

“BAPTIST ON THE BEAVER DAM”

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From the Pastor’s Cluttered Desk,

When I enrolled as a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Olin T. Binkley was serving as president. He had already announced his retirement plans and served only one additional semester as president of the seminary. He was trained in the classics and was a man ahead of his times.

During his time as a student at Southeastern, Dr. David Smith and others were encouraged by Dr. Binkley to purchase and read *The Journal of John Woolman*. Woolman lived from 1720-1772. He was born in New Jersey, but lived his adult life in Pennsylvania. In his early years, he became a successful businessman, but then became a tailor and surveyor in order to devote more time to spiritual growth. Each year for more than thirty years, he would make annual journeys to meet fellow Quakers to discuss how those who follow Christ should live. In his time, he journeyed from New Jersey to the Carolinas. His major burden was the practice of slavery.

Woolman would visit Quaker homes and with great humility, but firm conviction, he would share his conviction that slavery was an abomination to God, and that slave owners should emancipate their slaves and encourage others to also do so. This one man became a powerful voice for change. Throughout Pennsylvania many Quakers freed their slaves at great financial loss and jeopardized the future ability to operate their farms. Four years after Woolman’s death the Philadelphia Yearly (Quakers) Meeting prohibited the owning of slaves and Quakers throughout the colonies followed suit. One hundred years before the Civil War, one quiet man was bringing change through his Christian conviction.

At times, we are tempted to believe that change will only come through power and might. The Prophet Zachariah speaking for God tells us, “Not by might not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty” (4:6). When we realize this we better understand why Jesus told his disciples to go to the upper room to wait and pray until they were filled with the Holy Spirit before going out as His witnesses.

Political movements come and go. Rulers rise and fall. Power and might are exerted, but real change comes through the Spirit that changes us and changes others from the inside out. The Spirit of God was in control of John Woolman and great change took place. May the Spirit be in control of my life so that the small influence of my life may change this world for better for the sake of Christ. It is His power, not human power that brings real change; not might, knowledge, wealth, position, or recognition. It takes the Spirit of God working through ordinary people to bring the change our world really needs.

As we come to the end of 2016 and look to the beginning of 2017 what changes do you hope to see here at Beaver Dam and in our world? What changes are you willing to undertake as you seek to follow the leading of the Spirit?

The past few weeks at the Church have been very busy with the remodeling that has taken place in the kitchen and fellowship hall.

Many thanks are due the members of the Fellowship Hall Committee for their hard work and dedication. Additional work remains to be completed. Please be patient as we go through this remodeling project. Keep in mind that your financial gifts to this project are greatly appreciated.

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“IF NOT NOW WHEN”

MONTHLY SCHEDULE - December 2016

Mission Friends: 3 - 5
April Smith

NURSERY - WORSHIP



- 04 ~ Dean & Lori Bullard
- 11 ~ Donna Banks & Donna Maguire
- 18~ Carol Ann & Chuck Rogers
- 25~ Christmas Day - No Church

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 04~ Teddy Tippett
- 11 ~ Gabe & Brooke Shoffner
- 18 ~ No Children's Church
- 25 ~ Christmas Day - No Church



USHERS - WORSHIP

David Hosking
Chuck Rogers
Gabe Shoffner
Daniel Simpson

Harry Tatum ~ Alternate

OUR MISSIONARIES

Ben & Megan Anderson	Allen Seigler
Don & Pam Brownfield	Janna Smith
Eric & Mimi McMillian	Danny & Judith Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOME SHUT- INS, NURSING HOME/REHAB, OUR MISSIONAIES AND OUR MILITARY IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

OUR NURSING HOME/REHAB

Retha Autry	Ethleen Harris
June Dorton	Ellen LeMaster
Pearl Faircloth	Jesse McCarley
Jack Frazier	Jimmy Mitchell
Hilda Gardner	Lillian Moore
Dot Gault	Sybil Whatley
Rose Hales	Lois Wright
Eddie Royal	

MILITARY AND PARA/MILITARY

Joshua BonHomme - Deployed
Jon Pollard
Jonathan Wells
Daniel Wilson

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As we enter the Christmas season it will be a busy time. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Keep in mind that scripture tells us, "They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength."

yours in HIS service,

A Chili Christmas

The Christmas play this year will be a little different than in the past. Please make plans to attend now, so that you don't miss out on this special event.

This year we will be doing a Christmas Dinner Theatre called "A Chili Christmas." It will be held in the newly renovated fellowship hall on Sunday, December 18th, at 6pm. Dinner will be provided.

Everyone will need a ticket for the show! We are asking that you donate one can food item for your ticket. These items will be donated for a mission project. The tickets will also help us in preparing the meal for the show.

