/Pauline Arseneau	Chase Griffin
Kim Baker	Pat Gupton
Morris Baker	Jim Hamby
Reba Baker - College Pines - Rm 404	Pauline Hayworth
Bill Berry	David Holder Family
Joe Bolick Family	Thomas Holland
Jim Boone	Amy Huffman
Gary Brackett Family	Jane Huffman - Stone Ridge, Cary
Juanita Bradford	Elizabeth Kizer
Jerry Bradshaw	David/Mildred Mather
Steve Brown - A New Outlook-Taylorsville	Matt Matthews
Naomi Buff	J.B. McNeely
Charlie Burns Family	Bob/Barbara Miller
Gleta Byrd	Christine Nix
Kathleen Cannon	Tricia Offutt
David/Linda Cassida	Jane Poteat
Carol Childres	Amber Queen
Blair Church	Frank Queen
Margaret Church	Willadean Rector
Dawn Ward Cline	Mary Anne Ritchie
Glenda Cole	Deanna Rose
Carol Cooper	Albert Setzer
Dennis Cooper	Freddie Setzer
Alex Cunningham	Tracy Smith
Albert Deal	Rex Stokes
Dale Deal	Renee Taylor
Russell Dexter	Tim Trudgeon
Mike Donahue	Franceleen Ward
Donnie Dupree	Teresa Wheeling
Capt. Harrison Fletcher	Denise White
Wayne Fletcher	Paula Shuping Williams
Oren/Chris Frye	Timmy Williams
Cindy Grainger	Brenda Woody

On The Calendar

Tuesday, April 24 - Local Missions meeting, 6:30 pm, church office

Sunday, April 29 - Food Ministry meeting after service

Please Note

The May calendar will go out with the May 1st Beacon. Please call the office with your meetings/events to get on the calendar.

Mission Trip

Windsor, NC, May 20-25. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Finance Ministry

The Finance Committee has completed the second quarter (Oct-March) review of the financials for DFBC and we presented a summary to the Deacons at their April 16th monthly meeting. **Giving is down 11.5% while expenses are only down (6.9%), resulting in a net loss year to date of - \$5,248.91**(through March 2017). Part of this loss is the annual insurance payment of \$11,806 which was paid in March. All major line items in the budget (Missions, Salaries, Building/Grounds, and Administrative Expenses) are below budget.

The life insurance policy that the church held on a former employee has been settled and the church received a check for \$74,913.73. The finance committee recommended to the deacons that at least 75% of this be placed in the church's Savings account and not be spent until a facility assessment could be conducted to determine any issues with the church building and the associated costs. The deacons decided to place 100% of the proceeds from the life insurance policy into the savings account. They will also be developing a process and plan for how to spend any of the funds, but until this plan is developed, none of the proceeds will be spent. The deacons will put together a list of needs with associated costs to take before the church at some time in the future for their consideration. More information will be shared at the next quarterly business meeting on Wednesday night, May2nd.

Finance Committee Members: Mike Albright, Joyce Boone, Debbie Brittain, Larry Carpenter, Art Helms, Jerry Self and Pat Setzer.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

It's very difficult to put into words just how much we appreciate all of your kindness during these last few months. Your cards, phone calls, kind words, hugs and well wishes will never be forgotten. God has blessed us with the most loving church family one could ever have and we will never take that for granted.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. God Bless You All,
Jim & Joyce Boone