

“BAPTIST ON THE BEAVER DAM”

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FROM THE PASTORS CLUTTERED DESK

When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and commissioned him to go and tell Pharaoh to let his people go, Moses was more than a little hesitant. When God persisted, Moses gave numerous reasons to the Lord for finding someone with more qualifications and greater ability. Jeremiah objected when God gave him a message to deliver; the problem for the prophet was that the message became a fire in his bones and the only way he could find relief was to do as God commanded.

For forty-five years I have been trying to learn how to preach and to be an effective pastor. It seems that I know less about how to preach and serve as a shepherd than I did when I began. I have learned that when it comes to sermons people tend not hear. There are too many obstacles to be able to communicate successfully. The preacher is saying one thing, the congregation hears another entirely. We have distractions including skeptical listeners, guilty thoughts, limited attention spans, and a desire to be at the head of the line come dinner time.

Recently I read of a professor of preaching that spent his sabbatical traveling the country listening to other preachers Sunday after Sunday. After returning he was asked what he had learned from his thirty-sermon tour. He said, “I think it’s a miracle that anybody hears anything.” And yet, we do. That is a miracle. The Holy Spirit is still moving and working.

Pastors stand before the altar of God

and at the bedside of the sick and dying. They hear the conversations of troubled souls, and they wrestle somewhat befuddled before the biblical text. These are just a few of the tasks we attempt to do. It is an awesome responsibility to try to stand at the intersection between the people of God and God. At best it is a risky transaction to serve as a priest between Christ and His Bride. Yes, we Baptist, at least many of us, still hold firm to the belief in the doctrine of the individual priesthood of the believer. For the past six years you have given me the privilege of interceding with you in prayer, and attempting to rightly divide the Word of God. It is an awesome thing to walk that space between here and the throne of God and bear the yoke that is not always as light as Jesus seemed to indicate; but these burdens are much more significant than the burdens the world tends to bring our way.

There are no words or actions that can ever adequately express the appreciation we feel for the welcome and friendship you have shown us during our journey with you. The memories we have made here will remain with us as a treasure. Our prayers will be with you as you make plans for the next chapter in the life of Beaver Dam Baptist. When we follow His leadership we will be amazed at what happens. God still uses the weak things of this world to confound the wise and powerful.

Yours in HIS service,

Michael Shook

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“IF NOT NOW WHEN”

MONTHLY SCHEDULE - July 2017

Mission Friends: 3 - 5
April Smith

NURSERY - WORSHIP

02 ~ Eva Brock & Joann Averitte
09 ~ Carol Ann & Chuck Rogers
16~ Dale & Anna Ackerman
23 ~ Kim Farmer & Madelyn Hall
30~ Donna Banks & Donna Maguire

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

02~ Donna Banks & Donna Maguire
09~ Kim & Tim Farmer
16- Rodney & Melanie Hall
23~ Reva & Jason Weathington
30 ~ Dale & Anna Ackerman

USHERS / WORSHIP

Ronald Smith
Johnny Yeager
Jason Weathington
Scott Weathington
Alternate: Harry Tatum

OUR MISSIONARIES

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

Military And Para/Military

* Joshua BonHomme
Jon Pollard
Jonathan Wells
Daniel Wilson

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Dale Ackerman, Carol Ann Rogers, Margie Hosking,
Brooke Shoffner, Vernon Bullard & A. J. Albertson.

Pray for these our fellow Christians as they take the
task of finding God's will for us at Beaver Dam Baptist.

OUR SICK & HOME SHUT-IN

Anna Ackerman	Timmy Faircloth	Don & Alma Pollard
Charlene Ake	Alicia Fisher	Amy Porter
Joe Allen	Herman Gardner	Jason Porter
Donald Autry	Rudolph Gray	Jonathan Porter
Jimmie Lou Blake	Brenda Hales	Judy Rierson
Vickie Bordeaux	Vergelene Hales	J. R. Royal
Terry Braxton	Billy Hall	Everitte & Faye Sessoms
Susan Brown	Bobby Hall	Jackie Sessoms
L. B. Bryant	Magalene Hall	Mrs. Shook
Adam Bullard	Vickie Hall	Jay Simpson
Billy Bullard	Steve Harris	Pauline Simpson
Ella Grae Bullard	Sue Hobbs	Becky Smith
Roscoe Bullard	Dagmur Hinot	Crystelle Smith
Joan Bullock	Herb Hoover	Doug Smith
Toby Bunce	Judy Hyder	Freddie Smith
Gwendolyn Campbell	Dana King	Harold Smith
Lisa Cashwell	Tori King	Jennifer Smith
Ken Chase	Randy Lee	Gary Strickland
Victoria Cloniger	Donna Melvin	Teresa Strickland
Anthony Coleman	Jimmy Mitchell	Tommy Strickland
Robert Cooper	Madison Moore	Donald Ray Underwood
Phyllis Daniels	Tommy Norris	Billie Weathington
Stan Daniels	Moreno Palacios	Heather Williams
Jill Devore	Lynn Parker	Irma Young
Betty Faircloth	Ricky Peterson	One Another
Heather Faircloth	Charles Pierce	

Please remember our Sick and Home Shut-Ins and
their care takers in you daily prayers.

