

"BAPTIST ON THE BEAVER DAM"

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From the Pastor's Cluttered Desk

In I Thessalonians 5:18 the Apostle Paul tells us, "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." That sounds like a tremendous challenge doesn't it? We all find ourselves in some difficult circumstances from time to time. Some of those situations are the result of decisions we have made; others are not matters of our own choosing.

In the September 16, 2015 issue of *Christian Century*, Janice Jean Springer has an article that deals with her journey through Parkinson's disease. It is an honest story that relates her struggle of hope and suffering as she reminds us that no one is immune from devastating illness or sudden death. In a time of trial and testing Ms. Springer's faith has deepened and matured. She admits that on most days the practice of gratitude is easy. She offers thanks, not for her illness, but for the gifts the illness has brought her. Gratitude helps her to focus not on what she has lost, but on what she has left.

Gratitude sees the blessings even in the midst of suffering and pain. It is a delight to witness this gift in people as they deal with grief and loss. Too often we see the opposite with people that could have moved on. It is a reminder to us that we all have a choice to live in bitterness or in gratitude.

Ms. Springer writes, "My limited self and the limitless God come together to empower me to walk a path I never expected to walk and to walk it most days with gratitude." Our world and our church would be much better places if we would pray each day that God would give us

a spirit of gratitude.

Dr. Bill Wilson, in a recent article from the Center for Healthy Church at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, wrote, "We are witnessing the beginning of the end for Baptist denominational entities, as we have known them." This follows the lead of other mainline denominations. Baptist bodies- local, state, regional and national- are in free fall.

The International Mission Board of the SBC has spent over \$215 million dollars more than they have received in recent years. To cover the deficit they have cut the number of missionaries, cut staff, used surplus funds, and sold overseas properties. The Florida Baptist Convention has cut staff nearly 50%. The national SBC saw the lowest receipts this past year since 1990, and the largest decline in 130 years. There have been huge layoffs at the North American Mission Board as well.

Dr. Wilson writes, "Traditional churches will continue to close with regularity, even as church planting continues to expand. As we anticipate thousands of local churches closing in the next 20 years, and many thousands of new church plants beginning, all inundated by missionaries looking for support, we need to recognize that a shift in congregational life is underway." Lean, visionary, future-focused and humble churches will have a chance to survive. If we pray and do our best to follow the future, God will bless; if not He may do what He has done with churches in the past and spew them out of His mouth.

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Monthly Schedule

October 2015

Mission Friends: 3 ~ 5
April Smith



NURSERY-WORSHIP

- 04 ~ Melanie & Rodney Hall
- 11 ~ Kim & Tim Farmer
- 18 ~ Rachel & Rick Strickland
- 25 ~ Donna Banks & Donna Maguire

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



- 04 ~ Donna & Paul Maguire
- 11 ~ NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- 18 ~ Kim & Tim Farmer
- 25 ~ Melanie & Rodney Hall

USHERS

- L. B. Bryant
- Lance Bullard
- Colon Hall
- Nick Hall
- Harry Tatum ~ Alternate

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Our Homecoming celebration will be October 11. This will be 239th anniversary of the organization of Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Homecoming will be a great time to reflect on the past and to remember those who gave so much to establish and preserve a place of worship in this community. This will also be a time to look forward and dream of where we hope to be in the future. What do we need to do to survive and remain a vibrant congregation? On Saturday, October 3, we will have a clean-up day beginning at 7:00 am Everyone is invited to participate in sprucing up the church grounds and buildings. Bring your gloves and needed tools and join in the fellowship. On October 18, we will observe the Lord's Supper during our morning worship service. Come and be a part of this great family!

Yours in HIS service,

Michael Shook

Send an "encourage'a'gram" - this week to someone. It might be just what they need to make there day a little brighter.

"encourage'a'gram"

"Everyone smiles in the same language"

October 2015 CALENDAR

Each Sunday:

- 9:00 AM Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service

Each Wednesday:

- 7:30 PM Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth
- 8:15 PM Choir Practice
- 03rd ~ 7:00 AM Clean Up Day
- 10th ~ 9:00 AM GA/CA/RA Camp-Center BC
- 11th ~ HOMECOMING
- 12th - 11:00 AM WOM Meeting
- 7:30 PM Deacons Meeting
- 7:00 PM WMU Leadership-NSRBA
- 14th ~ 6:30 PM Fellowship Meal
- 7:30 PM Conf./ Worship, GA,RA's, Mission Friends, Youth
- 8:15 PM Choir Practice
- 18th ~ The Lord's Supper
- 5:00 PM BYW Mtg.
- 20th - 3:00 - 8:30 PM NSRBA Annual Mtg. Stedman Baptist Church
- 31th - 6:30 PM Halloween Alternative - Peters Creek

