



Promise Baptist Church

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John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*".

Sunday School News

.....If you haven't noticed, our Sunday School Department has just expanded! We have a new "Junior Class" with students ages 11 - 14. Then the "Senior Class" will include students 15 yrs and older. This is a sign of growth and of God's continued blessing upon our church. Our pastor started this class and now has an assistant teacher, his daughter, Pam Long. Congrats!!!!

A Word From The Pastor.....

What an exciting time to be a born again believer and attend Promise Baptist Church. The Lord has truly blessed us and we thank Him for it. Already this month, the Lord has let us serve supper and enjoy fellowship at Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. Also, our church hosted the N. C. Independent Baptist Preachers Fellowship. Again, great preaching, good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. At present, we are gearing up for Vacation Bible School, July 22 - 26; and rejoicing in the souls saved July 10th . . . one at church and one on the job! May God continue to bless everyone of you. We are waiting to see what God is going to next . . .

May God bless you, love and prayers . . .

Dr. David W. Hedrick



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- July 7 Sara Long
 Mike Joyce
- July 16 Michael Dickens
- July 17 Judy Sell
- July 26 Eddie Beckham

Monthly Newsletter

This is something new and is on a trial basis. If you have anything you would like to have added, please contact the Pastor or Denise James. We want this to be a benefit and a blessing. We would appreciate all feedback. Deadline for submissions is on the 25th of the month prior to the next issue.

Welcome New Visitors

We are very excited to have new to our congregation, David and Crystal Hudgins and daughters, Sarah and Kayla. David and Kayla are new converts and we are fortunate to have been blessed with his family. Thanks to Scott Rayfield for extending an invitation!

Also joining us on a regular basis are Charles and Debra Sale. The Lord has been using them in a special way. They have been missionaries to Nicaragua until recently, We hope to add both of these families to our church roster soon.

Thank you . . . to all who sacrificed time and efforts, as well as those who cooked, and came out to feed the homeless at Crisis Ministry on July 1, 2013. It was a wonderful experience! We were all so very blessed by God and I truly feel the residents received not only food for their bodies but also received a heavenly blessing with the spiritual food presented by our pastor. Everyone seemed thankful and were gracious to those of us who served. The volunteers were helpful and really made us feel welcome and appreciated. I am sure I am not alone when I say that I can't wait 'til we do it again.

Denise James

Next scheduled date: August 19, 2013



Eddie Beckham

Get To Know Your Church Staff!

For the next few issues of our newsletter, a member of our staff will be featured. This month, we are looking at the position of **"Deacon"**, and of course, our beloved Eddie Beckham.

By definition a deacon is one who oversees the poor, and takes care of the outward business of the house of God (Matthew Henry Commentary). Webster's defines a deacon as "the clergyman who ranks immediately below a priest".

In Philippians 1:1, it says "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons". I Timothy 3:8-12 "Likewise, must the deacons be grave (marked by dignity and seriousness, not double-tongued, somber, sober, earnest and fateful), not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre (money). Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husband of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well".

Basically, a deacon is a "SERVANT". Our church constitution reads as follows: Deacons are servants of the church. They are to be appointed by the church according to God's word, Acts 6:2-8 and I Timothy 3:8-13 as the church has need of them. They are to assist the pastor. An unfaithful, immoral deacon will be relieved of his office by the pastor and church if ¾ of the members present vote to do so. Only tithing members, 17 yrs and older may vote.

Eddie Beckham has been married to Nikki since 1992. They have three beautiful daughters, Ashley 19, Carrie 15, and Hannah 8. He was called to preach approximately three years ago. By trade, he is a masonry foreman. Eddie loves spending time studying the Word and in nature hunting. He has been at Promise Baptist Church about 12 years. We are lucky to have Eddie and his family with us. He is serving as our deacon and is available if you need him. Praise God!

Calendar of Events July 2013

July 01	Feed the Homeless Crisis Ministry	Times for regularly scheduled services are: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Visitation 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Midweek Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Saturdays
July 02	Visitation AA Meeting	
July 03	Midweek Bible Study and Prayer	
July 06	Nursing Home Ministry Libertywood Nursing Home Bro. Brian Christian 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	
July 06	Prayer Meeting	
July 07	Sunday School Worship Service Evening Worship	
July 08-12	Junior Camp Camp Canaan, Kentucky	
July 08	N. C. Association of Independent Baptist Preachers Fellowship and Dinner	
July 09	Visitation AA Meeting	
July 10	Midweek Bible Study and Prayer	
July 12	Tent Meeting/Pilot Mountain, NC	
July 13	Nursing Home Ministry High Point Manor 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	
July 13	Prayer Meeting	
July 14	Sunday School Worship Service Evening Worship	
July 14 – 19	Revival – Hilltop Baptist Church 7:30 p.m. nightly Featured speaker: Dr. Benny Beckum	
July 16	Visitation AA Meeting	
July 17	Midweek Bible Study and Prayer Vote on Adopting a New Constitution for the Church	
July 20	Nursing Home Ministry Libertywood Nursing Home 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	
July 20	Prayer Meeting	
July 21	Sunday School Morning Worship Evening Worship	

July 22-26	Vacation Bible School "Building Up God's House" 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. nightly
July 26	VBS Cookout and Celebration
July 27	Nursing Home Ministry GrayBrier Nursing Home Bro. John Dickens 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
July 27	Prayer Meeting
July 28	Sunday School Morning Worship Evening Worship
July 30	Visitation AA Meeting
July 31	Midweek Bible Study and Prayer Monthly Conference

** Anything highlighted in red is in addition to our regular schedule at the church.

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A "BIG THANK YOU" goes to Ms. Annette for organizing and handling the scheduling for our recent Church Directory photo session. We know you have invested many hours in the preparation of our new directory on our behalf and we really appreciate it. Anxiously awaiting its' arrival,

Love In Christ,

Your Church Family

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"Building Up God's House"

Thanks in advance for the success of our upcoming Vacation Bible School. If you have not yet volunteered to participate, and would like to do so, please contact Eddie Beckham or Annette Hedrick.

Please make every effort to attend nightly and bring lots and lots of family and visitors. Everyone will surely receive a blessing.