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Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

August 2020



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Mark's Minute

I have started counting calories. Literally. I got an app on my phone called "Lose It!" Now, I NEVER thought that I would EVER track my eating habits and my exercise habits on a daily basis. However, about two weeks ago, I determined that nothing good could come from eating the amount I was eating at the age that I was eating it.

I came to the realization that I was being quite disciplined about my spiritual walk...and my finances...but not my body. Discipline is a word that gets a pretty bad rap. It is often connected with punishment, but in actuality... the word "discipline" is a word that is rooted in "training and instructing". Even a "disciple" is a student/pupil that is growing in training and instruction.

At its core, what do "training and instruction" do? They strengthen us and they grow us. If you don't believe me, just ask an Olympic athlete what his definition of "discipline" is as it relates to his sport. Just ask a student in medical school what her "discipline" is, as it relates to her studies.

But here's the problem. Discipline isn't easy. That's why so many New Year's Day resolutions don't make it to February 1. Getting up early to have a quiet time...and to take my morning walk (especially in the summer...this morning it was HOT!), being intentional about not getting a second helping at dinner, or not sitting with a bag of Doritos in my lap when I watch my favorite show at 9 pm, or choosing NOT to have that bowl of ice cream every night, or doing some morning exercises, or making healthy choices for myself (and for those around me)...isn't always fun...and I don't always LIKE it... but when I remember that it is beneficial to help me develop my spirit, body and mind... THAT is what helps me to view discipline through a positive lens versus a negative lens.

Of course, the Bible views discipline through a positive lens (remember, Jesus followers were "the disciples"). But that's not all. The writer of Hebrews quotes Proverbs 3:11-12, when he writes: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.'"

Now, you might say, "Wait a second, Mark—there, discipline is connected to punishment...isn't that the NEGATIVE side of discipline?" Well...hold on...because this is what the writer of Hebrews says next, starting in Hebrews 12: "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are not true sons." And just listen to verse 10: "Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good (and here's the positive part) THAT WE MAY SHARE IN HIS HOLINESS. No discipline seems pleasant at the time but painful (counting calories –and still being hungry, getting up earlier to have some alone time with God, working out, having to make some choices that don't just affect me...but affect others). Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained for it."

With regard to me...and my calorie counting...the proof will be in the pudding (well, NOT pudding, if I'm counting calories). As for now, I am continuing on...trying to stay disciplined in this other area of my life.

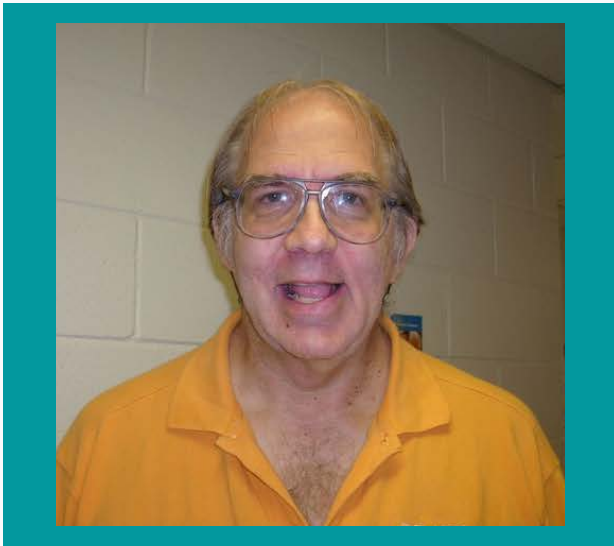
Discipline CAN be a good thing!

In Him,
Pastor Mark

"They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness."

-Hebrews 12:10-





Meet our Deacon for
the Month of August

David Booth

Shut-in of the Month:

Shirley Leftwich

Please remember Shirley this month by sending her a card or calling. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.

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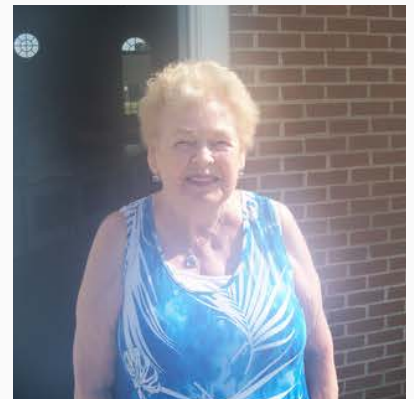


Please remember that visitation is not permitted at most nursing homes and assisted living locations due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Please check in with all of our shut-ins, to make them feel loved, and connected to our church family!

