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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 experienced a wide range of emotions. We gathered together as one body for worship. We ended a sermon series on being a servant and having a Christ-like attitude. We also gathered that afternoon to support the family of Jim Hamby. We worshipped together again as we shared with grateful hearts all that Jim had given to our church family. That afternoon we memorialized him whose life was marked by service to his family, our nation, and our church. Our final gift to the family was fitting for the day's theme. Our church served a meal to the family.

On Sunday evening, I collapsed after a good day. I was spent. I understood with a bit more clarity what Paul spoke about regarding being "poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith." Sunday was that for me, a sacrifice and offering of faith.

I know that not everyone enjoyed and was touched by Sunday's 11am worship service. We have asked a great deal of our members since Sunday's experience was a much more blended service than that we had ever experienced. The immediate response by those who lingered after church has been positive. Others that have come in today have been less so. Individuals have expressed confusion and continued frustration. For the coming weeks, we are returning to two services to continue to give our members a choice. We will come together again for joint services that are blended in nature. We will continue to implement the feedback we hear in those services. My prayer is that God continues to work on hearts. My prayer is for unity. My prayer is for God's Spirit to fill and guide. My prayer is that we allow the mind of Christ to be in us. We have heard about that mind in Philippians 2. Let's read it again this week.

Grace and peace, Michael

# The Beacon

March 5, 2019

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



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.



Food/Clothing Ministry, Sunday, March 10th, 4:30 pm. Food distribution begins at 5:45 pm. Continue to bring donations of rice, peanut butter, pop tarts, breakfast bars, and dried beans.



Sunday, March 10, 2019



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, March 3, 2019

Undesignated Gifts: \$ 8640.00

Designated Gifts: \$ 150.00

**East Burke Fundraiser**

A veteran's group is having a fundraiser for the East Burke High School Band. This will be at the DFBC Picnic Shelter, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm, Saturday, March 23rd. At 4:00 pm, the Jazz Band will perform. Come listen to the music, have BBQ and Fixin's. Proceeds will go to help pay for the Band's meals while they travel to France.

**DEACON RETREAT**

Thursday, March 28

Leadership Institute, 1-5pm, FBC Greensboro

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Coming Soon! More information next week.

***Prayer Concerns***  
***March, 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
Family	Mary Anne Ritchie
David/Linda Cassida	Deanna Rose
Blair Church	Lillian Scoot
Margaret Church	Albert Setzer
Family	Emily Slone
Dawn Ward Cline	Tracy Smith
Alex Cunningham	Renee Taylor
Albert Deal	Franceleen Ward Family
Dale Deal	Denise White
Miranda Dempsey	Don Wood
Russell Dexter	Brenda Woody
Donnie Dupree	

**On The Calendar**

**Wednesday, March 6** - Small group study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

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

**Sunday, March 10** - Small group study, 6:00 pm, Boone home

**Mission Opportunities**

Disaster Relief trip to Lumberton March 17-22. We will be leading a group from local Baptist Churches. Call the office and sign up.

Mission trip to Casper, Wyoming, June 15-22. A deposit of \$50 must be paid by Easter Sunday, April 21st. Call the office to sign up.

**MINISTRY FOCUS**

**Blended Service**

Thank you for allowing your staff the freedom to try new things. Thank you for trusting us with your time on Sunday morning in our leading of worship. Thank you in advance for your feedback from Sunday's blended service. Without sharing that feedback, we cannot know what has been well received and what needs addressing. Without expressing that feedback, whatever dissatisfaction or joy is to remain yours. The dissatisfaction is to weigh you down since you are not bearing the load with help. The joy is not to be multiplied since you keep it to yourself.

For the coming weeks, we are returning to two services. The conversations regarding what we experienced Sunday need time and space. We need to examine our hearts. We need to reflect on what we heard. We need to look to Jesus. On Sunday as we begin the season of Lent, we begin a new sermon series on Jesus. On Sunday, we gather around the table in both our services to partake in the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is the symbol of unity for the universal Church. It is what has united the Church across space and time. As we come to the table, may we reflect on the gift of Jesus. As we come to the table, may we come praying for our brothers and sisters. As we come to the table, may we make room for God's Spirit to show us the way forward as we reach out to our community.

Michael, Jon, and Teresa

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

This group finished up last week. Thank you to those who participated and thanks to Larry Whitlock for facilitating this group.

