

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2013

Ben's Pen

June is a big month for a number of our young adults. They are graduating. Congratulations and prayers are due for each one of them. They are entering a new phase in their lives. We will be honoring them in worship on June 2. Another thing struck me recently. I was able to go Auburn, Alabama and celebrate the 40th anniversary (and retirement) of the Minister of Music of First Baptist Church. I was reminded of the role that he played in my dealing with God's call on my life as a minister. It was a positive relationship. As the school year ends I am reminded of the role teachers and coaches played in my life. I see my children playing competitive sports and see the relationships with the coaches. We have tremendous opportunities to shape the next generation. Parents play a huge role, but teachers, coaches, church workers, and others have a definite opportunity to help shape others. Do I, do you take advantage of those opportunities in our lives? Will someone look back in a few years and give thanks to God that you or I were in their lives? As we celebrate with our graduates this month, let us give thanks for our mentors and let us seek to be Godly mentors in the future.

Serving God together,

The Deacons are hosting a cookout and singing on Saturday, June 22 at 5:30 p.m. There are a couple of singing groups lined up to lead us. There are some good cooks planning on grilling some tasty food for us. Make your plans to join us for the evening.

Mark your calendars for July 15-19 for this year's Vacation Bible School – Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God. Children will experience a medieval times kingdom and learn the ways God helps us stand strong. Helpers are needed. There will also be some requests for items to help decorate the "castle" at 5001 Arcadia Road. Please sign up on the Education Building bulletin board or contact Susan Thomas at 540-834-2124 if you want to volunteer or have questions.

Another Standing Rock, SD Mission Trip is scheduled for July 29 – August 2. Our own Linda Lee is a part of the Fredericksburg team again. There are a number of items needed for the team to minister to our Native American friends. The large goal is to provide a new pair of shoes for each child on the Bullhead Reservation. You can provide the new shoes or the money to buy a pair. The team is also collecting a number of other items: new socks and underwear (for adults and children), Sharpie markers, 1" safety pins, and financial donations to defray travel costs. The deadline for donating items is June 15. A drop-off box is in the Education Building. Please pray for the team as they prepare and the reservation residents to have open hearts.

The July *Highlights* article deadline is June 19th.

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June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm Graduation Recog.	3 Men's Ministry 7:00 pm	4	5 Bible Study 10:00 am	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	10	11	12 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	13 Deacons 7:00 pm	14	15
16 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm FATHER'S DAY	17	18	19 Bible Study 10:00 am <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	20	21 <i>Summer begins</i>	22 Cookout & Singing 5:30 pm
23 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	24	25 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	26 Bible Study 10:00 am _____	27 Work Night 6:00 pm CBF – Greensboro, NC	28 _____	29
30 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm						1

June Birthdays

1 – Brenda Johnson	11 – Dorothy Gatewood
1 – Tricia Rogers	16 – Randy Lopez
2 – Caitlin Morris	22 – James Hockaday
5 – Buck Acors	28 – Linda Lee
7 – Eddie Steckler	28 – Emmitt Marshall

June Anniversaries

13 – Kathleen & Russell Howard
 22 – Julie & Jack Newberry
 26 – Judy & Nelson Reid

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Nell Durrett
Ruby Bullock	Violet Henshaw
Brenda Cannon	Douglas Jones
Bobby Carnahan	

Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
Dickie Bettis	(540) 898-0122
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Danny Lee	(540) 582-8213
Harry Newman	(804) 448-1502
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

Deacon of the Month:

Al Baker

The mission of Bethany Baptist Church is to make a positive impact for Jesus Christ with people who live in our community by sharing the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ and by growing together as the family of God.

Just a thought...

There's a new margarine on the market named RUMOR – because it spreads so easily and quickly.