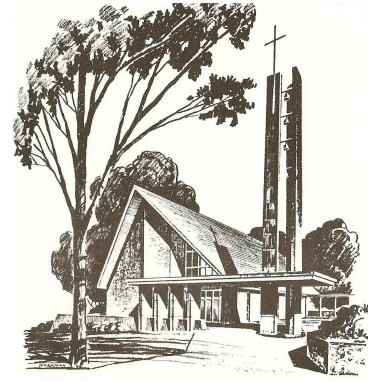


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FAILING TRANSFORMER FORCES POWER OUTAGE



A large electrical transformer that supplies electricity to the sanctuary, offices, and part of the middle education building has to be replaced. That means the above listed areas of church property will be without power. This work will begin on Tuesday, June 1. To get ready for the power outage, on this Friday, May 28, we will move the main offices to a part of the nursery area. We hope the work can be completed and the power restored within the week. If the power is not restored by the weekend of June 6, worship will be held on June 6 in the Old Sanctuary Building in what is now the Fellowship Hall. If you need to come to the temporary office location, enter the nursery area at the covered walkway. The offices will be on the right. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but we have no choice.

Old Hymnals Available

Would you like to have one of our old hymnals to take home? The Church Council voted to donate 200 of our old hymnals to a church that needed them, but there are still hymnals available for our members to take home if you would like to have one. They are on a table in the fireside room. Also on the table are some earlier hymnals; feel free to take one if you like.

Second Hymnal Order

After seeing *Celebrating Grace*, several of you have said you would like to buy a hymnal for your personal use. Others of you would still like to give hymnals to the church in honor or memory of someone. A new order is being compiled now, so please let the office know by June 6 if you would like to be included in this order. Each hymnal costs \$20.



July 4th Church Wide Picnic

We will again have our annual Independence Day picnic at Fisher River Park following morning worship service on Sunday, July 4th.

Pastor's Pals

Last meeting will be on Wednesday, June 2 at 4 p.m. We will go on a trip to Stone Mountain State Park on Friday, June 11.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship National General Assembly in Charlotte June 23—26

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. Roger 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 me know if you could attend this luncheon.

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

I was looking back at the end of the year financial report. It shows that we gave \$101,669 to missions last year. That covers a variety of mission causes, including home and foreign missions, children's homes, retirement homes, homeless shelter, counseling center, assistance with medical expenses, Salvation Army, Feeding Friends, disaster relief, assisting a lot of families with a variety of needs, and the list goes on.

That is an impressive amount of money given to mission causes. Remember also that missions is not just what we give to mission agencies and institutions. The core of the church's purpose is to be "missional," that is to join with God in His mission in the world. That means that worship, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, committee work, hospital visitation, grief ministry, prayer shawls, music ministry and daily expressions of love to hurting people are all missions.

From my earliest years to the present I have been immeasurably blessed through the church. Every day I see the ministry of this church reaching out to others. With all of the flaws of the institution, the church continues to bear both present and eternal fruit.

An article published in the newsletter of First Baptist Church of Bladenboro is relevant to the subject at hand. I have printed a portion of it for you to ponder.

A letter to Dear Abby complaining about the church's need for money drew this response from Bob Whitmore of Eugene, Oregon. Mr. Whitmore sent in a clipping for which he had a title but no author: "Is the Church Costing Too Much?"

Last Sunday, another golfer sank the last putt on the 18th green and received a check for \$950,000 for four rounds of golf, plus an automobile for himself and one for his wife. This week, the papers reported that a certain popular singer will receive \$100,000 per week for her current singing engagement. Americans spend, annually, more on dog food than on church contributions. It is not unusual for an individual to pay more for his/her country club membership than he/she gives to the church. Is the church costing too much?

Let me share an experience with you. On June 2, 1940, a little girl was born to my wife and me. She cost us money from the moment she was born. As she grew from infancy to girlhood, she cost even more—her dresses and shoes were more expensive, and we had to pay the doctor through all those childhood diseases.

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◆ BULLETIN BOARD ◆

**Wednesday, June 2
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
NO OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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



Book Club

Our next book will be "Will Jesus Buy Me a Double Wide?". The discussion date will be June 16 @ 6:30pm

VBS DATES: August 8—12

Please mark your calendars!



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.

PASTOR TO PEOPLE cont...

She was even more expensive during her school and teen years. She needed long dresses to go to parties. When she went to college, we discovered, along with other parents, that all college expenses are not listed in the catalog. Then after graduation, she fell in love and married. She was married in a church with a lovely wedding reception and that, too, cost a lot of money.

Consider two statements. (1) An active church like First Baptist does cost a lot of money. (2) We usually invest our money in what we care about. Pray about how those two statements are connected for you.

