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**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday**

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

**Friday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

*Rev. Michael Duncan, Jr.*

*Senior Pastor - 493-5543*

*Mr. Jonathan Berry*

*Director of Music*

*Diane Hoyle*

*Administrative Secretary*

## **Pastor's Note**

At Monday's Deacons' meeting, I asked a question. "How often do you have your car tires aligned?" I heard every other time the oil is changed. I heard every 8,000 miles. I then asked why it was important. I heard to prevent tire wear and to increase the fuel efficiency of the car. The final question asked was this, "Is the same true for the church?"

When we are not aligned we wear ourselves out. When we are not aligned we do not function efficiently. When we as a church are not aligned, we often do not function at all. We retreat into our corners and surround ourselves with folks who agree with us, and no one moves. It is at this point that the church ceases being the church.

I have challenged the deacons to hold our ministries accountable to the words which we have set as our point of alignment, our Mission Statement. "Live by faith; reach out in love; make disciples of all." To make this happen, words have to become practice. Conversations must become actions. We have an opportunity again to live by faith and reach out to our community with Vacation Bible School. It is a start as we begin the process of making disciples. Please consider how you can help, and may it be a good beginning for us.

Grace, Michael

# **The Beacon**

**July 17, 2018**

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & ICE-CREAM**

Vacation Bible School will kick off on Sunday evening, July 29, 6:30 pm. We will begin with an Ice-Cream Social. Volunteers are needed for VBS for all age groups. Please contact Rev. Duncan or Teresa Burns and sign up to experience VBS! We will register everyone on Sunday and VBS will go through Tuesday. For those willing to make ice-cream for the social, please call the office by end of day July 25 and let us know you are willing and what kind you are making. Toppings/Fixin's will be provided. Looking forward to seeing everyone and please help us get the word out about VBS!



## **BUDGET MEETINGS**

July 18 - 5:30-7:00 pm

July 25 - 5:30-7:00 pm

July 29 - 4:00-6:00 pm

If you haven't called the office and scheduled a time to present your budget needs/concerns, please do so this week. There are time slots available.



Serving God By Serving Others

**Youth Program**  
**Wednesdays - 6:00 pm**



**Children's Program**  
**Will resume in the Fall**

**Gifts & Receipts**

(\$5649.52 per week needed for budget) \*

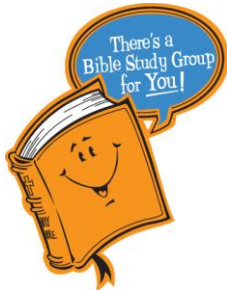
Sunday, July 15, 2018

Undesignated Gifts: \$4048.00

Designated Gifts: \$231.60



We will start receiving Deacon nominations for the new church year. These should be *in writing* and submitted to the office. You may email these also to [drexelfbc@gmail.com](mailto:drexelfbc@gmail.com). These nominations should be turned in by Sunday, August 19th.



**SMALL GROUP STUDIES**

Planned for the Fall. Please let Rev. Duncan or Allen Rogers know if you are interested in facilitating or hosting one of these groups.

***Prayer Concerns for***  
***July, 2018:***

<b>Steven Abernathy</b> <b>Neil Arney Jr.</b> <b>Joe/Pauline Arseneau</b> <b>Beatrice Baker</b> <b>Kim Baker</b> <b>Morris Baker</b> <b>Reba Baker - College</b> <i>Pines - Rm 404</i> <b>Bill Berry</b> <b>Jim Boone</b> <b>Juanita Bradford</b> <b>Jerry Bradshaw</b> <b>Steve Brown - A New</b> <i>Outlook-Taylorsville</i> <b>Naomi Buff</b> <b>Austin Bumgarner</b> <b>Gleta Byrd-Grace</b> <i>Hosp - Rm 601</i> <b>Kathleen Cannon</b> <b>David/Linda Cassida</b> <b>Carol Childres</b> <b>Blair Church</b> <b>Margaret Church</b> <b>Dawn Ward Cline</b> <b>Alex Cunningham</b> <b>Albert Deal</b> <b>Dale Deal</b> <b>Russell Dexter</b> <b>Mike Donahue</b> <b>Donnie Dupree</b> <i>Capt. Harrison Fletcher</i>	<b>Oren/Chris Frye</b> <b>Cindy Grainger</b> <b>Olene Griffin</b> <b>Chase Griffin</b> <b>Pat Gupton</b> <b>Jim Hamby-Frye</b> <i>#644/645</i> <b>David Holder Family</b> <b>Thomas Holland</b> <b>Jane Huffman - Stone</b> <i>Ridge, Cary</i> <b>Elizabeth Kizer</b> <b>David/Mildred Mather</b> <b>Matt Matthews</b> <b>Billy McGalliard Family</b> <b>J.B. McNeely</b> <b>Bob/Barbara Miller</b> <b>Christine Nix</b> <b>Tricia Offutt</b> <b>Frank Queen</b> <b>Willadean Rector</b> <b>Mary Anne Ritchie</b> <b>Deanna Rose</b> <b>Albert Setzer</b> <b>Freddie Setzer</b> <b>Tracy Smith</b> <b>Renee Taylor</b> <b>Franceleen Ward</b> <b>Denise White</b> <b>Timmy Williams</b> <b>Brenda Woody</b>
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**On The Calendar**

**Sunday, July 29** - Ice-Cream Social,  
6:30 pm  
**July 29-31** - Vacation Bible School -  
6:30-8:30 pm



**FROM THIS DAY FORWARD**

This summer will mark the 50th year for this production. We do have free tickets available. These will be given out on a first come, first served basis. If you want to go, call the office and reserve your ticket.

**Ministry Focus**  
**Missions**

The Mission's Ministry will soon be hard at work at the Drexel Community Fair, which will be running from August 6th through August 11th. We will be working the fair booth this year and are seeking volunteers to come out and work with us at the booth. If you have never worked before, you are missing out on a barrel of fun. Contact Tracy Crump if you would like to sign up to work a night. If you are unable to work, come out and enjoy an old fashioned burger one night. Your support is always appreciated.

Also, the NCBM Regional Rally for Region 8 is scheduled for Monday, August 13th at Westport Baptist Church in Denver, NC. A free dinner is provided. Reservations must be made no later than August 6th. Please call the church office if you are interested in attending. This is always a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.



**No matter what we teach our children,  
they insist on behaving just like us!**