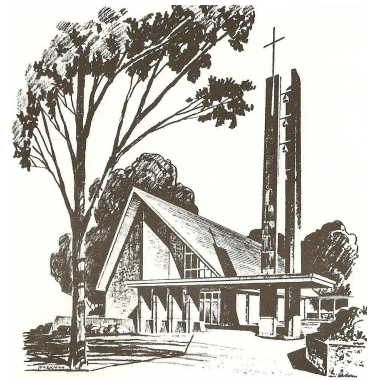


# The Announcer

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## *Congratulations to our High School Graduates!*



*Abby Bledsoe*



*Devin Tilley*



*AJ Mappa*



*Mary Alice Hoots*



*Taylor Hudson*



*Amber Cox*

## *Congratulations also to our College Graduates!*

Andrew Stephen Blood, BSBA in Business Management—Appalachian State University

Sarah Brannock, Bachelor of Science with major in Biology & minor in Chemistry & Sociology—  
Salem College

Ryan Hunter Niland, Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Magna Cum Laude—Wake Forest University

Erin Blackmon Haymore, M.S. Nursing, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Duke University

### PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Deidra and I are thankful for vacation time last week. We met some long time friends for several days at the beach. It was a good time to relax, unwind, and renew.

As you might expect, we fished for flounder and had good catches. And, while we fished, I watched the clouds, saw and heard the birds, and smelled the salt air. And I observed again the natural wonder of the tide. It is fascinating to tune into how everything in the natural world around the ocean reacts to the ebb and flow of the tides. It is a reminder that there is a rhythm of ebb and flow in all of life. There is day and night, wakefulness and sleep, activity and rest, speaking and listening.

We can see this rhythm also in the Genesis account of God's creation. At each stage of creation we read **and there was evening and there was morning, the first day....the second day....the third day** (Genesis 1:5ff). In Genesis 2:2-3 we read **And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.**

Out of God's hallowing the seventh day there developed the Sabbath observance in Jewish culture. Unfortunately, as often happens, a good and positive principle developed into a negative, legalistic duty. Jesus was often in conflict with the religious leaders over this distortion of God's intent. The Sabbath observance was given to man because we need it. The word Sabbath means "cease." It is a very important part of the rhythm of life and we neglect it to our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual peril.

The Jewish Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday and concludes with sundown on Saturday. When Christians began to worship on Sunday, the day of Christ's resurrection, there gradually developed an understanding of Sunday as the Sabbath. Unfortunately, Christians gradually began to make Sunday into the same kind of legalistic duty that Jews had imposed on the Sabbath. For the most part, we have moved far away from the heavy legalism observed well into the 20th century. Today, for most of our society, Sunday is just another day, except for the fact that some people still go to church. What has been lost is a genuine Sabbath, a day to cease, to rest, to re-focus.

I am trying to learn how to reclaim the biblical teaching of Sabbath. Sunday is definitely not a Sabbath for ministers. I confess that when I take a day off I often use it to work hard at something else. And, sometimes a day working in the yard is refreshing because it is different and it is physical. But I am becoming more aware of the need to just cease. I am learning to carve out short periods of time in a day. And, I am learning that a vacation is not a luxury. It is vitally important for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Thank you for vacation time. Not only do your ministers benefit from vacations. In the long run, days off, vacations and time away for continuing education will also be a benefit to the health and vitality of the church.

Low tide at Cherry Grove Beach looks entirely different than high tide. The marshes look all yucky with those exposed mud flats and oyster beds. And, to some, it appears that nothing is happening at all. Perhaps that's why some call it "dead low."

**Continued...**

## ◆ BULLETIN BOARD ◆



**Wednesday, May 26**  
**Menu: Smorgasbord**

### Prayer Emphasis for May

- upcoming graduates entering the job market
- people who've lost their homes recently due to natural disasters
- school children and their safety as the school year ends and summer vacation begins



### Book Club

Our next book will be "Will Jesus Buy Me a Double Wide?". Please let Brandon Hiatt know if you would like a book. The discussion date will be determined at a later date.

## VBS DATES: August 8—12

Please mark your calendars!

