

“BAPTIST ON THE BEAVER DAM”

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From the Pastor’s Cluttered Desk,

If you visit airports you see lots of unusual things, people, and events. There are parts of the experience of flying that I do not particularly like. If you have ever gone through the TSA checkpoints and had to empty your pockets, take off your belt and your phone, come out of your shoes, and then try to redress while you grab your belonging as the line piles up behind you, the stress can begin to build rapidly. A friend recently sent a picture of a sign in an airport with the term *Recombobulation Area* on it.

That is a word that is new to me, but I knew as soon as I saw it what it meant. The area is provided to recover from the awful experience you have just been put through. The term accurately describes what individuals and families go through as they pass checkpoints in airports. Imagine mom and dad as they try to keep up with two or three young children, a stroller, a diaper bag, and the necessities they carry along to entertain themselves and the children as they travel to or from grandma’s house.

To discombobulate someone is “to confuse or disconcert, to upset, to frustrate.” A recent news report from Little Rock, Arkansas told of a woman that was sitting at a stop sign when a man in a truck behind her got out of his truck, walked up to her car and fired a shot. The woman’s three-year old grandson sitting in the back seat was killed. Road rage became murder in just a matter of minutes. Discombobulated is a good description of what many people feel as they come to the end of the Christmas season and begin the work of putting away everything and cleaning up the house in preparation for the New Year. This is probably a good description of what many congregations feel as they face the challenges before them.

We know that programs, methods and ideas that worked for many years are no longer effective. The post Christian era has not reached every area at the same time. Some areas saw a dramatic cultural shift away from the Christian culture and traditions many years ago, others are seeing the impact more slowly. You know the old line, “Everything that was nailed down seems to be coming apart.”

It has been encouraging to see an increase in attendance in Sunday School and worship here at Beaver Dam. It is delightful to see young children and youth not only in attendance, but involved in so many activities. Growth does not come easily! The New Testament Church experienced difficult times. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians: We are hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed, perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

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“IF NOT NOW WHEN”

MONTHLY SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2017

Mission Friends: 3 - 5
April Smith

NURSERY - WORSHIP



- 01 ~ Dale & Anna Ackerman
- 08 ~ kim Farmer & Madelyn Hall
- 15~ Rodney & Melanie Hall
- 22~ Rita Barrett & Iris West
- 29 - Reva Weathington & Brooke Shoffner

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



- 01~ Barbara Melvin & Betsy Simpson
- 08~ April & Sydney Smith
- 15 ~ No Children Church
- 22 ~ Scott & Kim Weathington
- 29- Muriel Hall & Margie Hosking

USHERS - WORSHIP

Bobby Hall
Ronald Smith
Johnny Yeager
Jason Weathington

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
Eddie Royal	Lois Wright

MILITARY AND PARA/MILITARY

Joshua BonHomme - Deployed
Jon Pollard
Jonathan Wells
Daniel Wilson

Christmas Caroling

Thank you to all who participated in the Caroling. We had a hot and delicious chicken and pasta meal right before we headed out to visit just a few of our sick and shut ins across the community. We delivered fruit bags to each of them and sang songs. We had 29 in attendance and we had a great time. Thank you to Arnold Smith for letting us use the warm bus on such a cold night and we thank Kim Farmer for being our awesome bus driver.

Christmas Dinner Theatre

What an awesome job our children's choir, youth, and adults did this year! We were able to entertain and feed more than 120 people in our fellowship hall. Thank you to each and everyone for their part in the play. There was many, many hands involved this year. We have been putting this together since October.

Children's choir, youth, adults, kitchen helpers, costume helpers, decorating, building a stage, reserving Santa Clause at this busy time of year, and many more have all been very helpful in making this a success. Thank you for a job well done! The can goods were donated to our local community Beatitude House and will warm the heart of someone this holiday season. Again, thank you to ALL!

Our Sick & Home Shut-Ins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
January 2017

- 01 ~ Lisa Smith
- 03 ~ Callie Smith
- 04 ~ Dale Bullard
- 06 ~ Duane Smith
- 07 ~ Greg Hall & Carol Ann Rogers
- 08 ~ Dale Hayes
- 09 ~ Eva Brock
- 10 ~ Jordan Brantley, Ruby Bryant & Justin Smith
- 11 ~ L. B. Bryant & David Hales
- 12 ~ Margie Hosking & Chloe Miller
- 13 ~ Zoe Williams
- 15 ~ Annette Dunlap & Ryan Barnhill
- 17 ~ Rachel Hall
- 18 ~ Austin Bullard & Mr. Gene Sweat
- 19 ~ Leonard Smith & Matthew Landes
- 20~ Tami Finn Miller
- 21 ~ Amy Jackson
- 23 ~ Warren Burkey
- 24 ~ Steve Smith
- 26 ~ Beth Markham, Sarah Thompson & Sereca Godwin
- 27 ~ Victoria Lewis
- 29 ~ Madison Hales & Tuti Butler & David Dunlap

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

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



CALENDAR

JANUARY 2017

- 01 - New Year's Day
- 08 - 5:30 pm- BYW Meeting Home of Iris West
- 09- 11:00 am- WOM Meeting- Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 pm -Deacons' Meeting
- 11- 6:30 pm -Fellowship Meal
- 7:30 pm -Church Conf/ Mission Friends, GA, RA
- Youth
- 8:15 pm -Choir Practice
- 15 - Baptist Men's Day
- 20 - 21 - Youth Ski Trip

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL !**

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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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Do you need a designated area to get recombobulated? Where do you go to prepare for the next duty that comes your way? Have you brushed your hair, gotten your luggage, do you have your ticket in hand, and have you taken a deep breath? Corrie Ten Boom famously said, “The storm is around me, not within me.”

We can work together in this New Year 2017 to make Beaver Dam Baptist a discombobulation area; a place where people can bring their sorrow, pain, disappointment, hurt, guilt, and find peace, healing, purpose, friendship, love, acceptance, and friendship. To do that is to do what Jesus clearly had in mind when he commissioned us to love one another as he loved us.

In His Service,
Michael Shook

This month, I would like to feature a very special former youth member. He is Tyson Banks.

As many of you know, there have been many life changing events for Tyson this year. In May he asked a beautiful young lady, Hannah Ireland, from Newton, NC to marry him..and she said yes! In June, Tyson moved to Conover, NC and has been temporarily employed at Tri-City Baptist Church. Hannah works at Tri-City as an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Pastor also. We are so happy God has brought these two together and Tyson and Hannah will be getting married in March.

On November 30, 2016 Tyson was called as Pastor of Youth and Children at Crossroads Baptist Church close to Hickory, NC. Crossroads is a small church in the Mountain View Community. Pastor Chris Huffman is the Senior Pastor. In typical “Tyson” fashion, he hit the ground running. He and Hannah have been very busy getting to know this great group of youth. This is a growing group of young people and there have been 3 professions of faith in the past two weeks. Tyson will be performing two baptisms on Christmas Day. God is moving in great ways! They are busy making exciting plans for the new year. Please remember Tyson and this youth ministry in your prayers. You can send words of encouragement to Tyson at:

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YOUTH NEWS