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**Monday - Friday**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

*Rev. Michael Duncan, Jr.*  
*Senior Pastor - 493-5543*  
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*Associate Pastor*  
**Mr. Jonathan Berry**  
*Director of Music*  
**Diane Hoyle**  
*Administrative Secretary*

### **Pastor's Note**

Plans do not go accordingly at all times, do they? It has been my experience. It has been what I have found on mission trips. It has been what I have known on family vacations. It has been what I have encountered in trips to store for milk and eggs. Plans do not always go as planned.

It was my experience on Friday of last week. The day started early for me, 1:30am. It began with an unwanted leg cramp. It continued with a persistent cough that became something else. It forced me out of the room our group had been assigned at the NC Baptists on Mission site and into a recliner in the common area. Not much sleep followed but at 6:30, a trip to Walmart for Mucinex was in order. The drive back home was tolerable, but when I returned, I needed to cut grass. It was not raining, but my body said rest. I listened to my body but should have checked the weather forecast. On Saturday, a low fever set in, and that night I sent a text to our deacon chair. Sunday was not going to have me in the pulpit. I did not figure to enjoy coughing, sneezing, and snorting through a sermon and figured it not enjoyable for worshippers either.

So it goes with plans, but we still need them. Plans make us look beyond where we are to where we want to be. Plans force us to focus on common items and issues. For our church, plans can unify and galvanize our ministries and their work. Plans set our course even when we know those plans are sure to change as we progress. May our summer planning begin.

Grace,  
Michael

# **The Beacon**

**May 29, 2018**

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



It is close to that special time of year when we at DFBC show our appreciation to the Senior Adults of our church. We love this opportunity to recognize these faithful stewards and acknowledge how precious they are to us. All adults, please mark Sunday, June 24 on your calendar for this memorable day of hearing the message from one of our former ministers, Rev. Jim Everette, reminiscing about earlier days while looking forward to the future, and having a wonderful meal prepared just for you in the fellowship hall.

Myra's will be catering our lunch so we need to know how many are coming by Monday, June 18. Please call the office for reservations, 437-3351. As is in one of the old gospel songs, "What a day, glorious day this will be."



**Graduation Sunday - June 3, 2018**

**Breakfast for Graduates - 9:45 am Youth Room**

Sarah Houston - Draughn High School

Cassidy Little - East Burke High School

Alyson Berry - Appalachian University

Paige Street Broccio - University of Florida-Jacksonville

*(Resident-Pain Management & Palliative Care)*

Lauren Branch - Western Piedmont Community College

*(Nursing)*

Truman Walton - UNC Charlotte

*(Fire-Safety Engineering)*



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, May 27, 2018

Undesignated Gifts: \$4047.00

Designated Gifts: \$49.00

**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



**Small Group Bible Study**

Thank you to those that were involved in teaching and hosting these studies. As plans are made for the Fall, please let either Allen Rogers or Rev. Duncan know if you would be willing to host or facilitate a group.

**Prayer Concerns for May, 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 - Grace Hgts-Rm 128
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	Franceleen Ward
Mike Donahue	Teresa Wheeling
Donnie Dupree	Denise White
Capt. Harrison Fletcher	Paula Shuping Williams
Wayne Fletcher	Timmy Williams
Oren/Chris Frye	Brenda Woody
Cindy Grainger	

**On The Calendar**

Sunday, June 3 - Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 10 - Food/Clothing Ministry, 4:30 pm

Tuesday, June 12 - Missions Ministry meeting, 6 pm, office



**MINISTRY FOCUS**

**Long Range Planning**

The Long Range planning Ministry team has completed a S.W.O.T. analysis of our church. This analysis attempted to evaluate and rate our church with regards to Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. The results of this analysis have been turned over to the deacon body for their review and consideration.

We have now turned our attention to two very important areas. One is a facilities analysis of our church. This analysis will hopefully help us evaluate the present condition and layout of our church so that we can make more efficient use of it in the future. The other is to meet with the newly established security ministry and to collaborate on church signage. This ministry has been discussing for quite some time the lack of good, easy to see and follow signage, both inside and outside our church facility. It is not simple for visitors to our church to find areas, such as Sunday school classes, the nursery, the fellowship hall, etc.

We have many challenges as a church and the Long Range Planning Ministry hopes to be a part of sensing God's direction and working with other ministries to follow where God is leading. As always we covet your input and your prayers.



**Atlanta Braves Trip**

We are investigating a trip to see the Atlanta Braves in their new stadium. We are looking at a few options which include a day trip for a weekday afternoon game or an overnight trip for a Friday night game. If you are interested in either option, please contact Rev. Duncan either by phone or email. His email address is mdmcafeegrad@gmail.com.