

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following couples on their anniversaries:

David & Bonne Morgan – August 2nd
Tim & Esther Baldwin – August 5th
Dot & Jimmy Coleman – August 9th
Dan & Carole Ligotti – August 26th
Bernard & Holly Howell – August 31st

ANGEL FOOD



Angel Food Ministries

The order deadline for Topsail Baptist is August 11th. The order deadline for Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church is August 13th. The

menu for August is posted on the bulletin board located in the Sunday School hallway. You can place your order on-line & pay with a debit or credit card. Also, the Angel Food program accepts food stamps.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



August 2nd – Weight Management Program @ 6 p.m.



August 5th – Constitution Committee Meeting @ 7 p.m.



August 10th – Men's Cookout @ 6:30 p.m.



August 15th – Worship Service at Woodbury @ 4 p.m.



August 18th – Lunch for Hospice



August 27th-29th – Camp Dixie Retreat



August 29th – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing @ First A.C.C.

BENEVOLENT FUND/FOOD PANTRY



The first Sunday of every month we receive a benevolent offering. One of our deacons is at the front door with an offering plate to receive contributions. These funds are administered by the deacons to help those in need.

Beginning in September we are going to be expanding our benevolence ministry. We are going to ask those who are able and willing, to bring non-perishable food items to church with them on the first Sunday of the month to place in a food pantry on-site. While we do support the local Hampstead food pantry ran by the 4 C's organization (Christian Caring Community Center), there are times people have needs when they are closed. Also, families are only allowed to access food through the 4 C's a certain number of times a year.

Towards the middle of each month we will inform you more specifically of the items needed. If we receive an abundance of what is needed we will donate the excess to the local food pantry so your donations will not go to waste. If we are well stocked, then we will let you know that nothing is needed that particular month.

Thank you,

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ECHOES FROM BLAKE'S CHAPEL AUGUST 2010

Judgment and Grace

On Sunday, July 25th, I spoke on the Judgment of God that is coming on this world. I spoke from Matthew 25:31-46, where Jesus is talking about the separation of the sheep and the goats. The sheep will be granted eternal life while the goats eternal damnation. In that same chapter Jesus tells two other stories of Judgment coming, Matthew 25:1-13; The Parable of the Ten Virgins, and Matthew 25:14-30; The Parable of the Talents. There are many more passages proclaiming God's Day of Judgment and Wrath.

Judgment doesn't seem to be consistent with a loving, merciful God – does it? Here is where God's grace shines. God extends to you and to me the opportunity to escape the wrath that is coming against sin and its effects. Nearly two thousand years ago God sent His son, Jesus Christ into the world as a payment for sin. When Jesus died on the cross paying the penalty for sin (which is death), and His resurrection guaranteeing God's acceptance of His sacrifice, God opened the way for a heavenly transaction to take place. In theological terms it is called The Vicarious Atonement. Jesus took our place. He paid the price that we owe for our sins. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, then God looks at us through His son. Our debt was paid by Him and now God offers to us forgiveness and eternal life. We don't deserve it, we can't buy it, but we can receive it. That is why the bible says:

Romans 10:9-11 (NIV) ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Grace Is Amazing,
Pastor Steve

BLAKE'S CHAPEL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A committee was formed in June of 2000 to look into the possibility of creating a scholarship fund for Blake's Chapel. This idea was presented at the Quarterly Business Meeting in July 2000 and approved by the membership. The amount of \$5,000 was transferred from the General Fund and the Scholarship was established.

It was also approved for the offering collected on the first Sunday in August to be placed into the Scholarship Fund. As of June 30, 2010, the fund's assets totaled \$23,195.83.

The committee endeavors to hold the fund at a minimum of \$20,000. Thus far, a total of 14 members from Blake's Chapel have received scholarships.

Currently the committee members are Elmer Hodges, Sherry Carter, Debbie Croom, Leah Dowd, Owen Martin and Rachel Hollis.

CAMP DIXIE RETREAT



Family Weekend Retreat at Camp Dixie is August 27th-29th. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. The cost is \$15 per person for those over the age of 4. Please pay and register by August 18th. Make checks payable to Leah Dowd.

There will be lots of fun and fellowship - swimming, playing in the gym, mini-golf, canoeing, games and much more.

Times will be set aside during the Family Weekend Retreat for those who would like to work on crafts (scrapbooking, stamping/card-making). We encourage you to bring supplies if you have them. Some items will be provided, including supplies for at least 4 card-making projects!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Richard and Melody Hudson on the birth of their daughter, Brookelynn Farah Hudson. Brookelynn was born July 25, 2010 at 3:04 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Congratulations also go to the proud grandparents, Bob and Debbie Croom and Robert and Vickie Hudson and Great-Grandma, Faye Anderson.



HOMECOMING 2012



A committee has been formed to plan for the 100th Anniversary of Blake's Chapel, which will be celebrated on May 6, 2012. The committee consists of Pastor Spearing, Leah Dowd, Sherry Carter, Dottie Lee, Rachel Hollis and Randy McKinley. The committee is asking for anyone who has pictures to share, stories or history of the church, to please contact them with that information.

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"Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year--it brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul."

- Unknown

## AED/CPR CLASS

We now have access to an AED (automated external defibrillator). An AED is a portable electronic device that diagnoses and treats potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias. So far 8 people in the church are trained to use this machine and you must be trained to use it.

The AED can be found in a cabinet on the wall near the Sunday School office. Thank you to Ronda Walker for making the cabinet.

Training will be offered, which will cover CPR, choking and the use of the AED for infants, children and adults. Classes will be taught at church. The class will last three hours. If you would like a certification card, the cost is \$3. This certification will be through the American Heart Association. Connie Batson will instruct the class.

If you are interested in taking this class, please contact Rachel Hollis at 270-4640. She will need to know the following information:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Best day of week for class
- Best time of day for class

Class time and dates will be set after this information has been collected.

If you have ideas, suggestions or articles for the next newsletter, please give them to Shannon Sessions.

The next newsletter will be available September 5, 2010