

“BAPTIST ON THE BEAVER DAM”

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From the Pastor’s Cluttered Desk,

The creation story found in Genesis reminds us that God created man out of the dust of the earth. During the season of Lent we are reminded of death and that man at death returns back to the dust of the earth. At the grave of his friend Lazarus, Jesus told Mary and Martha that He is the resurrection and the life. He then calls the name of his friend and Lazarus comes out of his tomb alive. That is a prelude of coming attractions.

Resurrection and the promise of new life surprise us in the season of Lent, but these themes emerge out of the dry dust of death. Resurrection has a connection to the ashes of death and decay. Resurrection is a miracle only when we remember that we are mortal; ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Dry bones coming to life? This is the story of the power of God; they are a reminder of the promise of Christ. In a world full of declining churches and crumbling institutions these stories remind us that when the Spirit of God moves our world may yet live as God intended.

In the coming weeks we have a number of services scheduled that will remind us of the new life God has promised. Resurrection can be seen all around us. Palm Sunday will on April 9th and our Easter service will be April 16th. Remember the schedule change for the Easter services. The Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall. Sunday School will be at 8:30 a.m. and our Easter Cantata will be at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

An egg coloring event for children has been scheduled for April 14th at 6:30 p.m. and our Easter Egg Hunt for April 15th.

Keep in mind that our Graduate Recognition Service will be on Sunday morning, June 4th at 11:00 a.m. There will be a breakfast for our graduates and their family at 9:00 a.m. Please let Mrs. Willa Dean Bullard know of any high school or college graduates you know of before the 17th of May.

Our Baby dedication service will be held on Father’s Day, June 18th. Please give Mrs. Willa Dean Bullard a call to have the name of any child you would like to include in this service.

May God awaken you each day with sunshine. May He open your eyes to see the beauty all around you. May He fill your ears with the songs of birds, and your hearts with joy. Remember that Christ is not dead but lives among us now!

Yours in HIS service,

Michael Shook

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE - APRIL

Mission Friends: 3 - 5
April Smith

NURSERY - WORSHIP

02 ~ Carol Ann & Chuck Rogers
09 ~ Dale & Anna Ackerman
16~ Kim Farmer, Melanie & Madelyn Hall
23~ Rodney & Melanie Hall
30 ~ Rita Barrett & Iris West

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

02~ Eva Brock & Edna Melvin
09 ~ Sarah Smith & Teddy Tippett
16 ~ No Children's Church
23- Gabe & Brooke Shoffner
30 ~ Lance & Morgan Bullard

USHERS- WORSHIP

Dale Bullard
Dean Bullard
Jim Bullard
Lance Bullard
Harry Tatum -Alternate

OUR MISSIONARIES

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

MILITARY AND PARA/MILITARY

Joshua BonHomme - Deployed
Jon Pollard
Jonathan Wells
Daniel Wilson

OUR NURSING/REHAB CENTERS

June Dorton	Ellen LeMaster
Pearl Faircloth	Jesse McCarley
Jack Frazier	Lillian Moore
Hilda Gardner	Sybil Whatley
Dot Gault	Lois Wright
Ethleen Harris	

CALENDAR—APRIL 2017

09 th - 5:30 pm BYW Mtg.	14 TH - 6:30 pm Egg Coloring
10 th - 11:00 am WOM Mtg. Fellowship Hall	15 th - Easter Egg Hunt
7:30 pm Deacon's Mtg.	16 th - 7:00 AM Sunrise Service
12 th - 6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Meal	7:30 AM Breakfast
7:30 pm - Church/Conf, CIA, Youth	8:30 AM Sunday School
8:15 pm - Choir Practice	9:30 AM Cantata

