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Pastor's Note

This week our small groups are wrapping up their studies. For the faithful who have attended the sessions, the *How to Be a Purpose Driven Church* material has been challenging. It has challenged me personally regarding our worship, fellowship, and ministry. It has also challenged me regarding our efforts at evangelism and discipleship.

Our church's mission statement is "Live by faith. Reach out in love. Make disciples of all." I think we have missed the mark in allowing this mission statement to permeate all that we do at Drexel First Baptist Church. When we are at our best, it shines through the work. As we take care of a grieving family, we are being faithful to who we are. As we continue to provide for neighbors who need food and clothing and the gospel, we are being faithful to our mission. As we minister to those who are struggling around us, we are doing what Christ has called us to do.

Where I have failed to lead us is in the most crucial aspect, that of discipleship. The lives of the disciples of Jesus are marked by fruit. Galatians identifies the fruit of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. For fruit to grow, the soil has to provide the nutrients needed. For disciples of Jesus, nutrients are added to the soil through prayer, Bible study, both private and cooperate, ministry, worship, and fellowship. Each one is needed for fruit to grow. As we continue our sermon series on Jesus, listen for his voice. Follow his lead, and allow the Spirit to touch your heart.

Grace and peace,
Michael

The Beacon

March 12, 2019

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



We will be having a church-wide clean-up day on Saturday, April 6th. Each Sunday School class will be assigned an area to clean. A schedule and start time should be ready by Sunday.



Saturday, March 30th, 7:00 pm at the Picnic Shelter. Popcorn, Hotdogs, & Drinks. The movie will be COURAGEOUS. Filled with action-packed police drama, Courageous is the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures, the moviemaking ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. You will find yourselves laughing, crying, and cheering as you are challenged and inspired by everyday heroes who long to be the kinds of dads that make a lifelong impact on their children.



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 10, 2019

Undesignated Gifts: \$ 4327.00

Designated Gifts: \$ 450.00

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



Prayer Concerns
March, 2019

Steven Abernathy	Donnie Dupree
Neil Arney Jr.	Rev. Dale Faulkenbury
Joe/Pauline Arseneau	Cpt. Harrison Fletcher
Beatrice Baker	Chris/Oren Frye
Greg/Kim Baker	Olene Griffin
Morris Baker	Chase Griffin
Reba Baker - Morg.	Janet Griffin & Family
Long Term - Rm 307	Pat Gupton
Bill Berry	Jim Hamby Family
Joyce Berry Family	Thomas Holland
Rev. Bill Bigger	Jane Huffman - Stone
Jim Boone	Ridge, Cary
Juanita Bradford	Matt Matthews
Jerry Bradshaw	Barbara Miller
Steve Brown - Lenoir	Bob Miller - Autumn
Healthcare-Rm112	Care-Rm 408
Lana Buchanan	Christine Nix -
Naomi Buff	Cambridge Hse-Hildebran
Gleta Byrd	Tricia Offutt
Susie Campbell	Frank Queen
Kathleen Cannon	Willadean Rector-Shaire
Family	Ctr Rm 302
David/Linda Cassida	Mary Anne Ritchie
Blair Church	Deanna Rose
Margaret Church	Lillian Scoot
Family	Albert Setzer
Dawn Ward Cline	Emily Stone
Judy Huffman Crawley	Tracy Smith
Alex Cunningham	Renee Taylor
Albert Deal	Franceleen Ward Family
Dale Deal	Denise White
Hazel Dellinger	Don Wood
Miranda Dempsey	Brenda Woody
Russell Dexter	

On The Calendar

Wednesday, March 13 - Small group study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 17 - Small group study, 6:00 pm, Boone home

Thursday, March 21 - Finance meeting, church office, 7:00 pm

MINISTRY FOCUS

Ministry Feedback

As a church, we remain in a time of gathering data. I have heard feedback from some who attended our March 3rd service and am hoping and planning to hear from more who attended. My hope is that as we hear we also engage in Spirit-led discernment as to how to incorporate what is heard into our coming joint, blended services. At this current time, we are planning for two joint services in April. The first is on Palm Sunday as our choir shares its cantata, and the second is on Easter Sunday as we celebrate our resurrected Lord. Please pray and prepare your hearts for worship.

As a church in the coming weeks, we are also hoping to gather feedback from our small group experience. This year we have only offered two small groups featuring the *How to Be a Purpose Driven Church* material and have offered a grief support group as well. What we would like to hear is what kind of small group study would be of value to you. Also we would like to know when you prefer they be offered and what material or issues you would like to see shared.

Thank you for your continued support of and participation in the ministries of Drexel First Baptist Church. Thank you for your prayers for your staff and each other. Thank you for your service.

Michael

Casper, Wyoming Mission Trip

There will be a short meeting on Sunday after the 11 am service in the Sr. Adult class for all interested in going to Casper, WY June 15-22. If you are unable to attend this meeting but are interested in going, please contact Gene Kirby or Larry Carpenter. We need to know the number going. As a reminder, a \$50 deposit is due by April 21st. Please turn your names in to the church office as soon as possible.

