

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Pastor's Note

This coming Sunday marks a return to one service. Jon, Teresa, and I are in the midst of finalizing what a blended worship experience could be here at Drexel. Many of you have been wondering what that entails. My response is this. Come Sunday and see. As I have said on Sunday, "Prepare your hearts for it. Pray. Clothe yourself in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and above all love. Come with a grateful heart and sing" whatever is shared. Gratitude is the key.

I am grateful. I am grateful for the work Jon and Teresa put in each and every week. I am grateful for the gifts they bring and share faithfully with our church and in service of God. I am grateful for our praise team and choir members. I am grateful for the time they put into their leadership. I am grateful to our church family for your patience as we have experimented and as we continue to experiment with our worship services.

In his book, *Canoeing the Mountains*, which our deacons are currently reading, Tod Bolsinger relays an encounter with one of his mentors. His mentor tells him, "Tod, I believe that our plan A is never God's plan A, and we only get to God's plan A when our plans A, B, and C fail." Through that conversation Bolsinger concludes, "failure is a necessary part of learning and therefore a necessary part of leading." In the coming weeks, we are sure to experience failures and successes. In it all, love, grace, mercy, and gratitude should be hallmarks of our work. Blessings, Michael

The Beacon

February 26, 2019

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



BLENDED SERVICE

We are planning a truly blended service this coming Sunday, March 3rd, 11:00 am. Come prepared to worship in word and in music as we join our hearts together and we pray we go out Sunday impacted from this worship experience.



This service will be held on Wednesday, March 6th at Valdese First Baptist Church. The meal will be at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, and the worship service will be in the chapel at 6:15 pm. The menu is chicken pie, salad, roll, and dessert. The cost is \$6.00. Please let the secretary know (828-874-2266) by Monday afternoon, March 4th, how many will be attending the meal.



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, February 24, 2019

Undesignated Gifts: \$ 3436.00

Designated Gifts: \$ 40.00



DEACON RETREAT

Thursday, March 28
Leadership Institute, 1-5pm, FBC
Greensboro

The Leadership Institute held in conjunction with the CBFNC Annual Gathering is featuring as its guest speaker, Tod Bolsinger who is author of "Canoeing the Mountains: Church Leadership in Uncharted Territory." Tod Bolsinger brings decades of expertise in guiding churches through uncharted territory and is to help us to re-imagine what effective leadership looks like in changing contexts. All of our deacons are invited and encouraged to attend. Please call the office by Monday, March 4th to sign up.

Prayer Concerns
February, 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 - Morg.	Pat Gupton
Long Term - Rm 307	Jim Hamby Family
Bill Berry	Thomas Holland
Joyce Berry Family	Jane Huffman - Stone
Rev. Bill Bigger	Ridge, Cary
Jim Boone	Matt Matthews
Juanita Bradford	Barbara Miller
Jerry Bradshaw	Bob Miller - Autumn
Steve Brown - A New	Care-Rm 408
Outlook-Taylorsville	Christine Nix -
Lana Buchanan	Cambridge Hse-Hildebran
Naomi Buff	Tricia Offutt
Gleta Byrd	Frank Queen
Susie Campbell	Willadean Rector-Shaire
Kathleen Cannon	Ctr Rm 302
David/Linda Cassida	Mary Anne Ritchie
Childres Family	Deanna Rose
Blair Church	Lillian Scoot
Margaret Church	Albert Setzer
Family	Emily Slone
Dawn Ward Cline	Josh Smith & Family
Alex Cunningham	Tracy Smith
Albert Deal	Renee Taylor
Dale Deal	Franceleen Ward Family
Miranda Dempsey	Denise White
Russell Dexter	Don Wood
Donnie Dupree	Brenda Woody

MINISTRY FOCUS
MISSIONS

We are excited about the upcoming mission activities.

Our church will be helping lead a group from the Catawba River Baptist Association on a disaster relief mission trip to Lumberton on March 17th - 22nd. 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!

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! And, again, call the church office to sign up.



Please join troop #10742 on March 9th for a BBQ fundraiser. DFBC fellowship hall, 11 am - 7 pm. \$8 per plate. Take out plates will be available. Proceeds to go for the trip to Savannah, GA.

On The Calendar

Wednesday, February 27 - Small group study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 28 - Grief support group, 6:00 pm, church office

Sunday, March 3 - Small group study, 6:00 pm, Boone home

Monday, March 4 - Girl Scouts, 5-7 pm

Saturday, March 9 - Girl Scouts BBQ fundraiser, Fellowship Hall, 11 am - 7 pm

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

Please Note

The March calendar will go out with next week's Beacon. Be sure to call the church office to put your events and meetings on the calendar.



SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Wednesday, February 26th, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, March 3rd, 6:00 pm, Boone home.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, February 28th, 6:00 pm, church office.