



Candle of Love Newsletter September, 2023



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School is back in session and we are hitting the ground running this September. At our Leadership Retreat last month, we reviewed our Vision Statement: “God our Focus, People our Mission!” and then discussed what our goal or objective as a church should be. In the end we came up with the following statement:

“Our objective is to grow mature and fruitful disciples of Jesus.”

In other words, we don’t just want people to give their lives to Christ and then stay as spiritual babies the rest of their lives, we want our church to be producing mature believers who grow in their faith and go out and share the Gospel with others and create other mature believers that repeat the same process. This is what healthy discipleship looks like. We discussed the fact that deep discipleship happens in the context of strong relationships. So, our discussion then focused on what steps we need to take to help people develop stronger relationships with others and mature in their faith. This process has several steps and different ways to approach it, and we are starting with some basic steps upon which we will build other initiatives. To start off, we will be bringing back our Welcome Center. Actually, we’re creating two Welcome Centers. One will be in the area outside the Shelley Prayer room and small conference room, the other will be in the Library behind the Sanctuary. Our hope is that these two areas will be places where people can congregate, grab a cup of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa, and connect with one another. We plan to have these areas “staffed” with volunteers who can help share information, point visitors in the right direction, and be a friendly face to greet those who stop by. We will also have displays or handouts about upcoming events, church ministries, and other helpful information for people to know about. Additionally, we will be planning more regular church get-togethers where we can share a meal and grow in our relationships across age groups and ministries.

More information will be coming out soon, so keep an eye out for those activities, and come visit one of our “Welcome Centers” on a Sunday morning. Please be praying for our church, for these first few initiatives as they get started, and for the leaders as we plan other bigger steps that will help lead our church toward our objective of growing mature, fruitful disciples of Jesus.

DEACON’S MINISTRY



“The Light Through Us”

Reflecting on the sermon of August 27, “Called to Make a Difference”, I am reminded of the “Light the World” painting found in our church vestibule that shows Jesus holding a candle which represents the light He is to all who believe. We are His Light in Creedmoor and beyond. We are making a difference as we live out,

“God Our Focus, People Our Mission”.

I have chosen a devotional from “Our Daily Bread” as “food for thought” with scripture and a guiding prayer.

Your Deacon Board: Serving with you and for you.

Toni Anne Wheeler, Deacon Chair.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

As I sat in the courtroom, I witnessed several examples of the brokenness of our world: a daughter estranged from her mother; a husband and wife who’d lost the love they once had and now shared only bitterness; a husband who yearned to be reconciled with his wife and to be reunited with his children. They desperately needed changed hearts, healed wounds, and for God’s love to prevail.

Sometimes when the world around us seems to hold only darkness and despair, it’s easy to give in to despair. But then the Spirit, who lives inside believers in Christ (John 14:17), reminds us that Jesus died for that brokenness and pain. When He came into the world as a human, He brought light into the darkness (1:4–5; 8:12). We see this in His conversation with Nicodemus, who furtively came to Jesus in the cover of darkness but left impacted by the Light (3:1–2; 19:38–40).

Jesus taught Nicodemus that “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (3:16).

Yet even though Jesus brought light and love into the world, many remain lost in the darkness of their sin (v. 19–20). If we’re His followers, we have the light that dispels darkness. In gratitude, let’s pray that God will make us beacons of His love (Matthew 5:14–16).

By: Alyson Kieda

Reflect & Pray

When has your hope been renewed through remembering that God loves you?

How can you share Christ’s light with others?

Thank You, God, for coming to save me from the darkness of sin and despair. Help me to remain in Your light.

Taking the Gospel to Southern Granville and beyond...



AWANA – AWANA will kickoff for the semester on Wednesday September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Each night children will study the Bible, sing songs, play games, and learn about Jesus. We are looking forward to another great year of discipleship on Wednesdays.

Dive – Our Youth are currently in a series called “Amplify” where they are looking to develop and amplify their faith as they seek to live for and share Christ with those around them.

Fall Events:

Boston Mission Trip: We have a team heading to Boston September 9th – 14th, 2023. While there we will be helping provide childcare for a member meeting, helping lead a fall kickoff event, evangelizing at the t-stops, and helping Beacon Community Church with various events and activities.

Here are a few ways you can pray for Beacon Community Church and the pastor:

- ★ Pray for a culture of wisdom and bold evangelism at Beacon
- ★ Pray that we are able to continue to disciple the next generation and make evangelistic in-roads to the hundreds of young people in Belmont
- ★ Pray for God's grace and protection over the Beacon's Pastor family and the congregation families
- ★ Pray for continued growth at Beacon both in quality of discipleship and quantity of disciples
- ★ Pray for sufficient volunteers and participation across-the-board as we work with the children and the youth.
- ★ Pray for an ongoing culture of evangelism and discipleship to reach out to neighbors, coworkers, classmates and community members.
- ★ Please pray for courage and grace as we disciple our people in the midst of a culture of unbiblical sexual liberty.
- ★ Pray for wisdom and provision on some building maintenance issues, mainly, a chimney repair.
- ★ Pray for the team that they will be valuable additions to Beacon while there.

Father/Son Retreat:

Camp Caraway (where we take our kids to winter camp) hosts a father/son retreat in the fall.

Here is a description of the retreat: It is important for men to be active in the development of boys in their life! We believe there is no better way to continue this important relationship than attending a fun 2 night retreat together. Father-Son Retreats are for dads or male mentors and boys in grades 1-8. They choose from **fun** activities and recreation to do together which may include games, swimming, archery, air rifles, shot guns, sling shots, zip line, or climbing wall in addition to other meaningful activities such as worship, Bible teaching, and good food.

While each father/son would select their own activities to do during the activity times, we can go as a group and fellowship with one another while also investing in our son's lives.

