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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**

On Sunday, I had the great pleasure to worship with my family at Williams First Baptist Church. On this particular Sunday, they were dedicating five children, but those dedications were more about their parents than the children. Ashley and Casey pledged to use the church that had nurtured them to now nurture their daughter, Camilla. Lauren and Whit heard her deacon dad read scripture as Charlie squirmed. Robbie and Ashley turned their daughter over to his cousin who was also his youth director and now associate pastor. Hilarity ensued. Scotti and Amber came back to the church they served to dedicate themselves to raising of Martin. Chris and Sally traveled half a world away to bring Carter into their family and into the church family Chris serves as pastor.

We are preparing for a new service. What are our hopes? Mine are simple. I hope that we love folks and help our guests and each other know God's love so that we learn to love self and others. I hope we nurture young Christians knowing that some young Christians are not so young. I hope we eat well around fellowship tables and also most importantly as we partake of God's Word. I hope we give everyone opportunities to live into God's call. I hope God's Spirit guides us at all times and in all things. As we do, maybe we can see God's love and faith in Christ passed on from generation to generation.

Grace, Michael

# The Beacon

October 2, 2018

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



Drexel First Baptist Church Homecoming

Sunday, October 14

Rev. Dr. Tito Madraza

Invite former members, friends, neighbors  
Bring food for the potluck lunch after service



Be a part of reaching the lost and unchurched for Christ! Come by the office to pick up your "goody" bag to deliver to your neighbor. God is at work at Drexel First Baptist Church. Join Him!

*"And He said unto them, Go ye into all  
the world, and preach the gospel  
to every creature."*

*Mark 15:16*



Serving God By Serving Others

Youth Program  
Wednesdays - 6:00 pm



Children's Program  
Wednesdays - 6:00 pm

**Gifts & Receipts**

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

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Undesignated Gifts: \$ 8140.00

Designated Gifts: \$ 669.00

**NC MISSIONS OFFERING**

Goal: \$1000.00

Received to Date: \$1351.00

**HURRICANE RELIEF**

Sunday, October 7th has been designated for emphasis on Hurricane Relief. Please mark your envelopes "Hurricane Relief" and make checks payable to:

Drexel First Baptist Church

Memo: Hurricane Florence

Received to Date: \$50.00

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Saturday, October 6, 7:00 pm at the Picnic Shelter. Free drinks & popcorn! Bring your lawn chair and a blanket. Enjoy and worship with the movie, *I CAN ONLY IMAGINE*.

**Prayer Concerns  
October, 2018:**

Steven Abernathy	Olene Griffin
Neil Arney Jr.	Chase Griffin
Joe/Pauline Arseneau	Pat Gupton
Beatrice Baker	Jim Hamby
Kim Baker	Thomas Holland
Morris Baker	Jane Huffman - Stone Ridge, Cary
Reba Baker - College Pines - Rm 404	Robin Hyde
Bill Berry	Joyce Johnson
Jim Boone	Mather Family
Juanita Bradford	Matt Matthews
Jerry Bradshaw	J.B. McNeely Family
Eddie Brittain Family	Bob/Barbara Miller
Steve Brown - A New Outlook-Taylorsville	Moss Family
Naomi Buff	Christine Nix - Cambridge Hse-Hildebran
Gleta Byrd	Nix Family
Susie Campbell	Tricia Offutt
Kathleen Cannon	Ardith Propst
David/Linda Cassida	Frank Queen
Carol Childres	Willadean Rector-Shaire Ctr Rm 33
Blair Church	Mary Anne Ritchie
Margaret Church	Deanna Rose
Dawn Ward Cline	Albert Setzer
Alex Cunningham	Tracy Smith
Albert Deal	Renee Taylor
Dale Deal	Marcia Turner
Russell Dexter	Franceleen Ward
Mike Donahue	Denise White
Donnie Dupree	Timmy Williams Family
Capt. Harrison Fletcher	Brenda Woody
Chris/Oren Frye	

**On The Calendar**

Saturday, October 6 - Girl Scouts Yard/Bake Sale, 7-4 pm

Saturday, October 6 - Movie Night, 7 pm

Monday, October 8 - Girl Scouts 5-7 pm

Monday, October 8 - Thursday, October 11 - Pastor on Retreat

**Yard / Bake Sale**

The Girl Scouts are having a Yard/Bake Sale Saturday, October 6, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come out and support these girls!

**JIRDC Triathlon**

Friday, October 19, 12:30 - 4:00 pm. For more information, contact Kim Baker.

**MINISTRY FOCUS**

**New Works**

Our new work is around the corner, and we begin with good news. We begin with good news that our neighbors need to hear, but how can they know if no one tells them? Our outreach effort begins with an invitation, and we need your help. We are starting on Wednesday as we hang goodie bags on doors. Those bags include our invitation. Those bags include information about our church. Those bags are the first mass outreach effort we have done in years. It must not be the last.

Our new work also begins with a fellowship. On Saturday, October 6, we are hosting movie night. Our youth have bought the rights to show, I Can Only Imagine, to the community. It is the story of the song. It is the story of hope. It is the story with the power of forgiveness at its heart. It is a story worth hearing.

The new work remains for us all, and the new work needs workers. We need greeters. We need nursery workers. We need children's church leaders and helpers. We need folks who attend both services with great joy and openness. We need folks who will serve with joy and love in all areas. If you expressed a willingness to serve, expect a call. If you expressed an unwillingness to serve, you may still get a call. Be ready to answer, and may God continue to guide.

**PLEASE NOTE**

The pastor will be at his Gathering of Silence Retreat Monday, October 8 - Thursday, October 11.