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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*".

A Word from our Pastor . . .

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is hard to believe that July has come to a close; time is moving fast. But as we began the first month of the second half of the year, we were blessed with many opportunities to share His name with others . . . Crisis Ministry, N. C. Baptist Preachers Fellowship, a week of Vacation Bible School as well as our weekly Sunday School, Saturday night Prayer Meeting, midweek Youth meetings and Bible Studies.



Thank God for who He **IS** and what He **IS DOING** here at Promise Baptist Church. Three souls were saved this past month (July), many encouraged, helped and blessed.

Looking forward to August! Keep on keeping on in Jesus' name!

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Sunday School News

What's going on in the Beginner's Class? Well . . . something exciting, that's what! Earlier this year, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Gail led two young boys to the Lord. One was Blake Roda and the other, Rhiley Mabe. Rhiley was then baptized in March at Hilltop Baptist Church, and is the grandson of Bobby and Denise James.

The children have been enjoying their arts and crafts weekly. Their lessons have been about God's people rebuilding their Temple and how excited and thankful they were to have a new place to worship.

Our children realize how blessed they are to have a nice building to come to every week to worship freely.

All are looking forward to "NEW" challenges in the upcoming months with the change in age groups for our Sunday School classes and new responsibilities!

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Gail

Vacation Bible School Report

Bro. Eddie Beckham, Director

As always . . . Vacation Bible School seemed to just sneak up on me all at once, but thank the good Lord I had some willing and ready volunteers there to back me up. I can't say enough about how thankful I am that we had such great teachers this year. I was very impressed with the crafts that were presented, and even more impressed that all the children from the youngest to the oldest could tell about what they learned. We also took up a collection for the Shining Light Boys Home, and with one of the smallest numbers in attendance we have had, we brought in \$201.89 . . . the biggest offering we have ever raised! PRAISE GOD!!!! We also started a collection of paper products for the City of Refuge Children's Home (Bro. Gray). The box will stay here at the church until it is filled up! I would also like to thank Bro. David Hudgins for all the hard work he and Bro. John Mabe did keeping the children in check each night outside. We also had an Adult Class each night and had several participants in that. I would also like to thank Ms. Kelly and Ms. Gail for all the hard work feeding our little construction workers each night, and last but not least, Ms. Annette for being (what we all take for granted sometimes) the best Pastor's wife I have ever known. Without her VBS would not even have gotten started. She is the hardest worker in our church and I thank God for her.

In closing, I would like to say again thank you to all of the helpers who definitely aided in building God's house this week, and all year 'round, who also had a part in the three precious souls that made professions of faith Friday night.

I love each and everyone of you, and hope God blesses to the fullest.

Love,

Brother Eddie

Get To Know Your Church Staff!

This month we are going to explore the position of Church Secretary . . . and for us that happens to be Jackie Joyce.

According to our "new" constitution, the secretary shall keep a record of church proceedings, of the membership roll, of all baptisms, of certificates of ordination, licenses and commissions, as directed by the church, and preserve all documents, papers and letters coming into his/her hands during his/her term of office. All records are to be kept in the church office, and delivered to any successor upon leaving office. He/she shall keep an account of any special events in the life of the church which are of historical interest.

Ms. Jackie has been attending Promise Baptist Church since 1996 and has been a member since 1997. She has served PBC as either secretary or treasurer since 1997. Jackie tells me that she has been married to a wonderful man, Mike, for almost 25 years. Their story is special. God has continuously been working in their marriage, making it a Christian one in 1996. . . believing God is always right on time. Jackie says she has a great job and a love of animals . . . they have two cats, PJ and Cody. Their life is centered around God and the church. As you know, Ms. Jackie is one of our songbirds and she faithfully assists in the nursery. She and Mike enjoy the beach, and working in the flower garden. If you have attended PBC for any length of time, you have heard her proclaim her unceasing thanks to God for her salvation and their many blessings. We are fortunate to have Jackie and Mike in our church family.



Jackie Joyce
Secretary

Ladies Charity Teams

God, in His word, gives us a commandment to love one another. We can successfully carry out that in so many ways.

In our church family, we often have folks who are sick, hospitalized, out of work, etc. I, personally, would like to see the ladies team up and minister to those by providing meals. If we all volunteer, we can divide into teams and the teams rotate serving our brothers and sisters in their time of need. What a blessing it would be to see what could be accomplished!

If you are in agreement, please contact me either by phone, or email.

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Remember to Be in Prayer for . . .

Mrs. Carol Whitman
Donna Campbell
Kevin & Angie Hyatt
Gail Parrish
Anna Smith & Ben Workman
Military
Farmer Christian Academy
Ms. Heather
Elaine Ward

Mike Joyce
JoAnn Snider
The King Family
Bro. Cliff Mixon
Toni & Michael Neal
Missionaries
City of Refuge Home
J. Jones family
Unemployed

Michelle Dickens' mom
Janet Thomas
Mrs. Stutts
Kristi Payne
Braydon (baby)
Crisis Ministry
Donald (nursing home)
Ron Barra
J. C. Myers

Smitty & Nancy
Lee & Laura Goins
Holly Bluff Camp Grounds
Pam Shirette
Jerry Baxter
Shining Light Boys Home
Linda Cantrell
All lost souls
Michael Dickens family

July/August Birthdays

July 7 Sara Long
July 7 Mike Joyce
July 16 Michael Dickens
July 17 Judy Sell
July 20 Amanda Collins

July 25 Scott Rayfield
July 25 Kayleigh Rayfield
July 26 Eddie Beckham

August 9 Kayla Hudgins
August 13 Bryanna Dickens
August 17 Bobby James
August 17 Sarah Hudgins
August 20 Sandra Strickland
August 22 Judy Combs
August 24 Carrie Latham
August 30 Nancy Meredith
August 30 Hannah McHenry
August 30 Jackie Joyce

***My apologies to those of you who had birthdays and I missed putting them in the newsletter for July. Here they are listed again . . . Happy Birthday!