Currently we have 5 families signed up. Please join me in praying for our Fathers who are making plans to invest in and disciple their son's this weekend.

Fall Retreat – Fort Caswell

Dive will be attending the Youth Fall Retreat at Fort Caswell this November where the youth will spend a weekend diving into God's word and examine why living according to Jesus' words truly matters. This will take place November 3rd – 5th. We currently have 15 students signed up to attend.

Ladies Meeting

September 11th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room
All ladies are delightfully invited to participate.

We will be having a planning session to look for a fresh approach as to how we can serve together.
So if you have some ideas or a vision for things we should be doing, we want to hear from you.
If you are unable to attend in person but wanted to join by phone please text Nelda Haines 919-641—9307 or Robin Newton 919-235-2191

**Please be in prayer for the upcoming Deacon nominations during the first three Sundays of September.*

If you feel led to nominate someone, prayerfully consider talking with them soon.

Deacon Qualification/Nomination forms are available
Sept 3rd– 17th at the entry points of the church.
For more information, reach out to Pastor Eric or one of our deacons - Toni Anne, Robin, Glenn or Janice.



Volunteer for Ministry Team and Committees 2024

Are you looking for a way to get involved and serve at First Baptist? Volunteer forms and descriptions of our different teams are now available. Pick up a packet and fill out what areas you are interested in helping with. You can turn in completed packets at the church office or put them in the offering plate as it goes by.
At First Baptist Church Creedmoor, there is a place for everyone, and we hope you will to be a part of our Ministry Teams and Committees.



September Birthdays

Lukas Pauplis.....	September 01
Pamela Andrews.....	September 02
Janet Player.....	September 11
Madyson Brooks.....	September 14
Erin Canada.....	September 14
Brian Fisher.....	September 17
Jeff Faucette.....	September 18
Ava Kurtz.....	September 18
Grayson Paynter.....	September 19
Neal Woodlief.....	September 19
Katelyn Mann.....	September 21
Homer Grause.....	September 24
Billy Fisher.....	September 25
Brenda Lawler.....	September 26
David Bailey.....	September 27
Bennie Goodwin.....	September 27
Nilda CaBan-Soto.....	September 28
Jim Lee.....	September 28
Jim Nelms.....	September 28
Don Washington.....	September 28
Kim Talley.....	September 30

September Anniversaries

Dennis and Carolyn Wooten.....	September 04
Jeff and Betsy Faucette.....	September 06
Kyle and Kristi Thomas.....	September 15
Kenneth and Sue Woodlief.....	September 21
Wesley and Connie Separk.....	September 22
Robby and Terry Roberson.....	September 30

If your name or someone in your family is not in the list please call the office at 919-528-2351 to update your information. Thank You!



Samaritan's Purse by the Month
The items for September are
Sidewalk Chalk and Flip Flops

Thank you for assisting with
this special project.



Upcoming Events for September 2023

- ⇒ Every Monday, volunteer opportunity at the Thrift Shop, everyone is welcome—10:00 am-3:00 pm
- ⇒ Awana—Wednesdays, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm
- ⇒ Adult Bible Study Wednesdays—6:30 pm-7:45 pm
- ⇒ Dive Bible Study Wednesdays—6:30 pm-7:45 pm
- ⇒ Dive Together 2nd and 4th Saturdays - 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
- ⇒ Sept 3rd, 9:45 am 1st Sunday Children & Youth Breakfast
- ⇒ Sept 4th, Church and Academy Closed for Labor Day
- ⇒ Sept 5th, volunteer opportunity at the Thrift Shop, everyone is welcome—10:00 am-3:00 pm
- ⇒ Sept 6th and 20th, Food Distribution, 9 am-11:30 am
- ⇒ Sept 9th—14th Boston Mission Trip
- ⇒ Sept 11th, Women's Mission Group meeting at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room
- ⇒ Sept 19th, Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Sept 24th, Deacon's Board Meeting—12:15 pm
- ⇒ Sept 25th, Thrift Shop Committee meeting—5:30 pm in the Thrift Shop

• October 25th Business Meeting



Jesus said,
"Go home to
your own
people and tell
them how
much the Lord
has done for
you, and how
he has had
mercy on
you." Mark 5:19

Prayer Concerns

- ✝ Our church
- ✝ Boston Mission Trip
- ✝ Patricia Chapman-Heath concerns
- ✝ Mary Lou Brodgen, our former church administrator, diagnosed with cancer, moved to Hillcrest Nursing Home
- ✝ Steve and Pauline Faucette, with health concerns
- ✝ Jamie Jefford's dad, diagnosed with cancer
- ✝ Donna Freeman, cancer treatment
- ✝ Brenda Chappell and Rhonda Stanfield's dad, Chemis Stanfield - health concerns
- ✝ Judy James, at the Sanford Health and Rehabilitation, room 104A (2702 Farrell Rd, Sanford, NC, 27330)
- ✝ Herman Price, ongoing cancer treatment

Praises

*Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King,
sing praises. Psalm 47:6*



FBC Academy

Annual Harvest Day

Saturday September 30th
10:00am-1:00pm
Free Admission to All!

Inflatables Multiple Raffle Items! Hayrides

Crafts Silent Auction

Local Vendors Live Animals! Games & Much More

Face Painting Carnival Food

We need amazing volunteers like you for
some events this month!

Creedmoor Music Festival
Saturday Sept 16th 9am-5pm

FBC Academy Harvest Day
Saturday Sept 30 10am-1pm



**Volunteers
Needed**



WE WANT YOU!

If you are interested in helping, please
contact Kaitlyn King or the church office!



Harvest Day

Saturday, September 30th

Calling all Bakers!

We are needing all kinds of baked goods such as pies,
cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc.