

July-First Baptist Church Creedmoor

Birthdays

Martha Purvis 7/1
Pastor Nick Garner 7/1
Carolyn Neville 7/7
Susan Haskins 7/9
Nicole Steele 7/11
Annie Laura Warren 7/12
Judy James 7/13
Sammy Moore 7/15
Martha Bailey 7/18
Henry Jenkins 7/19
Wendy Bowling 7/28

Sarah Jenkins 7/29
Natasha Bolick 7/30
Jackie Bullock 7/30
George Sloan 7/30

Anniversaries

Steve & Pauline Faucette 7/8
James & Susan Haskins 7/14
Mike & Toni Anne Wheeler
7/16

Prayer Concerns

Helen Davenport
Claire Cash
Judy James & Family
Frank Dickerson
Ralph & Laverne Seagroves
Jim Nelms
Donna Moore's mother
Pauline Faucette
Jim Shelley

A Note From the Pastor

Dear FBC Church Family,

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the resignation of our Ministry Assistant, Christa Arnold. Christa has worked at FBCC for two and a half years and was recently offered an exciting job opportunity that she has decided to accept. We have mixed emotions because she has been a key member of our church staff and has done an outstanding job in her role while she has been here, and we will miss her as a co-worker. At the same time, we are excited about what God has in store for her and her family moving forward. Thankfully, she and her family will continue to be a part of our church family and plan to remain involved in the ministries of First Baptist Creedmoor. Christa will be leaving in mid-July, and we are currently working to put together a new job description for a position that combines the duties of her role as Ministry Assistant and many of the Church Administrator duties that have been taken on by her position since last year. An active search for a new staff member will begin soon, but in the meantime, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to help answer phones and answer the door from 9 AM until noon on weekdays. If you are willing to help for one day, or for multiple days, please contact the church office at (919) 528-2351 or Pastor Eric at (919) 636-1933.

Eric Mann
Senior Pastor, FBC Creedmoor

The Creedmoor Cemetery Association is in search of anyone that may be interested in assisting them with the general care needs of the Creedmoor Cemetery. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact Neena Nowell at catingreenfarm@aol.com.



Youth Ministry:

Summer Camp: We are taking 17 students to attend Mfuge Summer camp from July 5th – July 10th. Here they spent a week studying God's word and growing in their relationship with God as they worked to share God's word through various missions' activities.

Children's Ministry:

Summer Camp: We took 13 kids to attend Centrikid Summer camp from June 28th – July 2nd. Here they spent an entire week studying God's work and growing closer to Him.

Vacation Bible School:

This year we will be having a modified in-person VBS. It will be shorter than in years past and station leaders will rotate to the kids' classrooms, instead of the kids rotating to various classrooms to limit contact with other groups. Opening and closing ceremonies will take place in the gym to allow kids to space out. Our Theme is Mystery Island, and the dates will be July 25th -29th, 2021. We hope that you will join us in praying for the kids and families will be ministering to this week.



FBC Creedmoor will have a booth set up at this special event. If you're interested in assisting and representing FBC Creedmoor, even for just a short period of time that day, please let us know!

A Note From Our Deacons, July 2021

We hope that you have found the profiles of our deacons over the past several months informative, and that through them you have gotten to know us a little better – names, formative years, families, careers, hobbies, church involvement, etc. Since all of our current deacons have now been profiled, we dispense with further profiles, at least for the time being. The deacons of the month for July are Ashley Newton and David Forsythe, who were profiled in the February newsletter. But, like that 2:00 AM t.v. infomercial, there's more. Who are our deacons, collectively?

Scripture answers in 1 Tim 3:8-10, Acts 6:1-7, and Romans 16:1, which address qualifications and role of deacons. Sounds simply like – service. That is our heart's desire, to love Him more, thus enabling us to serve His church better so that every member is not only cared for but feels cared for. But there is more which contributes to how our diaconate functions.

Across many Baptist churches, FBCC being no exception, over decades the role of deacon has been expanded to merge those qualifications and responsibilities for deacons as addressed in scripture with those addressed for elders. There are far more scriptural references to the latter role, which is also translated pastors or overseers. While technically we don't even use the word "elder" in most Baptist churches, we've come to expect the combination, or parts thereof, drawn from Biblical reference. FBCC By-laws expand expectations and responsibilities for the diaconate even further. Article 9. "Officers", paragraph C. "Deacons/Deaconesses" details under subparagraph 5 duties akin to those of pastors. Subparagraph 6 addresses the diaconate's role as board of directors. In combination a challenging "job description". Ironically, sometimes this complex combination can temporarily distract us from that which we are called to be, want to be, and strive to be. Least we forget, that's service. Administrative matters often surface and intervene. Sometimes, though transparency and timely disclosure to the congregation are desirable, the men and women of the diaconate are pledged to respect and protect the right to confidentiality, as are many of you. Not a "secret society" that makes decisions in a vacuum, our deacons adhere to a process which is meant to ultimately promote the best interest of FBCC, although there are times when extraordinary circumstance dictate expediency. COVID-19 provides more than one recent example.

If the individual members comprise the body of Christ (1 Cor 12-27), then maybe an analogy can be drawn to the human body. There are 14 major systems, each of which serves specific functions that promote the survival and health of the body. In a similar way, the diaconate serves as a system, designed by God for a specific purpose to the betterment of the body, and ultimately to glorify and honor Christ the Son and God the Father.

Most of our deacons are still in the workforce. All have family responsibilities that demand our time. It is hard to be the deacons that you deserve, that scripture requires, that we want to be. We need your help! Upon ordination, every deacon has entered into covenant agreement with the rest of the body. We covet your prayers so that we are better able to be that to which we are called, and along with you all to not only remain, but grow In His Service!

Tommy



Summer Camp
Enjoyed cones with
cops this month!

We even got Creed-
moor Police Depart-
ment to join us in a
game of dodgeball!