Church Conference Recommendation

At the September church conference a recommendation was approved to update our prayer list. Each calendar quarter the prayer list will be wiped clean; with the exception of those who are residents of nursing facilities. This will begin in October 2015. We want to continue to keep prayer concerns as current as possible, and to remember all of those in need of prayer. If you want to keep an individuals name on the prayer list please let Mrs. Chrisine Vinson or Mrs. Willa Dean Bullard know. You may speak to them personally or give them a note with the prayer concern on it. Please be patient and understanding with us as we make this change. Your help, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

"LOVE BEGINS WHEN ANOTHER PERSON'S NEEDS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR OWN."

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
October 2015**

- 01 ~ Ellen LeMaster
- 02 ~ Adam Hales
Chris Tippett
Anna Ackerman
Taylor Hartel
- 04 ~ Gary Brock
Brittany Lewis
- 05 ~ Michelle Bullard
- 06 ~ Sharon Hall
Sarah Owen
- 07 ~ Mitchell Ackerman
- 08 ~ Phyllis Compton
- 09 ~ Michelle Lewis
Brant Barber
- 10 ~ Ricky Hall
Madelyn Hall
- 11 ~ Arnold Smith
Scott Hales
- 12 ~ Nore Brantley
Diana Johnson
Sue Stephens
- 13 ~ Casey B. Chandler
- 15 ~ Alex Melvin
Jessie Hales
- 16 ~ Patrick Finn
- 18 ~ Taylor Melvin
- 19 ~ Cameron Jackson
- 20 ~ A. J. Albertson
- 21 ~ Thurman Smith
Skylar Simmons
Jacob Eason
- 22 ~ Natalie Gardner
Tammy Smith Bullard
- 25 ~ Betsy Simpson
- 26 ~ William Bullard
Adam Bullard
- 27 ~ Melinda Baize
Jackie Sessoms
Dustin Farmer
- 28 ~ Carrie Butler
- 29 ~ Logan Williams
Barbara Melvin



BEATITUDE MINISTRY NEEDS

Men's Belts, shirts, shoes, good jeans, paper items (toilet paper, paper towels & napkins), canned goods, 13 gallon kitchen trash bags, 55 gallon drum liners.

**"PLEASE BRING DONATIONS
DURING STORE HOURS"
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Call 525-4351**

Daily Prayer Lists:

**Please remember our
Nursing Home/Rehab Residents**

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| Retha Autry | Harriet Hales |
| Rose Hales | Ethleen Harris |
| Jessie McCarley | |
| Lois Wright | Lillian Moore |
| Kyle Cashwell | |
| Nell Holcombe | Dot Gault |
| Audrey Howell | |
| June Dorton | Sybil Whatley |

**Military and
Para/Military**

- Eddie Baker
Jeremy Brown
Joe Clark
Matthew Dunlap
Jon Pollard
Joel Scheib
Robert Seymour
John Sheety
Kenny Taylor
Ralph Weller
Daniel Wilson

Our Sympathy goes out to the families and friends that have lost loved ones. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you.

Missionaries:

- Pam & Don Brownfield
Eric & Mimi McMillian
John McLamb
Allen Seigler
Jana Smith
Judith & Danny Williams

**OCTOBER 11, 2015
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS ARE
INVITED TO OUR
HOMECOMING DAY
AT
BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH
4693 BEAVER DAM CHURCH RD.
ROSEBORO, NC 28382**

For more info please call 531-3877

"We Care Bear Ministry"

Please give a new bear to this year round ministry and help a child or adult in a time of need in their lives.



Thank you Beaver Dam for your support in this Ministry of the New South River Baptist Association.

Bears are welcome anytime of the year.

A NOTE OF THANKS TO ALL.