YOUTH NEWS

Just want to say what an awesome job our youth did for Youth Sunday. We are proud of Mr. Tyson Banks! He never ceases to amaze us and we are fortunate to have him as a part of this great church. Thank you to each one of our youth for taking a part in the service and doing a great job. After the service, we ate some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and ham sandwiches and began our trip into town. We went to the Escape Room in Fayetteville. It was just that. We broke up into two groups and went into a room full of clues and had one hour to escape. The first group escaped with 14 minutes left and the second group escaped with only 6 minutes left. So we are thankful that everyone escaped unharmed! Just kidding, it was very safe and needless to say, they had a great time. We then went to Mod Pizza. This is a restaurant that you can go through a line such as Subway, and add all the topping that you would like to the crust, and then they bake your personalized pizza. It was delicious and a fun experience for all.

If you are middle school, high school, college, or just want to be a part of the best youth group ever, please come to the fellowship hall each Wednesday night at 7:30pm. Brooke is going through the Bible and she has a fun night after each book of the Bible.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Would like to say a very special thank you to the 18 men in our church that showed up on the very crisp cold morning, March 4th to install the playground equipment at our church. Thank you to Lance and Gabe for the organization of this removal from Stedman and installation here at church. It looks very nice and there has already been some sweet little children enjoying it. We are excited to see our children and our church continue to grow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 2017

- 02 ~ Charles Madison Rogers IV
- 03 ~ Tonya Bullard
- 04 ~ Paula Hayes & Joe Melvin
- 05 ~ Margaret Bullard & Shannon Hales
- 06 ~ Megan Bullard & Lila White
- 08 ~ Naomi Dunlap & Robyn Buck
- 12 ~ Harold Smith
- 13 ~ Bill West & Doug Smith
- 14 ~ R.K. Bullard
- 15 ~ Shelia Faircloth
- 18 ~ Lois Smith & Tiffany BonHomme
- 20 ~ Devin Barnhill
- 21 ~ Teddy Tippett
- 22 ~ Paul Maguire & Jacie Marie Bullard
- 23 ~ Chuck Rogers & Ethan Longo
- 24 ~ Jamie Smith , Emma Bullard
Laney Talley & Jody Melvin
- 25 ~ Kensey Smith
- 26 ~ Isaiah Cooper
- 27 ~ Jacob Vinson
- 28 ~ Jason Vinson, Justin Hall
Daniel Brock

- Anna Ackerman
- Charlene Ake
- Joe Allen
- Donald Autry
- Jimmie Lou Blake
- Terry Braxton
- Susan Brown
- L. B. Bryant
- Adam Bullard
- Billy Bullard
- Ella Grae Bullard
- Roscoe Bullard
- William Bullard
- Joan Bullock
- Toby Bunce
- Gwendolyn Campbell
- Lisa Cashwell
- Ken Chase
- Robert Cooper
- Shirley Cooper
- Phyllis Daniels
- Stan Daniels
- Jill DeVore

Our Sick & Home Shut-Ins

- Heather Faircloth
- Rudolph Gray
- Brenda Hales
- Vergalene Hales
- Billy Hall
- Magalene Hall
- Vickie Hall
- Steve Harris
- Dagmur Hinot
- Sue Hobbs
- Herb Hoover
- Judy Deavers Hyder
- Dana King
- Randy Lee
- Dennis Maguire
- Billy Marsh
- Donna Melvin
- Jimmy Mitchell
- Cara Lee Parker
- Moreno Palacios
- Ricky Peterson
- Charles Pierce
- Alma & Don Pollard

- Amy Porter
- Jason Porter
- Jonathan Porter
- Judy Rierson
- Eddie Royal
- J. R. Royal
- Pauline Simpson
- Becky Smith
- Crystelle Smith
- Doug Smith
- Freddie Smith
- Harold Smith
- Jennifer Smith
- Gary Strickland
- Teresa Strickland
- Tommy Strickland
- Ozeen Ty;er
- Billie Weathington
- Heather Williams
- Lois Wright
- Irma Young
- One Another



Happy Birthday from your Church family at Beaver Dam Baptist Church

THE WOM & BYW

The WOM & BYW held their joint meeting on March 12th at the Fellowship Building. The focus was the week of prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Missionaries birthdays on this day and those who are sick were prayed for.