### VOCE Concert

Sunday, May 23 @ 3:00pm  
First Baptist Church Sanctuary  
FREE ADMISSION



### Caring and Sharing in Our Church Family

*1 Corinthians 12:14 and 26*

Write a note, make a telephone call, or pay a visit to the following:

#### HOSPITAL

Howard Morris—Northern  
Virginia Speight—Forsyth

#### SYMPATHY

To Louise Taylor in death of her sister Gladys King  
To family of Elizabeth Ashburn

#### HOMEBOUND

Neil Summers  
3304 Summit Hills Trl., Mt. Airy  
Ethel Talley  
542 Allred Mill Rd., Mt. Airy

### PASTOR TO PEOPLE cont...

But the reality is that there is a lot happening. And, in short order there will be the next surge of a new tide. The ebb is just as important as the flow.

Grace and peace,  
Roger

# BIRTHDAYS

5/21	Harry Johnson	5/28	Galen Cail
5/23	Sue Cooke	5/29	Sarah Marion
5/25	Franklin (Frank) Marquet	5/30	Kathryn Anderson
5/27	Bonnie Watson	5/31	Paul Madren
5/27	Geraldine Slate		

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 26, marks the conclusion of our school year schedule for Family Night programming. Our suppers, music, missions and Bible study programs will resume in September. During the summer, stay informed about church activities by reading the Announcer each week. Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, June 23 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Parlor. We all need to thank those who provide and support our Wednesday night programs. It is good to get together with the church family during the week, and not just on Sunday mornings.



## CONGRATULATIONS



Natalie Elizabeth Moore born 5/12/10  
 Parents Maggie & Geoff Moore  
 Big brother Christopher  
 Grandparents Nancy & Stonie Stone

## Hymnal Dedication



We will have a service of music to dedicate our new hymnals and hand bells on Sunday, June 13. Please mark your calendars.

### Cooperative Baptist Fellowship 20th Annual National General Assembly

(June 23-26, Charlotte, NC)

The National CBF General Assembly will be in Charlotte, June 24-26. This is close enough that some of you would be able to attend some or all of the sessions. **Dr. Gilbert is trying to get a group to attend the lunch meeting of the Baptist Center for Ethics on Thursday, June 24 at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church.** The program will be excellent and the cost will be about \$10. Let Roger or the church office know if you could attend this luncheon.

**Caring Connections for Women Reminder:**  
 Contact your "connection" this month!



## Grace Notes

If the choir sings extra beautifully next week, I'm sure it will be because they were inspired by their beautiful new choir room. I don't have any idea when it was painted last, but it needed painting badly. Anne Webb helped pick the perfect color and thanks to a fine crew of painters, it is bright and fresh and beautiful. Painters included: Jerry Simmons, Bobby Watson, Ted Watson, Clarence Goings, Larry Andrews, Chuck Strickland, Carole Kerley, Jim Redman, Dick Belton and Rocky Hudson.

While the painters worked in the choir room and hall, several other volunteers cleaned the playground and worked on other things outside. I am on shaky ground here; I would love to list all of you as well, but there were a lot of you outside working that I didn't see. Please accept the gratitude of the church for your willingness to give up a precious Saturday.

This week in worship we will congratulate our graduates and offer our prayers for them. At the same time, we will read and sing about Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Graduation is a good time to be reminded of the power and gifts the Holy Spirit offers each of us. From our new hymnal we will sing a Pentecost text set to a familiar tune, *Let Every Christian Pray*. The final hymn is a favorite of the youth who will lead in worship, *Shine, Jesus, Shine*.

Sing to the Lord!  
 Linda

## Thank You

Thank you Shirley Tillotson and her friend who have provided us with prayer shawls for our ministry. Several of you have been helping with this ministry and we are very grateful for your support and help. We sometimes worry that our supply of prayer shawls is low and wonder if we can work fast enough to have shawls on hand when they are needed; but the Lord has been good to us and always blesses us with helpers when we need them. So, thank you to all of you who "help" and especially to Shirley and her friend who have blessed us with this new supply of beautiful shawls.