**Please Remember Our Sick and
Shut-Ins and their caretakers in Your
Daily Prayers**

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| Bonnie Banks | Lisa Long |
| Lynn Banks | Rodney Maguire |
| Debbie Bedsole | Peggy Marsh |
| Elizabeth Benton | Amanda Mason |
| Amber Bloom | Doug Matthews |
| Jay Blouser | Roscoe Meek |
| Ashley Broadney | J. D. Melvin, Jr. |
| Ralph Brock | Tony Millen |
| Adam Bullard | Guy Mitchell |
| Billy Bullard | Tyler Moore |
| Carmon Bullard | Victor Murray |
| Ella Grae Bullard | Jerry Musselwhite |
| Joshua Bullard | Faye Norris |
| Larry Bullard | Johnny Owens |
| Brittany Bunnells | Prentice Paige |
| Dennis Campbell | Cara Lee Parker |
| Carol Carter | Tammy Patram |
| James Cheek | Chris Pollard |
| Sandra Cheek | Donald Pollard |
| Cody Clark | Kim Ray |
| Betty Cox | Bruce Raynor |
| William Crumpler | Ronald Redden |
| Bill Culbertson | Judy Rierson |
| Meakie Daniels | Eddie Royal |
| Dana Davis | Rick Sawyer |
| Brian Day | Laura Schindler |
| Naomi Dunlap | James Sheron |
| Cathy Eaton | W. J. Simmons |
| David Ehardt | Carel Skipper |
| Mary Edwards | Becky Smith |
| Betty Faircloth | Carol Smith |
| Ann Farmer | Crystell Smith |
| Rudolph Gray | David Smith |
| Brenda Hales | Deanna Smith |
| Brenda S. Hales | Freddie Smith |
| Tommy Hales | Harold Smith |
| Earl Hall | Linda Stephens |
| Hilda Hall | Gary Strickland |
| Magalene Hall | Linda Strickland |
| Rachel Hall | Rhonda Strickland |
| Vickie Hall | Stephen Strickland |
| Wesley Hall | Tommy Strickland |
| Judy Hammond | Wade Stroud |
| Scott Hardee | Brady Sutton |
| Bob Hartel | W. J. Tippett |
| Luke Hawkins | Susan Tyndall |
| Pete Hawkins | Jason Vinson |
| Sue Hobbs | Matthew Ward |
| Beth Holland | Allison Walters |
| Jimmy Holland | Matthew Ward |
| Joann Honeycutt | Troy Watkins |
| B. J. Howard | Billie Weathington |
| Carl Huggins | Chance Wil-Day |
| Faye Johnson | Julie Wile |
| Connie Lawrence | Jared Williams |
| Randy Lee | Earl Williamson |
| Sterling Lennon | Terry Wind |
| Cheryl Locklear | Lisa Yeager |

We at Beaver Dam Baptist, invite you to make a commitment to join with us at this crucial time of our spiritual growth and development.

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BEAVER DAM YOUTH GO TO DISNEY

What a magical moment we had! How many youth groups do you know of that go to Disney World on a youth trip? Not very many! The Youth of Beaver Dam Baptist Church had an awesome time at Disney World. We left on Thursday at 1pm packed in a 15 passenger van and a truck. After traveling 9 hours and swimming in the pool, we all settled down for just a few hours of sleep before our first day began. Up early and to Universal by the time the gates were open.

The wait times were short and we were able to ride all the rides and see everything that was planned for us. At 1^{ish}, we all met together and traveled to Islands of Adventure and sat down to have lunch together. Off to explore the second park of the day! Wearing a Fitbit, I was able to see how many steps and miles we had traveled each day. We did more than 20,000 steps, which averaged more than 8 miles each day! Headed back to the house after 9pm, did some more swimming, resting, and snacking on some delicious "Mr. Mike" homemade cookies! Finally convinced everyone that they needed rest for day 2 of our busy weekend. We slept in, (8:30am if you call that sleeping in), grabbed a pop tart and hit the road to our first park of the day. Animal Kingdom, here we come!

Again due to short lines and slim crowds, we were able to ride all the rides and see all of the animals. We met back after lunch and it was no time for a break, off to Disney's Night of Joy and it was exactly that. We enjoyed the rides and scattered throughout the park were the concerts. We sat in a cafe to have dinner and on stage there in the cafe was "Newsong." Other groups such as "Skillet", "Jamie Grace", "Lecrae" and many more were singing throughout the park. It was just a special feeling that you got being surrounded by so many Christians in such a large place with Christian music being played everywhere.

And guess what, we closed down the park at 1:30am!! Got back to the house and no swimming tonight, everyone was asleep in no time. Up the next morning at 7 and pulled out of the driveway at 8:14 am, headed back to Beaver Dam! I don't know how we done all that we did, but we did! Brooke organized this trip from the beginning. We had everything such as tickets, parking pass, password to the house, and everything! A very organized trip meant we were able to see everything, do everything, and Be Happy and that is exactly what we were. I was asked several times, "Did you have any problems from the kids you took on the trip and my very quick reply was "NO, We have the greatest group of kids and we never have any problems with them."

Thank you to the church for allowing us this wonderful opportunity and for helping us make memories that will last a lifetime!

REMEMBER !!!

OCTOBER 11, 2015
HOMECOMING DAY
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Our pastor Rev. Michael Shook will be bringing our morning message. Come and worship with us.

Your are always welcome at Beaver Dam Baptist Church.