Edna Melvin had the program from Mrs. Ethel Vinson's Autobiography. Mrs. Ethel was a true missionary right here in our own church and community.

She helped start the first Missionary Union back in the 1940's and was responsible for organizing the first choir here at Beaver Dam Church. Mr. Sam Bullard was the Choir Director. Mrs. Ethel played the piano and organ for all her adult life until her health prevented her from playing the last 3 or 4 years of her life.

What a great example Mrs. Ethel was to everyone in the Beaver Dam Community and our church.

After the meeting we invited the Deacons and our Pastor to enjoy refreshments with us.

Edna Melvin

Club 50 Luncheon

This year, some of the BYW members wanted to change things up and have the Club 50 Dinner after church, and it proved to be a hit! We had 70 people in attendance this time. Wow, what a wonderful group and it was a great day! After Mr. Mike's great service and a special Lord's Supper, what a treat to just walk next door and enjoy some great food, fellowship, and singing. Thank you to Hannah Pritchard and Keith Pollard for singing for us and thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful day!

Everyday for one week tell Someone that you love and appreciate them and see how good it makes you and them feel. For God so loved us let us love one another.

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YOUTH OF THE MONTH

This month, we are very proud to tell you about Mr. Christopher Bullard. Chris graduated from North Carolina Central University of Law on May 14, 2016. He attended his beloved North Carolina State University for his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science prior to attending Law School. After the long wait for bar exam results, Chris was sworn into office as an Assistant District Attorney by our District Attorney Billy West. Chris has been busy working in the District Attorney's Office since September 28th. Chris has also become happily engaged to Katie Schaefer on January 12th of this year. To say that Chris has had some big life moments in the last year is an understatement. The best is yet to come when Katie becomes his wife in July! Chris is the son of Doug and Sharon Young and Mike Bullard. He is also the grandson of Carmon and Grace Bullard, the great-grandson of Sam and Annie Bell Bullard, and Nellie Smith. After seven years in Raleigh for College and Law School, it was never a question if Chris would return to Fayetteville and Beaver Dam Baptist Church. We are very proud of Chris and are very happy to have him back at Beaver Dam. If you would like to send him words of encouragement, you can do so at this address below:

Mr. Christopher Bullard
1513 Raeford Road
Fayetteville, NC 28305

We have now featured three of our past youth members this year and are still looking for more to interview. Please let Melanie know if you have the name of someone you want to read about.

BYW and WOM Joint Meeting

Never would have thought that we would have to reschedule a meeting in March because of snow, but guess what? We did! It was moved to Monday evening and was still a good attendance with both groups. It was in honor of our week of prayer for Annie Armstrong. Ms. Gert had our prayer for missionaries and Ms. Edna talked about what it means to be mission minded. If you missed this meeting, you missed a special treat. Ms. Edna had the book that was written by a very special lady that once lived in Beaver Dam and was a DEDICATED member of our church. This lady played the organ for many years and was a lady that we all would call mission minded right here in her own hometown. If you don't know who I am talking about yet, it was Ms. Ethel Vinson. I was fortunate to get to know Ms. Ethel after I started coming to Beaver Dam and she was a very sweet lady. It was very interesting to hear all of the entries that Ms. Ethel put into her own words and published. One of the many interesting facts that she wrote about was the beginning of the choir here at Beaver Dam. One of the choir members she talked about was my grandfather, Mr. Ronnie Smith. I have heard many people talk about how great of a singer he was, but unfortunately, he passed away before I was ever born. I have never read the book, but I definitely am going to try to get a copy to read. Thank you Ms. Edna for the program. We were fortunate to have this special lady and we are also fortunate to have all of our missionaries right here in our very own church. Please pray for all missionaries, near and far.