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Monday - Thursday
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Senior Pastor - 493-5543

Mr. Jonathan Berry
Director of Music

Diane Hoyle
Administrative Secretary

Pastor's Note

Family is everything. I have heard this saying my entire life. I have heard it from family. I have heard it from friends. I have heard it in a seminary classroom. I have heard it in ministry settings. I have heard it in church. I have heard it as our church family has faced loss. Family is everything. At its best family strengthens its members. At its best family holds its members accountable to the values of the whole. At its best family carries the members who struggle. At its worst, the opposite is true for family.

On Sunday, we are beginning a new sermon series on family dynamics. We are beginning with the story of David's family. We find David a shell of his former glory. The once vibrant king who is full of God's Spirit is nearing the end of his rule. It is a difficult word for us to hear. We hear a tale of deceit and betrayal by a family member. We see the pain that can be caused when things are left undone. We see the damage unresolved issues can cause years after the fact. We see the rubble that family leaves in its path.

Even in the rubble, there is hope. Even as there appears to be no way, God is making a way. This is the story of our faith. This is the story of our family. It is a story of grace, steadfast love, and forgiveness. It is the story of Jesus and His church. We are the family of God. May we listen to the stories of those who have come before us, learn from the lessons they teach, and be a family at our best.

Grace and peace, Michael

The Beacon

August 1, 2019

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



DREXEL COMMUNITY FAIR

August 12-17

Volunteers are needed, so please check your calendars and serve as you are able. Contact Tracy Crump @ 448-2487, to schedule a time to serve.



Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, August 25, 2019

6:00 pm



Youth Program

Wednesdays - 6:00 pm

This program not meeting July 3; will continue July 10



Children's Program

Wednesdays - 6:00 pm

This program not meeting for the Summer

Gifts & Receipts

(\$5649.52 per week needed for budget) *

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Undesignated Gifts: \$ 2034.75

Designated Gifts: \$ 135.00

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Undesignated Gifts: \$ 3993.75

Designated Gifts: \$ 845.00

Teacher Appreciation / Love Offering

The Teacher appreciation luncheon will be Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 11:00 am. If you would like to make a donation/love offering in memory of Margaret Church to go towards this lunch, please mark your check/envelope "Teacher Appreciation".

Girl Scout Fundraiser

Saturday, August 3rd, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Chicken Plate- \$8; Hotdog plate (2) - \$6. Live music. for more information, contact Kim Baker - 439-3420.

Region 8 Mission Rally

Monday, August 12th at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Shelby, NC. If you would like to attend, please call the church office to reserve a spot.

School Supplies

The Outreach Center is sponsoring a back-pack program for school supplies. If you would like to donate some supplies, please see Penny Roark.

Prayer Concerns

August, 2019

Steven Abernathy	Chase Griffin
Neil Arney Jr.	Sam Griffin & Family
Joe/Pauline Arseneau	Pat Gupton
Beatrice Baker	Bud Harvey Family
Greg/Kim Baker	Thomas Holland
Morris Baker	Alan Huffman Family
Reba Baker - Morg.	Jane Huffman - Stone
Long Term - Rm 307	Ridge, Cary
Bill Berry	Matt Matthews
Joyce Berry Family	Barbara Miller
Joyce Boone & Family	College Pines - Rm 404
Juanita Bradford	Edith Mitchell
Jerry Bradshaw	Christine Nix -
Steve Brown - Carolina	Cambridge Hse-Hildebran
Rehab-Rm 309	Margaret Nunnery
Lana Buchanan	Tricia Offutt
Sam Buchanan	Evelyn Page
Naomi Buff	Frank Queen
Gleta Byrd	Willadean Rector-The
Susie Campbell	Berkley-Morganton-Rm
David/Linda Cassida	305
Winona Childres	Mary Anne Ritchie
Blair Church	Deanna Rose
Dawn Ward Cline	Nathan Rybak
Judy Huffman Crawley	Lillian Scoot
Alex Cunningham	Albert Setzer
Albert Deal	Emily Slone
Dale Deal	Tracy Smith
Hazel Dellinger	Renee Taylor
Miranda Dempsey	Denise White
Russell Dexter	Kim Williams
Donnie Dupree	Dennis Wise
Rev. Dale Faulkenbury	Don Wood
Cpt. Harrison Fletcher	Brenda Woody
Chris/Oren Frye	Elizabeth Woody-
Olene Griffin	Carolina Rehab-Rm 314

On The Calendar

Saturday, August 3 - Girl Scout fundraiser, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 11 - Food Ministry, 4:30 pm

Sunday, August 11 - Deacons meeting, 6:00 pm, church office

Monday, August 12 - Saturday, August 17 - Drexel Fair

Thursday, August 15 - Finance meeting, 7:00 pm, church office

Thursday, August 22 - Teacher Appreciation lunch 11:15 am

Sunday, August 25 - Quarterly business meeting, 6:00 pm

Food Ministry

Sunday, August 11, 4:30 pm. Food distribution begins at 5:45 pm. Continue to bring rice, peanut butter, pop tarts, breakfast bars, and dried beans.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Deacons

Our new church year is fast approaching. As Nominating is already hard at work filling vacancies in the church ministries and Finance is working on a new budget, the Deacons are seeking candidates for the next two year term. While serving as a deacon can be very challenging and demanding, it can also be a time to draw closer to God in a way that you never imagined. Serving as a deacon has grown me in so many ways and has also taken me into a deeper relationship with my God. Scripture spells out the attributes of a deacon or church leader in 1 Timothy 3. Based on God's Word, most of us are left feeling so inadequate and unworthy, but I believe, as a born again Christian, having been cleansed of my sins by the blood of Christ, God can and is using me as long as I am willing. Friend, He can use you too.

Please begin praying about serving as a deacon and if you feel led to serve, let one of our current deacons know. If a deacon speaks to you about serving, rest assured he or she has prayed about it first and I ask you to pray about it, as well, before giving an answer. God just may be working in your heart preparing you for this ministry. God bless each of you.

Joyce Boone
Deacon Chair

BEACON

The next Beacon will go out on August 15th. Call the office if you have events/announcements.

Tickets

Brad Cranford has provided tickets for "From This Day Forward". Call the office if you would like to go. These are on a "first come, first served" basis.