Crisis Ministry

Date: August 19, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Menu: Pinto Beans
Roasted Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Cornbread
Peach Cobbler

We need volunteers to cook and serve. Please see Ms. Denise if you are led to help.

Senior Saints

In August, our Senior Saints are going on a "field trip". We will be going to tour Historic Mount Airy (not walking – riding), visiting some of the larger vegetable stands and having lunch at The Hungry Farmer in Cana, Virginia. Hope there will be lots of us going . . . and we are planning more field trips for the upcoming months. Plans are to leave the church around 10 a.m. and return mid-afternoon. Please see Ms. Denise to sign up . . . and to answers any questions you might have.

What is Stewardship?

What is stewardship? Simply stated, stewardship is using the gifts God has given us, to do the things Gods asks (calls) us to do.

Did you know that the Bible deals with our possessions in over 2,100 verses, 1/6 of the New Testament, and 2/3 of Jesus' parables. Stewardship is discipleship. How much is yours? How much is God's? Actually, all we have, all we are, belongs to God. Everything!

There are 4 D's of stewardship: (1) Desire, (2) Discipline, (3) Delight and (4) Decision.

The secret to time management is not learning how to save time or to get more of it; the secret is knowing how to use it.

The spiritual benefits of a good steward are a deepened trust in God, a reordering of your personal priorities, and then experiencing God's abundance in providing for your needs.

A Christian steward celebrates thanksgiving every day because he/she realizes God's giving is continuous.

Question: Are you a good steward?

Calendar of Events August 2013



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| August 3 | 2:00 p.m. | Nursing Home Ministry
Libertywood Nursing Home
Bro. Brian Christian |
| August 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Prayer Meeting |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship Hour |
| August 6 | 6:00 p.m. | Evening Worship Service |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Visitation |
| August 7 | 7:30 p.m. | AA Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Midweek Bible Study and Prayer |
| August 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Meeting |
| | | <i>Kayla Hudgins' Birthday</i> |
| August 10 | 7:00 p.m. | Prayer Meeting |
| August 11 | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship Hour |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Evening Worship Service |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Visitation |
| August 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Visitation |
| | 7:30 p.m. | AA Meeting |
| | | <i>Bryanna Dickens' Birthday</i> |
| August 14 | 7:00 p.m. | Midweek Bible Study and Prayer |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Meeting |
| August 15 | 10:00 a.m. | <i>Senior Saints Field Trip</i>
<i>(See Article in Newsletter Outlining Details)</i> |
| August 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Prayer Meeting |
| | | <i>Bobby James' Birthday</i> |
| | | <i>Sarah Hudgins' Birthday</i> |
| August 18 | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship Hour |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Evening Worship Service |
| August 19 | 6:30 p.m. | Crisis Ministry – Davidson County
Feed the Homeless and Less Fortunate |
| August 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Visitation |
| | 7:30 p.m. | AA Meeting |
| August 21 | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Sandra Strickland's Birthday</i> |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Midweek Bible Study and Prayer |
| August 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Ladies' Night & Devotion
China Garden
Thomasville, NC |
| August 23 | | <i>Judy Combs' Birthday</i>
<i>Joe and Carol Whitman's 44th Anniversary</i> |

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August 24	10:00 a.m.	Nursing Home Ministry GrayBrier Nursing Home Bro. John Dickens
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting Carrie Latham's Birthday
August 25	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service
August 27	7:00 p.m.	Visitation
	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
August 28	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Bible Study and Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Monthly Conference
August 30		Nancy Meredith's Birthday Hannah McHenry's Birthday Jackie Joyce's Birthday
August 31	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting

** Anything highlighted in red is in addition to our regular schedule at the church. Birthdays will be highlighted in blue.

Prayer List continued . . .

Craig & Joann Snyder	The Strickland family	The Graham family
Land purchase	Ad on Fox 8 News	Rob & Selena Graham
Margaret James	Brucetta James	Brent & Katie Goforth
Chris & Brandon Hutchins	Pastor Dupak	Pastor Seawell
Pastor Hutchens	Hilltop Baptist Church	Community Baptist Church
Meadowview Baptist Church	Revival in September	Bro. Ferdie
Alex Culbreth	(Holly Bluff Camp Ground)	

Always continue to remember your fellow church members and their families. Pray continually for our Pastor and his wife. We should never cease to pray for our country and its leaders. We also should pray for any and all lost souls that we are aware of daily. Pray for all the ministries out of Promise Baptist Church. Please pray for God to send us new visitors and church workers.

*I know there are probably some folks not on this list . . . but God knows who they are and will forgive this writer for leaving them out. Please submit any names before the newsletter deadline.

Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is August 28, 2013.

Challenge for August
Hand out 25 gospel tracks
Witness to 25 people (new)
Attend all church services
Bring one new visitor to each service
Increase your prayer time by 100%

Notice to the Sunday School Classes:
 Just a short time ago, the Pastor asked that we think of a name for our Sunday School Classes. What did you decide upon? Please submit that information for publishing in next month's newsletter.

The teens, ages 15 and up, decided to call their class "Seniors for the Savior". AWESOME! And they have decided to support Farmer Christian Academy with their monies on a monthly basis. PRAISE GOD!