OUR NURSING HOME/REHAB RESIDENTS

Rev. & Mrs. John Bergland	Dot Gault
Margaret Brock	Ellen LeMaster
June Dorton	Jesse McCarley
Pearl Faircloth	Lillian Moore
Jack Fraizer	Sybil Whatley
Hilda Gardner	Lois Wright

PLEASE JOIN US FOR VBS

OCEAN COMMOTION

DIVING INTO NOAH'S FLOOD

JULY 23-27 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

(Supper 6:00 - 6:30 pm each night)

Nursery - Adult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2017

- 01 ~ Rachel Strickland
- 02~ Dustin Britt & Crystal Hall
- 03~ Laura Lucchino
- 05 ~ Roger Melvin
- 06 ~ John Brantley, Pauline Simpson
Zachary Haney
- 08 ~ Serenity Hendryx & Austin Williams
- 09 ~ D. J. Markham , Dale Ray
Olivia Guarnaddia
- 10 ~ Bernard Bryant
- 11 ~ Matthew Smith
- 12 ~ Bernice Hall, Sarah Smith
Alexander Moreno
- 13 ~ Emma Jean Bullard & Andrew Petrakis
- 14~ LeeAnn Simpson
- 15~ Joey Buck
- 18 ~ Carol Smith & Steven Hales
- 19 ~ Kyle Melvin
- 20 ~ Tyler Smith & Ryan Williams
- 21 ~ Teresa Thompson
- 22 ~ Lylah Brigman
- 23 ~ Mason Bullard & Eric Scheib
- 24 ~ Becky Harris
- 25 ~ Tammy Smith Bullard, Ashley Petrakis
Tony Faircloth, Lisa Bullard, Terry Britt
- 26 ~ Larry Tanner & Mary Catherine Hales
- 28 ~ Julie Alaina & William Caleb Tippett
- 30 ~ Eric & Derek Bullard
- 31 ~ Christopher Bullard & Savannah Melvin

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

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

TO FIND A LOCATION NEAR YOU:

Call : 1-866-348-6479

Go to :

**www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks
or for more info see bulletin board in hall-
way at Beaver Dam Baptist Church.**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMES TO BEAVER DAM!!**

Tuesdays in June, July and August, the public library will come to Beaver Dam Elementary School Library. The program this year will “Master Builders.” There will be prizes, there will be activities building things, and there will be books that can be checked out. Dates are: Time is : 2:00 pm.

July 11, 18 & 25th

August 1 & 8th

This is open to ALL Children, rising Kindergarten to 5th Grade. Parents will need to remain with their children during the program also.

The information letter is posted in the back hallway at the church on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please feel free to call Jennifer Milton at the East Regional Library at 485-2955.

CALENDAR JULY 2017

- 04 ~INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 05 ~ NO WORSHIP SERVICE
- 09 ~ 8:30 am Deacons’ Mtg.
- 10 ~ 11:00 am WOM Mtg. Margaret
Smith Home
- 12 ~ 6:30 pm Fellowship Meal
7:30 pm Church/Conf.
8:15 pm Choir Practice
- 18 ~ 7:00 pm—NSRBA Mtg.
- 23-27 ~ 6:00 pm VBS

Mr. Gary Barrett will be leading Wednesday Night Bible Study, July 12– Aug. 23, from the 12th chapter of Romans (A Living Sacrifice to God). Come and join us, lets learn together!

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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.

GOD LOVES YOU

Youth News

Kyle Melvin

Kyle Melvin is the son of Roger Melvin and Tina Melvin-Ford and the grandson of Mrs. Gert Herron and Mrs. Edna Melvin. He received the Lord as his personal Saviour at the age of 8 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

He graduated from Cape Fear High School then entered college at UNC Chapel Hill with the desire to enter Medical School. During his 4 years at Chapel Hill he worked 2 Summers as counselor and life guard at Camp Dixie and 2 Summers Kyle worked with Dr. Royal in Lumberton. He also traveled to Costa Rica and Equador focusing on children who were disadvantaged.

Kyle entered Medical School at Chapel Hill with the desire to become a General Practitioner and working to assure medical care for disadvantaged children. He will graduate from Medical School May 2018.

He and his wife, Cynthia, make their home in Chapel Hill and attend church there.

Congratulations on your hard work Kyle. God Bless you in your endeavors.

Let's keep Kyle and Cynthia in our thoughts and prayers as they continue their journey in life and their journey with Jesus Christ.