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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, we conclude our sermon series on friendship. I must confess I am a little sad to be wrapping up the series. I have enjoyed greatly examining the interactions of David and Jonathan and Job and his friends as we have focused on what friends give and say respectively from those stories. I have been reminded what friends are tasked to do as we have read again of those carrying the paralytic in Mark's gospel. This Sunday we turn to Jesus and what He says about friendship in John's gospel. The text for Sunday is John 15:12-17. These words are at the heart of what is called the farewell discourse of Jesus.

In the farewell discourse found in chapters 14 through 17 of the Gospel of John, Jesus is trying to prepare the disciples for the work that is to be left them once He is physically gone from them. His words are what some would call "real talk" today. "Real talk" drops the pretense. It sheds all flattery. It is brutal in its honesty. It can also be a sign of trust and friendship.

This week, I have a simple request. Pray for me. We are going to be engaging in some "real talk" as we hear of what friends sacrifice. Jesus tells us, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." It is a challenging word to follow, but Jesus calls us to the work. Will we be found faithful?

Grace and peace,  
Michael

# The Beacon

January 22, 2019

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



**How To Be a Purpose Driven Church**  
**by: Pastor Rick Warren**

We will be offering this study on two different dates and times. One will be on Sunday, February and one will be on Wednesday, February. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary. This seven-session course helps your church grow: warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, and larger through evangelism.



Sunday, February 3rd, bring your favorite soup and/or sandwiches, and after worship, enjoy lunch, good conversations, and the quarterly business meeting. Let's connect, inform, share, learn, and enjoy.



Serving God By Serving Others

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



**Children's Program**  
**Wednesdays - 6:00 pm**

## Prayer Concerns January, 2019

Steven Abernathy	Rev. Dale Faulkenbury
Neil Arney Jr.	Cpt. Harrison Fletcher
Joe/Pauline Arseneau	Chris/Oren Frye
Beatrice Baker	Olene Griffin
Greg/Kim Baker	Chase Griffin
Morris Baker	Janet Griffin & Family
Reba Baker - College Pines - Rm 404	Pat Gupton
Bill Berry	Jim Hamby
Joyce Berry Family	Thomas Holland
Jim Boone	Jane Huffman - Stone Ridge, Cary
Juanita Bradford	Matt Matthews
Jerry Bradshaw	Bob/Barbara Miller
Steve Brown - A New Outlook-Taylorsville	Christine Nix - Cambridge Hse-Hildebran
Lana Buchanan	Tricia Offutt
Naomi Buff	Frank Queen
Gleta Byrd	Willadean Rector-Shaire Ctr Rm 302
Susie Campbell	Mary Anne Ritchie
Kathleen Cannon	Deanna Rose
David/Linda Cassida	Lillian Scoot
Childres Family	Albert Setzer
Blair Church	Josh Smith & Family
Margaret Church Family	Tracy Smith
Dawn Ward Cline	Renee Taylor
Alex Cunningham	Franceleen Ward Family
Albert Deal	Denise White
Dale Deal	Don Wood
Russell Dexter	Brenda Woody
Donnie Dupree	

## MINISTRY FOCUS

### Mission Opportunity Update!

We are excited about the upcoming mission activities. First, we plan to help the local Rotary Clubs in a mass food packaging event called "Meals of Hope". This is very much like the Stop Hunger Now effort that many of you have participated in, with one difference. These meals stay in Burke County to help meet the needs of our community, instead of being shipped overseas like the Stop Hunger Now program. We will be packaging 30,000 meals on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Valdese Elementary Gymnasium. No need to sign up, just be there at 8:30 to register, and get your hair net and gloves (ball cap can substitute for hair net!). We should start around 9am and be through before 12 Noon.

Another upcoming opportunity will be our church helping lead a group from the Catawba River Baptist Association on a disaster relief mission trip to Lumberton on March 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since we already had a group go last year to Lumberton, the Associational Office asked if we would lead a group from the local Baptist Churches back to Lumberton. We will leave after church on Sunday, and return late Friday evening. Please call the church office to sign up!.

Finally, we have committed to a summer mission trip to Casper Wyoming on June 15th through 22nd. A deposit of \$50.00 needs to be turned in by Easter Sunday. See Larry Carpenter or Gene Kirby for details!

### Girl Scout Cookies

Troop #10742 sponsored by DFBC is selling cookies. Contact Kim Baker at 439-3420 to get yours!

### Volunteers

Still needed for child care during the 11:00 service. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. Please help!

### Gifts & Receipts

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

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Undesignated Gifts: \$ 4839.00

Designated Gifts: \$ 150.00

### Lottie Moon

Goal: \$5000.00

Given to Date: \$4690.82

### Global Missions

Goal: \$500.00

Given to Date: \$100.00

### Please Note

Shine @ Nine and Traditional services will continue through February.



### SOUPER Bowl for Hospice

Thursday, January 31st, 5-7 pm, Morganton Community House. Purchase a pottery bowl or mug for \$10, keep the bowl and have a bowl of soup, salad, dessert & beverage. OR, you can just have the meal for \$5, no bowl. Take outs available. Hospice receives 100% of the donation.

### On The Calendar

**Saturday, January 26** - Meals of Hope, 8:30 am, Valdese Elementary gym.

**Monday, January 28** - Tai Chi exercise, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, January 31** - Souper Bowl/Hospice, 5-7 pm, Morganton Community House

**Sunday, February 3** - Soup/Sandwich Lunch, Conversation, Quarterly Business Meeting after worship



### Grief Support Group

This group begins their meetings on Thursday, January 24th, 6 pm in the church office conference room