



**CANDLE OF LOVE
NEWSLETTER
MAY, 2024**



A Note from Pastor Eric

Pentecost is the 19th of May this year. It is the day when we celebrate that God gave us the Holy Spirit (Ac 2:1-4) as a comforter (Jn 14:16), counselor (Jn 14:26), and down payment on His promises of eternal life and co-inheritance with Jesus (Eph 1:13-14). Before Pentecost, the Holy Spirit only occasionally came upon God's people, and only for a limited time or for a specific purpose. However, after Jesus rose again and returned to the Father's side, He promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to be with His people forever (Jn 14:16).

For many years I did not fully grasp the incredible gift that this is for believers. When I was younger, I was reading about King Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, and became discouraged when I thought about how the wisest man in history derailed his life at the end by compromising his faith. He built temples for the false gods of his many foreign wives and let it affect his own faith (1 Ki 11:1-8). "If the wisest man on earth could not make good choices, then what hope do the rest of us have?", I wondered. Then God reminded me that Solomon did not have the Holy Spirit inhabiting him and giving him the power and ability to live for God. The Pharisees and religious elite that misinterpreted the Jewish Scriptures and created all kinds of burdensome rules for people to follow, and who did not recognize God's Messiah (Jn 1:10-11) did not have the Holy Spirit either.

But we have been given a Spirit that brings us into God's family as adopted children and allows us to call out "Abba (Daddy), Father" (Rom 8:15-16); a Spirit that brings conviction of sin (Jn 16:8) and power to overcome the sin nature in us (Rom 8:1-2). We have received a Spirit that helps us understand Scripture and God's commands to us (1 Cor 2:10-16). What an incredible blessing it is for us to live in a time after God has given His people the Holy Spirit. Those religious leaders in the Old Testament and during Jesus' time would have thought unthinkable that we could approach God as a small child does their daddy, that we could have that kind of close, loving relationship with the Creator of all the universe. So, may you feel your Heavenly Daddy's arms around you. May you desire to sit in His lap and learn from Him and grow deeper in love with Him as you follow Him each day. May God's Spirit fill you with joy, courage, and conviction to live for the one who loves you more than you can imagine with all that you are.

Deacon Ministry Thoughts



God is With Us

As I read the following devotion, I thought about the importance of remembering that God is with us in all of our situations and has plans for us. Look around; where do you see God working among us? Let's join Him, as we know He is faithful to fulfilling His promises. As you read the devotion below, I believe you will have the same thoughts I did."

I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. (Jeremiah 29:10)

It had been years since we left the Oregon town where we raised our family. We'd made great memories there, and the recent visit reminded me of moments I'd forgotten: our girls' soccer games, our old home, church gatherings, and our friends' Mexican restaurant. The town had changed, but there was enough of the familiar to spark my desire to return for a visit.

When the Israelites went into exile in Babylon, they missed the familiarity of people, landmarks, and culture. They forgot they'd been exiled for rebelling against God. When false prophets told the exiles they'd return home within two years (Jeremiah 28:2-4; 29:8-9), they found a receptive audience. It was easy to listen to the slick words of false prophets who promised a return home soon.

God didn't take kindly to these peddlers of the past and their false promises. "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you," He said (29:8). He had plans for His people, "plans to give [them] hope and a future" (v. 11). The situation was challenging, difficult, and new, but God was with them. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart," He told them (v. 13). God would bring them "back to the place from which I carried you into exile" (v. 14), but in His timing.

Nostalgia plays tricks on the mind, making it easy to long for what once was. Don't miss what God is doing right now. He will fulfill His promises.

By Matt Lucas

What difficulty are you facing today? How is God showing Himself faithful?

Father, may I continue to look for You in the present and not long for the past.

Remember your Deacon Board serves with you and for you.

Toni Anne Wheeler, Deacon Board Chair



AWANA—AWANA meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Children study the Bible, sing songs, play games, and learn about Jesus each night. We are looking forward to another great year of discipleship on Wednesdays. On April 10th, we had some members from Brassfield Baptist Church come and shadow our AWANA program, and I will be helping them start an AWANA program there. It's exciting to be able to partner with and help a sister church.

Dive—Our Youth are currently in a series called "Jesus and.." in which they examine what Jesus says versus what the world says. During this month, April, they will examine Jesus and mean people and how Jesus responded to people who didn't treat him well.

Additionally, we meet every second and fourth Saturday for Dive together. This is well attended, and our students look forward to it each time.

Outreach Activities:

Sports/extracurricular activities: With spring sports beginning, I will be attending sporting events and extracurricular activities our kids and students are involved in. This has proven to be an effective way to minister to our students and meet their peers.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes – I am helping lead FCA at Falls Lake Academy. Our last meeting for the year will be sometime in May.

We will Host students from Falls Lake Academy for AP testing on the dates below. I'll provide snacks for them when their testing is finished so that I can meet and interact with them.

Baccalaureate Services: I will be preaching the Baccalaureate service at South Granville High School and will be helping lead the service at Falls Lake Academy. I would encourage you to make plans to join these services and support our students. Last year, we made the SGHS service our Wednesday night service. I don't know if we want to do that again.

Future Events:

Mother/Daughter Retreat: We will be heading to Camp Mundo Vista from June 7th to 9th, 2024, for our mothers and their daughters to spend a weekend growing together in Christ.

Father/Son Retreat: We will be heading to Camp Caraway July 12th – 14th, 2024, for our Fathers and their sons to spend a weekend growing together in Christ.

