



Prayer Concerns: Darrell Beaver, Ellen Bobbitt, Marianne Casas’ father, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Marty & Judy Daniels, Mary Hill, Ann Huth, Laura Boers (friend of Kathy Mills), Delbert & Becky Lauten, Jr. (Delbert Parkinson’s), Ritchie Longworth, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Murl Moore (Stoney & Becky’s neighbor), Ron Pinyan, Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), Jane Sutphin, and several unspoken prayers.

Our deepest sympathies are expressed to Jason & Kathy Horton in the passing of Jason’s father, Alfred Horton. Please keep them in your prayers.

Yard Sale

The church will be having a yard sale on Saturday, September 27th, from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Spaces are available for \$10. To rent a space, contact Brenda Grose at 336-971-2831.

Save the Date

Our Homecoming Celebration will be on Sunday, October 19th. We will be honoring our Charter members. Come join us for this unique and special time of worship. Lunch will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Children’s Church - Ages 3 to 10

September 7 th	Marianne Casas
September 14 th	Cindy Clark
September 21 st	Julie Striplin
September 28 th	Kathy Horton



September Birthdays

9/4	Hal Little
9/7	Luke Weavil
9/9	Hugo & Cassidy Casas
9/13	Madison Weavil
9/20	Rae Hurley, Dale Lakey, Becky Lauten
9/22	Jeff Honeycutt
9/25	Matthew Nibert
9/26	Marianne Casas
9/30	John Church

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Sunday, September 14th
5:00 PM

Picnic at Triad Park (Shelter 1)! Invite someone who hasn't attended church in a while—it's a chance to reconnect. Hot dogs and buns provided; please bring sides, fixings, drinks, or desserts.

A Word from the Pastor

Lyndon B. Johnson said, "There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few we can solve by ourselves."

We see this in Nehemiah, each person doing his or her part to build the wall around the city of Jerusalem: "From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah who were building the wall." (Nehemiah 4:16-17)

Our tendency is to tackle our problems on our own, but this is the least effective strategy. We need to make a habit of enlisting others to help us face our challenges. Nehemiah made sure that his workers had someone watching their backs; we need the same. As we begin a new church year, may we each do our part.

Grace and Peace
Adam

Family Life Center Fund

At the August church conference, a motion was approved to transfer the funds held in the Family Center Fund. The Trustees, Finance Committee, and Deacons jointly proposed moving the balance of \$8,949.49 to the Building Fund. This recommendation is scheduled for a vote at the September conference.

Piano

Great news! At the August church conference, it was voted to purchase a new Hybrid Yamaha piano for the sanctuary, with a purchase price of \$11,235.00. The church has successfully raised the necessary funds for the piano, and any additional donations will be used to refurbish handbells and other musical equipment.

Baptist Children’s Home

Baptist Children’s Home in Thomasville will have a one-day mission opportunity on Saturday, September 20th, from 8:30am to 1:00pm. There will be projects for all ages. You will work side by side with the resident boys & girls & staff, enjoy a free lunch & hopefully tour a cottage. To register, contact Kristyn Butts @ kbutts@bchfamily.org or call 336-943-3862.

Financial Summary

August 3, 2025		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2357.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 175.00
Total Offering		\$ 2532.00
August 10, 2025		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 6430.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 725.00
Total Offering		\$ 7155.00
August 17, 2025		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2652.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 220.99
Total Offering		\$ 2872.99
August 24, 2025		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4561.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 545.00
Total Offering		\$ 5106.00

General Fund

July General Fund	\$12166.00
July General Fund Expenses	-\$13334.53
July General Fund Net	-\$ 1168.53
July General Fund Balance	\$99517.54



Women on Mission ladies had an early August email meeting on July 23, 2025

AUGUST WOM ACTIVITIES:

For information purposes: Beverly has agreed to continue as our Vice President, Nancy as Inward Meals Coordinator, Jill as Operation Christmas Child Coordinator & Melissa as our Bradford Village West Nursing Home Coordinator.

Hospice Ministry Note: Snack donations continued for both WS & HP Hospice Homes.

Once again there were some Inward Meals provided by WOM ladies during August.

August Mission Projects and Outreach—Members voted & approved the following:

- Spent approximately \$60 for individual bags of candy for the Appalachian Backpacks
- \$97.38 for 100 shoeboxes for the upcoming Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child mission project
- \$300 to sponsor a child at the Baptist Children’s Home for his/her back to school clothing, shoes, school supplies, lab fees & special activities expenses.
- Prepared & served a home-cooked meal to patient family members & staff at the Hospice Home on August 14th. This meal was graciously received & enjoyed by both the visitors & staff. Thank you to everyone who participated in this meal. *(Total expenses are not available at this time.)*

Upcoming Events:

- Canned food collection – see separate announcement
- Another WOM hands-on craft day for Baptist on Mission Disaster Relief will be Saturday @ 9:00am on September 13th with Jean Foster as our coordinator for this event.
- The annual Ladies Fellowship Event (formerly known as the Ladies Tea) for this year has been **cancelled**, but will be rescheduled in the spring of 2026.

How many times have we said, “*What do I say or what can I do?*”? I bet not nearly as many times as we have responded “*I don’t know what to say or I don’t know what to do*”. If only we would pause & pray for God’s guidance & help first, what a difference our response might be. WOM approach to respond positively to mission opportunities is always foremost as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**
--Jane Sutphin

Help us help others! NC Baptists on Mission & our WOM ladies seek your help with providing canned food in the Appalachian Backpacks that we send each year to poverty-stricken youngsters in the Appalachian Coalfield areas. Our goal this year is to fill 48 backpacks. Each backpack must have 3-4 **pop-top cans** of food such as beef stew, ravioli, tuna, vegetables, fruit, etc. If you can help us with this project, there will be collection baskets in all 3 buildings beginning September 1st & ending September 30th. *(Any excess donations of the estimated 168 cans needed will be donated to either Hospice or to Crisis Control Ministry.)* **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THESE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS – NO PLASTIC OR MICROWAVABLE CONTAINERS & MUST BE POP-TOP!!!** Contact Jane Sutphin with questions.