WELCOME

New Members

Left: Karen & Robert Stokes
Right: Jeanne Tate



Prayer Corner

Having missed writing an article for last month's newsletter, it's good to be back. Hopefully what I have to say will be encouraging.

After tasting just a couple of weeks of "freedom" and somewhat "normalcy", the bad news is Covid-19 is once again on the rise. Numbers are soaring and little by little things are being forced to close back down.

I am a very visual person, and all I can think of is a clam shell. The critter lives alone in his little dark shell. While immersed in water it only opens to feed, then immediately closes back up again. It is during this time that a grain of sand or parasite can enter the shell. From there one of two things happen: 1. NOTHING or 2. a beautiful pearl begins to form.

It is unknown just how long we will have to retreat to our little dark shells once again.

As we sit and wait to "re-open" I pray that each of us will be forming a beautiful little pearl.

One day when this is all over and we can share our stories, our pearls will begin to be strung together and the beautiful, priceless, necklace will appear that we can lay at God's feet.

Find creative ways to remain positive. Keep your mind alert and your body healthy. So, each morning as we enter our prayer time, pray to turn every burden into "help me", every pleasure into "thank you" and every temptation into "deliver me" and every opportunity for obedience into "strengthen me."

Until next month stay safe and be blessed!

In Christ's love,

Dee





Stewardship Snippet

Over the past several years some of you have taken the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace course. You have learned many good ways to turn your financial situation around. A refresher course may be good for you and for those that have never taken a financial education course, this may be just what's needed to help you get out of debt and plan for the future. But more importantly, hopefully, it will help you see God's perspective on stewardship and money. The Stewardship Committee wants to provide education on Biblical Stewardship.

Many of you may have used these principles without even realizing you were handling God's gifts the way He wanted you to. They are practical, applicable and useful, in the past, now or in the future. They are timeless because they are God's principles. As Ron Blue states, "Biblical principles, which are always right, always relevant, are never going to change. When they are applied to your life, you will overcome your money struggles and move to financial freedom."

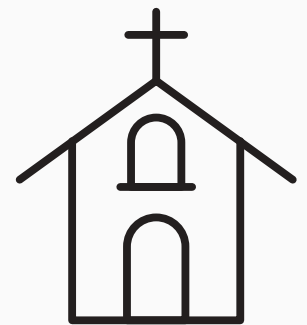
We will be presenting course material from Ron Blue's Master Your Money and Tony Evans Kingdom Stewardship. As many of you have taken Dave Ramsey you will see many of the same principles but presented in a different way. Again, all of the ideas about money and stewardship have stood the test of time. We hope to answer questions like, "God, what do you want me to do with the money you have given me to manage?" Let's see what God has in store for us as we search God's Word about stewardship and financial contentment.

"Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has the more he wants. Better is little with fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith." Benjamin Franklin.

CHURCH BUILDING USAGE GUIDELINES

- Church Committees may start using the building now.
- Church events will be reviewed case by case.
- No outside groups will be allowed to use the church building at this time.
- No funerals at this time.
- The leadership team (in conjunction with our Sunday School Director) will be meeting again to discuss Sunday School and the best way to approach having each class meet. They will be discussing a hybrid of virtual, in-person onsite, in-person offsite, and scheduling having the classes throughout the week.
- Groups of 6 or less will use the conference room, more than 6 will need to use the fellowship hall/gym.
- Must maintain social distance.
- Wear masks.
- For committee meetings each chair must make accommodations for those who are not comfortable coming (i.e. Zoom, Face Time, Skype, conference call, etc.)
- Each chair is responsible for getting the sprayer to disinfect. (Check-list of what to clean will be posted)
- Only one group at a time.

In order to schedule and reserve the conference room or fellowship hall/gym, please contact Kelly by calling the church office at 804-746-7737 or e-mail her at shalombaptist@verizon.net. All reservations will be available on the church calendar on our website at www.shalombaptist.net.