Our Children's Choir, our Youth, and our Adults have all been working hard since October to make this special event one that you surely don't want to miss.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
December 2016**

- 01 ~ John Smith
- 02 ~ Roger Bullard
- 03 ~ Chris Pollard
- 04 ~ Angela Cashwell & Chrystal Smith
- 05 ~ Cheryl Simpson & Harry Tatum
- 06 ~ Billie Weathington & Ellie Scheib
- 08 ~ Jenna Katherine Hales & Gary Barrett
- 09 ~ Gary Brock, II
- 11 ~ Savannah Phipps & J. P. Bullard
- 12 ~ Cameron Phipps
- 14 ~ Daniel Simpson
- 15 ~ Kim Longo, Jessica Lasich, Michael O'Hara
- 16 ~ Michael Shook
- 17 ~ Sharon Frost, Mia Grace Johnson, Elise Smith
- 18 ~ Troy Adams & Nancy Phipps
- 19 ~ Thad Banks
- 20 ~ Muriel Hall
- 21~ Amber O'Hara, Lori Smith Morgan, Rose Hales
- 22 ~ Stormy Hendryx
- 23 ~ Felton Bullard
- 24 ~ Matthew Dunlap
- 26 ~ Shannon Thompson
- 27 ~ Jason Bullard
- 28 ~ Elizabeth West Mullen
- 29 ~ Kenny Averitte
- 31 ~ Nicholas Hall

*Happy Birthday from your Church family
at Beaver Dam Baptist Church*

Our Sick & Home Shut-Ins

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Anna Ackerman | Carl Huggins |
| Tonya Ackerman | Judy Deavers Hyder |
| Charlene Ake | Dana King |
| Donald Autry | Randy Lee |
| Jimmie Lou Blake | Dr. Randall Lolly |
| Ralph Brock | Violet Matthews |
| Terry Braxton | Donna Melvin |
| Adam Bullard | Mack Narron |
| Billy Bullard | Connie Norris |
| Ella Grae Bullard | Cara Lee Parker |
| Joy Bullard | Ricky Peterson |
| Roscoe Bullard | Chris Pollard Don |
| Tammy Stp. Bullard | Pollard |
| Joan Bullock | Keith Pollard |
| Toby Bunce | Amy Porter |
| Gwendolyn Campbell | Judy Rierson |
| Kaye Cashwell | Barbara Shook |
| Robert Cooper | Prentice Simmons |
| Shirley Cooper Phyl- | Pauline Simpson |
| lis Daniels | Becky Smith |
| Stan Daniels | Crystelle Smith |
| Elsie Davis | Freddie Smith |
| Aslene Edge | Harold Smith |
| Betty Faircloth | Jennifer Smith |
| Lettie Lou Gray | Margaret Smith |
| Rudolph Gray | Gary Strickland |
| Jean Guarnaccia | Teresa Strickland |
| Olivia Guarnaccia | Tommy Strickland |
| Brenda Hales | W. J. Tippett |
| Billy Hall | Myers Wade |
| Magalene Hall | Billie Weathington |
| Vickie Hall | Kim Weathington |
| Ricky Hawkins | Pearl West |
| Dagmur Hinot | Gerald White(Hoss) |
| Sue Hobbs | Rev. Roger White |
| Herb Hoover | Heather Williams |
| Keith Horne | Bill Yeager |
| | One Another |

CALENDAR DECEMBER 2016

- 02 - 6:00 PM Decorating Committee Meeting
- 04 - 2nd Sunday in Advent
- 04 - 5:30 BYW/WMU Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 06 - BYW Christmas Party - April Smith Home
- 07 - Christmas Play Practice
- 11 - 3rd Day in Advent
- 12- 11:00 am WOM Meeting
- 12- 7:30 pm Deacon's Meeting
- 14 - 6:30 pm Fellowship Meal
- 14- 7:30 Church Conference. Christmas Play Practice
- 18 - 6:00 pm "Dinner Theatre"
- 20 - Christmas Caroling
- 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 4 - 11 -International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POINSETTIA LIST IN THE VESTIBULE AT CHURCH. TIME FOR THE SIGN UP AND \$10.00 FOR EACH POINSETTIA IS DUE TO APRIL SMITH BY DECEMBER 04.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From Your Church Family at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Jesus Loves You and we do also!

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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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Youth News

The youth have been very busy planning for our new Christmas Dinner Theatre. We are all excited and hope that you will plan to come out for this wonderful evening.

The youth have been missing our college/military students very much. We have sent them Halloween and Thanksgiving cards and hope during the Christmas Break, they will be home to visit us some. Please continue to pray for them each and every day, because college can be fun, but it can also be full of decisions, distractions, and lots of hard work.

We have also had the privilege of packing the Backpack Buddy Items into the bags for 15 of our underprivileged students right here at Beaver Dam Elementary School. The BYW donates the items and we pack the bags for them. We join with the other 3 churches in the community and feed these children every weekend during the school year. Great mission right here in our own little community.

Our annual fun snow trip is planned and it is quickly approaching. It is January 20-22 weekend. If you would like to be a part of this exciting trip, please let Melanie know. Deposit of \$25 is due by December 15th.



And last but not least, we are getting excited about the arrival of our newest member of the youth. Baby Bullard will be arriving soon and we can't wait. Lance and Morgan, we are ready to meet this little guy!