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**Monday - Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Friday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

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*Senior Pastor - 493-5543*

*Mr. Jonathan Berry*  
*Director of Music*

*Diane Hoyle*  
*Administrative Secretary*

**Pastor's Note**

"Live by faith; reach out in love; make disciples of all." These words are ever before us. They challenge us. They call us. They demand of us service to our brothers and sisters and our neighbors. I have asked our ministries to discuss these words as applies to their work. We have started seeing them be made known in what we do.

We saw them on Monday as a group from our church worked at the Burke United Christians Ministries' Soup Kitchen. We gathered at 8:30am the prep work for a lunch meal that began at 10:45am. We prayed. We served pork chops, peas, carrots, salad, and dessert. We were newbies so some used our inexperience against us. Still we smiled and greeted those we served warmly. We left tired and hungry and excited about the next time to serve, October 1.

This week at the fair offers us additional opportunities to serve. From the fair food to the food offered in God's Word which we are handing out for free, we are reaching out in love. Next week we learn about the work of our partners in missions at the NC Baptists on Mission Region 8 Rally. On August 23, we are hosting the staffs of Hallyburton and Drexel Elementary for a luncheon. In addition to the meal, table favors recognizing the work of these educators are to be offered as a token of our appreciation.

These are simple ways that we live by faith and reach out in love. The work of making disciples of all remains. It is the most difficult aspect of our mission statement. It requires time, commitment, and patience. Faith and love are also essential in making the work possible. May these be found in us.

Blessings, Michael

# The Beacon

August 7, 2018

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

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TEACHERS  
& School Staff



Plant the Seeds  
For Tomorrow

The DFBC Local Missions Ministry will sponsor the annual Appreciation Lunch for the Teachers and Staff of Hallyburton Academy and Drexel Elementary Schools, Thursday, August 23 in the fellowship hall, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. As these folks are heading back to school in the next couple of weeks, be much in prayer for a successful school year.



The regular quarterly business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 26, 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.



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, August 5, 2018

Undesignated Gifts: \$ Not Available

Designated Gifts: \$ Not Available

**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.

**Drexel Fair**

Drexel Fair started on Monday and will run each evening through Saturday, August 11. DFBC Missions Ministry and volunteers are running the Fair Booth this year. Go out and give support!

**Deacon Nominations**

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

**Prayer Concerns**

**August, 2018:**

<b>Steven Abernathy</b> <b>Neil Arney Jr.</b> Joe/Pauline Arseneau <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-Taylorville</i> <b>Naomi Buff</b> <b>Austin Bumgarner</b> <b>Gleta Byrd-Grace</b> <i>Heights 127</i> <b>Susie Campbell</b> <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>Johnny Gupton Family</b> <b>Pat Gupton</b> <b>Jim Hamby</b> <b>David Holder Family</b> <b>Thomas Holland</b> <b>Jane Huffman - Stone</b> <i>Ridge, Cary</i> <b>Robin Hyde</b> <b>Elizabeth Kizer</b> <b>David/Mildred Mather</b> <b>Matt Matthews</b> <b>Billy McCalliard Family</b> <b>J.B. McNeely</b> <b>Bob/Barbara Miller</b> <b>Christine Nix</b> <b>Nix Family</b> <b>Tricia Offutt</b> <b>Ardith Probst</b> <b>Frank Queen</b> <b>Willadean Rector-</b> <i>Autumn Care-103</i> <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, August 12** - Food/Clothing Ministry, 4:30 pm

**Monday, August 13** - NCBM Rally-Region 8

**Thursday, August 16** - Nominating meeting 6:00, office

**Thursday, August 23** - Teacher/Staff appreciation lunch, 11:30 - 1:00

**Sunday, August 26** - Quarterly business meeting, 6:00 pm

**FROM THIS DAY FORWARD**

We still 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.

**NCBM REGIONAL RALLY - Region 8**

This rally scheduled for Monday, August 13th at Westport Baptist Church, Denver, NC.

**Ministry Focus**

**Deacons**

In a recent article in Deacon Magazine entitled "Deacons, Revival, and Spiritual Awakening", Don Pucik writes: " People were upset. Hurtful words and accusations were exchanged. The church was dividing...the community was watching...would the church die or thrive. Sound familiar? Except the story describes a critical moment in the early church. ( Acts 6:1-7 ). At the direction of the Apostles, the church choose seven men to step into the conflict. As forerunners of the deacon ministry, The Seven were respected, wise, Spirit-filled men. They were a catalyst for healing and Spiritual growth within the body of Christ." The scripture in Acts says that they were of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom. The Greek word for reputation gives the picture of a steady rain, a consistent life. Paul adds other characteristics for deacons in his letter to Timothy ( 1 Tim. 3:8-13 ). He says they are to be tested, faithful, dignified, temperate, and having a clear conscience. Does this mean deacons are to be perfect? Well LOL, laughing out loud! The great Apostle Paul in Romans 7:19 even said: " For the good I wish, I do not do." So the question is not perfection but calling and obedience. Saying yes as God calls us to servant leadership, undergirding pastoral ministry, maintaining the unity of the body, and prayerfully making wise decisions. This year we have had six deacons at DFBC. Four will rotate off leaving two. The biblical number seven would be a good number for a church our size. However the number is secondary to our obedience. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? Maybe a more important question is: " What is our Heavenly Father doing at this fellowship of believers called Drexel "? In Christ, Gene Kirby

**Surveillance System Vote**

Yes - 62

No - 1