Check out Shalom's new and improved website at www.shalombaptist.net. It is secure and mobile friendly. You can easily access sermon outlines, newsletters, the church calendar and Shalom's YouTube channel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Director: Debbie Taylor

Secretary: Mary Lee Wilberger

Preschool Division

Leyna Neal

Donna Gammon

Ashley Clear (thru Dec. 2020)

Carol Gray

Substitute: Page Baber, Wanda Hudson, Janet Smith,
Kim Stanley

Children's Division

David Booth

Evelyn Rice

Darlene Grubbs

Tiffany Agee

Desiree Pippen

John Pippen

Substitute: Kim Stanley, Marcia Thomas, Grace Shortt

Youth Division

Denise Price

Gayle Revere

Jim Glass

Substitute: Kevin Clear (thru Dec. 2020)

Adult Division

Canfield

Co-Teachers: Ken Hein & Harvey Trice

Coed

Teacher: Ray Gifford

Substitute: Ethel Johnson

Friendship

Teacher: Vicki Trice-Romano

Co-Teacher: Joanna Vasconi

Believers

Teacher: Frances Shumaker

Substitutes for Friendship & Believers:

Sandy Russell, Peggy Hedgepath,
Chuck Hubble

Koinonia

Teacher: Ron Bowles

Co-Teacher: Tommy Owens

TNT

Teacher: Robbie Brooks

Co-Teacher: Craig Secor

Young Adult

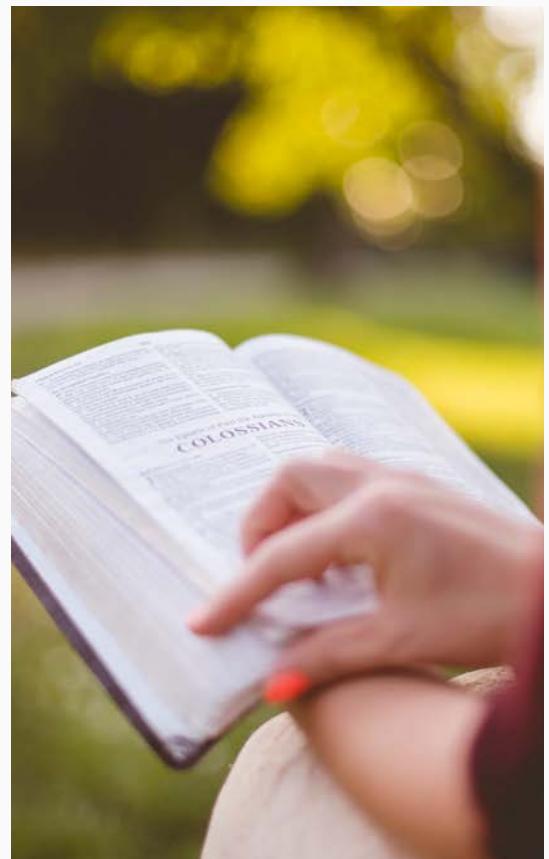
Teacher: Tiffany Miller

Co-Teacher: Ed Kidder

It Is Written

Teacher: Kevin Kelly

Co-Teacher: Brian Friedel





Hello fellow quarentiners (especially with youth),

Remember those days, not too long ago, where we were so-o-o-o busy with our lives that passing ourselves coming and going in our homes was an everyday occurrence. AND so was -- falling asleep anywhere, anytime; having a personal revolving door at work or school; have the car running day and night while en route to.....(fill in the blank) you have a 'Home Alone' moment. Then, you get a moment to sit, take a break to recharge and as your eyelids close, you let out a very long sigh of relief, briefly, becauseyou feel guilty and hope no one catches you at rest. You open your eyes, look around and wonder how you got to your bed. For many of us this scenario, and others that are similar, was normal.

'Normal', as defined by the Oxford Dictionary is "conforming to a standard; usual, typical, or expected." Okay. What were the standards that were usual, typical, or expected that we were conforming too? Think about Family? Work? Socializing? Worship with the body of Christ and throughout the week? School? Sharing The Gospel? Ministry? " I urge you, then, brothers, remembering the mercies of God; that is the kind of worship for you, as sensible people. Do not model (conform) your behavior on the contemporary world, but let the renewing of your minds transform you, so that you may discern for yourselves what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and mature." (Rom.12:1,2 Jerusalem Bible) Was our 'normal' Christian life, our minds, conforming to contemporary world standards? The usual, typical, and expected way of life? Or were our minds transformed to discern what is the will of God and "what is good and acceptable and mature." Makes you look forward to as is being told for us to expect, 'The New Normal'!!