P.S. For those of you who would like to join us on our meeting night, we meet the first Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm in the Prayer Room.  
 Hearts & Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you to everyone who showed up this past Saturday for the church work day. Your hard work and diligence was greatly appreciated.  
 House & Grounds Committee

<b>Statistics</b>	<b>Date: 5-16-10</b>	
Sunday School Enrollment	355	
Sunday School Attendance	138	
Worship Attendance	191	
<b><u>Tithes and Offerings</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>To Date</u></b>
Weekly Needs	\$9,690.00	\$193,800.00
Budget Offering	\$4,897.27	\$172,095.68
Amount Needed/Budget	\$4,792.73	\$21,704.32
Designations	\$3,114.00	\$62,406.11
Total Offering	\$8,011.27	\$234,501.79
<b><u>Designations</u></b>		
Building Fund	\$2,678.00	
Wednesday Night Meals	\$243.00	
Miscellaneous	\$31.00	
Designated Missions	\$87.00	
Home Missions	\$75.00	
<b><u>Loan</u></b>		
Building Fund Bal to Date	\$7,207.00	
Loan Bal as of 5-11-10		
Building	\$223,381.28	
Bus	\$23,881.40	

## Memorials And Honorariums

### Building Fund

#### In memory of Frank Longest by:

R.L. and Scarlet Williamson  
 Jimmy & Gladys Stout  
 Perry & Lisa Nichols  
 Larry & Ellen Nichols  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McLean  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Mangum Jr.  
 Clyde & Linda Gordon  
 Randy Cox  
 H. Thomas & Judith Bobo  
 Jim & Diane Barnwell & employees  
 Alamance Community College  
 Burlington Motors Inc.

#### In memory of Frank & Lorene Longest by:

Dr. Don Chaplin & Andy Hunt  
 Charles & Sandra Scott  
 Dr. & Mrs. Harold B. Kernodle

#### In memory of Greg Watson by:

Hilda Brannock  
 Bud & Jane Fussell  
 David & Betty Jones  
 Don & Lavon Thompson

## The Week Ahead

**SUNDAY, May 23, 2010**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

### **YOUTH & GRADUATE SUNDAY**

9:00am Graduate Breakfast  
 9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am \*\*The Church at Worship & Praise  
 3:00pm VOCE Concert @ FBC  
 5:30pm Granite City Ringers

**WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2010**

4:00pm Pastor Pals  
 5:00pm Last Children's Choir/Preschool Missions for Spring  
 5:45pm Last Family Night Meal for Spring  
 6:30pm Last Children's Missions, M-n-M Big Kids for Spring  
 6:30pm Last Adult Bible Study for Spring—will resume in 3 weeks on June 23  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:45pm Last y. - Youth Bible study for Spring

**THURSDAY, May 20, 2010**

5:30pm \*Feeding Friends Meal—Fellowship Hall  
 7:00pm \*Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

**SUNDAY, May 30, 2010**

9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am \*\*The Church at Worship & Praise  
 5:30pm Granite City Ringers

**MONDAY, May 31, 2010**

HOLIDAY—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**WEDNESDAY, June 2, 2010**

4:00pm Last Pastor Pals  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 NO OTHER WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES  
 Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, June 23

**THURSDAY, June 3, 2010**

5:30pm \*Feeding Friends Meal—Fellowship Hall  
 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Meeting—Fireside Room  
 7:00pm \*Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

\*Community Ministry \*\*Hearing Assists / Valet Parking Available upon request - Wheelchair spaces available in the sanctuary for the convenience of those who need to stay in their chair.

## Special Called Church Conference

There will be a special called church conference on Sunday, June 6 to vote on recommendations made by the nominating committee.



## DEACONS OF THE WEEK Jeffrey Ellis & Gene Garland

**Ministry for Sunday, May 23:** Sermon: Dr. Roger Gilbert; **Scripture:** John 20:19-23; **Sunday School Greeters:** Mac & Becky Sumner; **After Worship Greeters:** Jeffrey Ellis & Gene Garland; **Kid's Korner:** Barbara Blood & Barbara Hill; **Nursery Workers:** Mary & Darrell Marion, Linda Hiatt & Robin Draughn; **Sound:** Danny Judd & Andy Webb

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