Centrikid Summer Camp: We will be heading to Gardner-Webb University June 24th – 28th, where Creedmoor Kids will play games, worship together, and study God's word. We currently have 24 kids signed up.

Mfuge Summer Camp: We will be heading to Reagent University from July 8th to 12th, where Dive youth will serve on mission, sharing the gospel through various activities, studying God's word, and worshipping together. We currently have 26 kids registered and are on a waitlist for more spots.

Men's Ministry

Ryan Finn



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The big item on the Men's Ministry agenda right now is the **Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser** plate sale on **June 14th**. Tickets are being sold but we are still looking for people to help us to sell the tickets and volunteers for shifts on the day of the

event. The Men's Ministry also has its recurring meeting on the first Sunday of every month in the Gym at 10:00 am. All men are invited.

May Birthdays

Brady Fisher	May 04
Sandy Fisher	May 06
Betsy Faucette	May 09
Savannah Reif	May 14
Coltyn Faucette	May 16
Connie Separk	May 16
Dianne Bennett	May 17
Peter Haines	May 20
Cathy Sebastian	May 21
Steve Faucette	May 23
Amanda Finn	May 31
Lorelei Lawson	May 31
Decker Finn	May 31



Upcoming Events for May

- ⇒ Every Monday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Thrift Shoppe Volunteers workday
 - ⇒ Small Group at Nick Garner's home at 6:30 pm every Sunday at 6:30 pm
 - ⇒ Small Group at Eric Mann's home every Tuesday at 6:30 pm
 - ⇒ May 1st and May 15th, Food Mission Distribution
 - ⇒ May 3rd, Relay for Life at the GAP
 - ⇒ May 5th, Men's Ministry Meeting, 9:45 am
 - ⇒ May 5th, First Sunday Children and Youth Breakfast
 - ⇒ May 5th, Special Called Business Meeting to vote for the approval to continue exploring the Academy Expansion Project, after the worship service.
 - ⇒ May 5th, Special Called Business Meeting to vote to approve the Personnel Committee to hire Mrs. Amanda Mouser to fill the position of Music Director, after the worship service
 - ⇒ May 6th, LOL Meeting, 6:30 pm
 - ⇒ May 11th & 25th, Dive Together, 5:00 pm
 - ⇒ May 12th, Mother's Day and Baby Dedication
 - ⇒ May 19th, Deacon's Board Meeting, 12:15 pm
 - ⇒ May 20th, Thrift Shoppe Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
 - ⇒ May 22nd, AWANA Closing Celebration
 - ⇒ May 25th, Thrift Shoppe closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
 - ⇒ May 27th, Church and Academy closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
 - ⇒ May 28th, Thrift Shoppe volunteers' workday moved to Tuesday because of the holiday
- * Small Group at Nick Garner's home at 6:30 pm every Sunday at 6:30 pm
- * Small Group at Eric Mann's house resumes meeting on May 7th
- * Every Monday, 10:00 am — 3:00 pm Thrift Shoppe Volunteers Workday



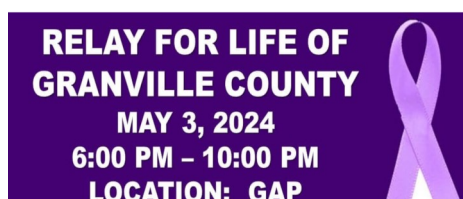
We are doing child dedications on Mothers Day, May 12th, during the Worship Service.

If you have a child that you would like to have dedicated on that day, please contact the church office, one of our pastors or our deacons.



Join us this Fall!

September 14th - 19th—Adults 18 & older are invited to serve alongside Pastor Dane and Beacon Community Church. Please see Pastor Nick for more information on how to be part of the team!



Signup sheets are available by the entrance door, or online at www.relayforlife/granvillenc.com, or at the church office 919-528-2351, or by calling or emailing

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FRBA Women's Missionary Union Conference

Friday, May 17, 2024, 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm

Corinth Baptist Church

**3658 Highway 96 South,
Oxford NC**

Theme: *Celebration
Women*



The items for May are combs and Brushes

Thank you for assisting with this special Project!

E-MAIL QUESTIONS TO EMANN@FBCCREEDMOOR.ORG

??? BIBLE QUESTIONS

This summer, we will answer your questions about the Bible. Tell us what you want to know...

TEXT YOUR QUESTIONS TO +1 (833) 639-0845

Prayer Concerns

- ✝ Our church
- ✝ Our Food Ministry
- ✝ Our Academy Staff and Families
- ✝ Pastor Eric's mother, Wilma Mann, health concerns
- ✝ Children's and Youth Ministries
- ✝ Liz Montren's mother Louetta Sasnett, health concerns
- ✝ Lisa Winstead, health concerns

Academy News

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fun Run event. We were able to give scholarships totaling over \$3000 to 5 graduating Granville County seniors. The weather was beautiful, and the support was amazing!

We are excited to kick off May by celebrating our staff during Staff Appreciation Week, May 6-10, and honoring the special women in our lives on Friday, May 10th, with Muffins for Mom. Please continue to join us in prayer as we explore the vision of the Academy's future growth.



Important Information About Our Newsletter: Due to financial constraints, this will be our final newsletter for the foreseeable future. Much of the information in the newsletter is available in our weekly bulletin, which is posted on our church's website (www.fbccreedmoor.org). Additionally, we will start publishing occasional articles and blogs on our church website that you can access online. Thank you for your understanding.