The 'New Normal',as defined by Merriam-Webster, is "not typical; irregular, unusual". So, as I read it, the abnormality that disrupted our lives and continues to do so with the virus, and in the increase of lawlessness and hatred of all kinds. The disrespect of people and property, with little or no accountability will now become....normal?! Is there a positive life altering, uplifting alternative to 'normal'? Please take the time to devour Acts 2 and see how the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and their results of being filled with the Holy Spirit!

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Soak in how the effects of preaching The Gospel by Paul with Silas, Jason and many other believers were making such an impact in Thessalonica that "The Jews, full of resentment, enlisted the help of a gang from a marketplace, stirred up a crowd, and soon had the whole city in an uproar." This crowd went to Jason's house and found him and "a few of the brothers, and these they dragged before the city council, shouting, 'the people who have been TURNING the WHOLE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN are here now...'" (Acts 17:1-6 JB)

How will this 'new normal' affect your family? Work? Socializing? School? Worship together on Sundays and throughout the week, and, how will it affect.....youth ministry? Ask yourselves what do you think youth ministry will look like when we are able to get back together? What do you see happening with the youth in our community/society as it is now. These questions may result in other questions being raised as you and the teens in your home discuss going back to normalcy, accepting the 'new normal' or ? (suggested reading John 13 - 17 and Heb.11).

Parents of 6th-12th, we are updating our address book and would like to have the following information about your teen/s:

- Their names
- Address
- Grade
- School
- DOB
- Cell Phone #
- Email
- Hobby/Hobbies
- Extracurricular activities

Also, would you please let us know what he/she/they would most likely participate:

- Sunday Morning Worship (8:30am or 11am)
- Sunday Night Youth Group (6-7:30pm)
- Wed. Night Dinner (5:30-6:15pm)
- Wed. Night Youth Group-Life Group (6:15-7:15pm)

If you have any questions, my cell phone number is 804-922-6453 and my email address is craigrsecor@gmail.com. We'll do our best in answering them.

On behalf of the youth committee and our youth workers, we thank you for your prayers and support. We look forward to hearing and seeing you soon.

In His Love and Service,
The Youth Committee, Youth Workers and
Craig R. Secor, Chairman, Youth Committee

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT & EXPENDITURES

Financial Report June 30, 2020

Account Balances

	Designation	Balance 6/30/20	Outstanding Deposit or Check	6/30/2020
Essex Bank- Checking	General	145,292.67	31,987.84	113,304.83
Essex Bank- Savings	General	149,667.65		149,667.65
BOA - Dreyfus Inst Prefrd Govt Mm	General	295,367.54		295,367.54
Total General Fund		590,327.86		558,340.02
Bank of America - Checking	BFF	5,000.14		5,000.14
Blackrock Money Market Fund	BFF	66,669.83		66,669.83
Total Building for the Future		71,669.97		71,669.97
Franklin Templeton Investments	6/30/20	Shares 3,801.96	Share Value 9.99	37,981.58

Breakdown of Receipts:

		Bank Balance - 6/30/20	145,292.67
		Outstanding Checks	31,987.84
		Outstanding Deposit	
		Checkbook Balance	113,304.83
Budget	328,395.40		
Building for the Future	19,224.61		
Designated	50,199.86		
Receipts 2020	397,819.87		
		Designated Funds	
		(Included in Bank of Essex Accounts)	
		Benevolence	2,613.79
		Benevolence - Covid-19	10,055.00
		Pastor Designated	525.03
		Wednesday Suppers	9,275.90
		International Missions	2,200.05
		Cancer Support	2,711.67
		Overcomers Outreach	0.00
		Gingerbread Cottage	4,900.00
Receipts 2020	397,762.86		
Interest	57.01		
Total Receipts 2020	397,819.87		

Shalom Baptist Church
Expenditure June 30, 2020

		Budget	Expenditures to Date	Balance	Percent Spent
100	MISSION MINISTRIES				
101	Cooperative Program (7%)	40,062.00	22,983.69	17,078.31	57.37%
102	Dover (3%)	17,169.00	9,850.15	7,318.85	57.37%
103	Domestic Missions	2,000.00	(587.50)	2,587.50	-29.38%
104	International Missions	2,000.00	(587.50)	2,587.50	-29.38%
105	Moments of Hope	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
106	M.C.E.F.	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
107	Deacon Outreach	1,000.00	201.05	798.95	20.11%
108	Outreach & Evangelism	2,500.00	292.13	2,207.87	11.69%
	Total Mission Ministries	65,731.00	32,152.02	33,578.98	48.91%
200	PASTORAL MINISTRY				
201	Pastor	70,990.00	35,495.04	35,494.96	50.00%
202	Housing	21,705.00	10,852.56	10,852.44	50.00%
203	Annuity	2,700.00	1,275.00	1,425.00	47.22%
205	Life Insurance	630.00	630.00	0.00	100.00%
206	Disability Insurance	453.00	226.08	226.92	49.91%
	Total Pastoral Ministries	96,478.00	48,478.68	47,999.32	50.25%
300	EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES				
301	Sunday School	8,000.00	3,960.64	4,039.36	49.51%
302	Key Leader-Training	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00%
303	Vacation Bible School	3,500.00	229.99	3,270.01	6.57%
304	Young Adult Ministry	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
305	Men's Ministry	750.00	171.46	578.54	22.86%
306	Senior Adults	750.00	162.53	587.47	21.67%
307	Youth Activities	8,500.00	181.97	8,318.03	2.14%
308	Children Activities	4,800.00	159.26	4,640.74	3.32%
309	Nursery	13,360.00	2,910.00	10,450.00	21.78%
310	Women's Ministry	750.00	59.02	690.98	7.87%
311	Athletic and Recreation	1,000.00	152.59	847.41	15.26%
312	Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
313	Music Activities	3,000.00	1,231.56	1,768.44	41.05%
314	Discipleship	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
315	Ministerial Education	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00%
316	WMU	500.00	300.00	200.00	60.00%
	Total Educational Ministries	47,910.00	9,519.02	38,390.98	19.87%
400	PERSONNEL				
401	Minister of Music & Worship	25,499.00	12,749.52	12,749.48	50.00%
402	Church Musician	17,029.00	8,514.48	8,514.52	50.00%
403	Ministry Assistant	26,516.00	13,257.96	13,258.04	50.00%
404	Minister to Children	16,960.00	0.00	16,960.00	0.00%
405	Minister to Youth /Associate Pastor	46,892.00	0.00	46,892.00	0.00%
407	FICA	6,580.00	2,640.96	3,939.04	40.14%
	Total Personnel	139,476.00	37,162.92	102,313.08	26.64%

		Budget	Expenditures to Date	Balance	Percent Spent
500	SUPPORT MINISTRIES				
501	Pulpit Supply	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00%
502	Stewardship	3,800.00	2,804.49	995.51	72.35%
503	Kitchen	5,000.00	949.97	4,050.03	19.00%
504	Flowers & Decorations	1,000.00	307.84	692.16	30.78%
506	Special Events	3,000.00	148.97	2,851.03	4.97%
507	Bereavement	300.00	184.72	115.28	61.57%
508	Worship Supplies	1,000.00	208.28	791.72	20.83%
509	Drama	1,000.00	744.15	255.85	74.42%
510	HeBrews Café	1,500.00	330.97	1,169.03	22.06%
	Total Support Ministries	16,700.00	5,479.39	11,220.61	32.81%
600	ADMINISTRATIVE				
601	Publicity	2,500.00	698.16	1,801.84	27.93%
602	Office Expense	5,000.00	1,522.29	3,477.71	30.45%
603	Copier	4,700.00	2,182.10	2,517.90	46.43%
604	Postage	1,000.00	646.99	353.01	64.70%
605	Checks & Safe Deposit	75.00	98.86	(23.86)	131.81%
606	Insurance (Vehicle & Workers Comp)	2,500.00	2,590.85	(90.85)	103.63%
607	Insurance & Taxes (Building & Umbrella)	8,800.00	9,493.93	(693.93)	107.89%
608	Motor Vehicle	2,000.00	182.05	1,817.95	9.10%
609	Technology & Audio Visual	15,000.00	2,496.53	12,503.47	16.64%
610	Security Checks	325.00	108.00	217.00	33.23%
611	Church Staff Expenses	7,300.00	1,493.78	5,806.22	20.46%
612	Key Man Life Insurance	200.00	189.00	11.00	94.50%
613	Investment/Retention Plan	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	50.00%
614	Miscellaneous	10,000.00	3,519.39	6,480.61	35.19%
	Total Administrative	69,400.00	30,221.93	39,178.07	43.55%
700	BUILDING & GROUNDS				
701	Maintenance	38,100.00	13,680.61	24,439.39	35.85%
702	Telephone	4,920.00	2,652.06	2,267.94	53.90%
703	Natural Gas	6,000.00	386.98	5,613.02	6.45%
704	Electricity	14,400.00	5,481.36	8,918.64	38.07%
705	Water & Sewer	1,500.00	1,193.79	306.21	79.59%
706	Cell Phone Allowance	3,800.00	1,020.00	2,580.00	28.33%
707	Cleaning Services	35,500.00	9,950.00	25,550.00	28.03%
708	Mortgage - VA Baptist Extension Bd	16,753.00	1,479.38	15,273.62	8.83%
709	Mortgage - House	15,840.00	6,881.96	8,958.04	43.45%
	Total Building & Grounds	136,613.00	42,706.14	93,906.86	31.26%
	TOTAL BUDGET	572,308.00	205,720.10	366,587.90	35.95%
	Capital Campaign		0.00		
	Parking Lot Expansion		187,499.12		
	Total General Fund Expenditures		393,219.22		

The Shalom Home Has Been SOLD!

As of Tuesday, June 21st, the Shalom Home has been sold. Thank you to those who assisted in that process, including, Properties Committee, Marcia Thomas, Wayne Hufner, and Vicki Trice-Romano (who listed it). Also, thank you to our Trustees for their leadership. The property sold for \$240,000 and the equity ended up being \$65,410.77.

Hallelujah!

CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

Movie Under the Stars



"Trolls World Tour"
Saturday, August 15th
MOVIE STARTS @ 8:30pm
Pizza available from 7pm-8pm

We are planning for Turbo's Shaved Ice Food Truck to be on-site for purchase from 7:15pm-8:15pm.

**Due to Covid-19 we ask that families practice social distancing and please know that the Shalom volunteers will be handling food distribution in a safe manner. Please remember to bring your own chairs.*

Celebrate!

August Anniversaries

3rd	Charlie & Gloria Blackwell
5th	Zach & Amy Neal
6th	Buddy & Jerry Kelly
9th	Dan & Martha Thompson
11th	Brandon & Victoria Byrd
22nd	B.W. & Maggie Alexander Jerry & Frances Johnson
24th	Adam & Charity Baker
28th	Donald & Terrie Felts

August Birthday's

2nd	Emma Trice	18th	Sandy Russell
3rd	Warren Estes Ruth Reeves	19th	John Karsten Jane Snead Melinda Wilson
4th	Wilma Jeffcoat		Charles Wingfield
5th	Michele Lester Jenna Thompson	22nd	Dean Blackwell Vonnie Loving Wallace Taylor
6th	Camden Glass Morgan Miller	23rd	Dana Hess Tom Lewis
7th	Jake Broaddus Harvey Trice	24th	Jim Fraley
8th	Don Setliff Barbara Tribble	26th	JJ Crew Rhonda Neal
10th	Wilson Duke Mary Revere	28th	Breanna Blake Landon Brooks Cindy Kelly
11th	Brian Seebeck	29th	Dot Cosby
12th	Lizzie Blake	30th	C.B. Bell Carl Boshier Lori Glass Slip Neal
13th	Wortley Harris Betty Hauser		
15th	Joyce Freed		
16th	Joan Bowles		
17th	Tammy Olsen Lottie Williams		



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BACK 2 SCHOOL

Remember to pray for our students, teachers, parents, staff, & administration as they begin this school year!

"CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM
BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU."

1 PETER 5:7