Gratefully your pastor,
Roger

BIRTHDAYS

5/28	Galen Cail	6/4	Elizabeth "Lib" Boyles
5/29	Sarah Marion	6/5	Michelle Blood
5/30	Kathryn Anderson	6/5	Samuel Brannock
5/31	Paul Madren	6/5	Louise Hill
6/1	Diana Ellis	6/7	Rhonda Parker
6/2	Mike Fussell		

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 2, 9, 16-

A three week break in the Wednesday Night Bible Study

June 22-

Wednesday night Bible study resumes in the Fireside Room. We will continue our study in I Peter. This schedule will go through August 18, when we will have a two week break before the Fall Schedule resumes.

September 8-

Wednesday night supper, Bible study and children's programs resume.



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

Virginia Speight & her baby, Gianna Faith—Forsyth

SYMPATHY

To family of Rex Tilley

HOMEBOUND

Mildred "Millie" Tilley
507 Cross Creek Drive, Mt. Airy
Lester Vaughn
1199 Hayes Forest Dr., Apt 779
Winston-Salem, NC 27106-3377

Grace Notes

Can we really be at the end of another year of church music ministry? May 26 was the last children's choir for the year, and the children shared their music in a program after dinner. I will miss seeing my group regularly to make music. They have learned so much about music this year, and I hope they have also learned more about following Jesus. We have had fun recently talking about Pentecost and what that day must have been like. The kids can make some pretty loud "rushing, mighty wind" sounds! It is always illuminating to watch old stories interpreted through the imagination of children, and I am reminded to do likewise.

I want to express my thanks to the parents who help with children's music ministry week after week: Candice Martin, Lone Cooke, Angela Stroup, Jennifer Hiatt, and Laura Marion. They drive the success of the program with their teaching and their outreach in the community. We welcome all children to all of our church programs, even if they visit from other churches. Next fall we will be offering some additional musical opportunities; check for information during the summer.

This week's choir anthem will again come from *Celebrating Grace*. Roger's sermon will be on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the hymn "Holy Presence, Holy Teacher" describes the guidance the Spirit offers us. If you have a few extra moments in the sanctuary before worship, enjoy reading some of the amazing hymn texts in *Celebrating Grace*.

Sing to the Lord!
Linda

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the Bible you presented to me on Graduate Sunday and for all of the love & support you have shown me through the years. Also, thank you for your continuing support as I move forward.
Love, Abby Bledsoe

Dear Church Family,
It is great being a member of the family of God at First Baptist church, Mt. Airy. Your support for us in our hospital stay and recovery was a real blessing to us. Thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards & notes. A special thanks goes out to the children who sent us original cards they made. They brightened our day!

Hebrews 6:10
In Christian Love,
Haywood & Katie Jordan

Statistics	Date: 5-23-10	
Sunday School Enrollment	355	
Sunday School Attendance	160	
Worship Attendance	194	
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Weekly Needs	\$9,690.00	\$203,490.00
Budget Offering	\$9,306.06	\$181,401.74
Amount Needed/Budget	\$383.94	\$22,088.26
Designations	\$4,385.48	\$66,791.59
Total Offering	\$13,691.54	\$248,193.33
<u>Designations</u>		
Building Fund	\$2,870.00	
Wednesday Night Meals	\$192.00	
Miscellaneous	\$571.00	
Designated Missions	\$752.48	
<u>Loan</u>		
Building Fund Bal to Date	\$10,077.00	
Loan Bal as of 5-11-10		
Building	\$223,381.28	
Bus	\$23,881.40	

The Week Ahead

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

SUNDAY, June 6, 2010

9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
 Special Called Church Conference

5:30pm Granite City Ringers

7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2010

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

THURSDAY, June 10, 2010

SCHOOLS OUT FOR CITY & COUNTY

5:30pm *Feeding Friends Meal—Fellowship Hall

7:00pm *Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

FRIDAY, June 11, 2010

Pastor Pals Trip to Stone Mtn

SUNDAY, June 13, 2010

HYMNAL DEDICATION

9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise

*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.

Memorials And Honorariums

Building Fund

In memory of Frank Longest by:

Susan Anderson

June Loftis

Cornelia Winstead

Pamela Yokley

In memory of Frank & Lorene Longest by:

John & Barbara Roberts

In memory of Rex Tilley by:

Susan Anderson

Harry Dowell

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 **Chuck & Mary Lois Strickland**

Sunday Worship Broadcast Dates on WPAQ

June 13, August 15, October 17, and December 19. Did you know that the sermons can also be heard on our church web site every week? Log on to

www.fbcmountairy.org.



Ministry for Sunday, May 30: Sermon: Dr. Roger Gilbert; **Scripture:** John 16:12-15; **Sunday School Greeters:** Steve & Buffy Fussell; **After Worship Greeters:** Chuck & Mary Lois Strickland; **Kid's Korner:** Derek & Jeannie Slate; **Nursery Workers:** Hilda Brannock & Maude Speight, Denise Chappell; **Sound:** Wes Parker & James Hayes

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