

Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Stephen Willie
2nd Sunday: Mickey Gilliam
3rd Sunday: Phil Lowery
4th Sunday: Winston Riddle

May Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Becky Smith 2
Kevin & Danna Revis 17



May Birthdays

Brody Biddix 1
Zane Wyatt 2
Catherine Moore 6
Luke Lytle 8
Tony Silver 17
Phillip Lowery 20
Judy Warren 20
Leia Becker 21
Amber Brown 22
Mary Autry 26
Lois Early 29



Offertory Prayer:

1st Sunday: Arthur Burnette
2nd Sunday: Rhonard MacRae
3rd Sunday: Tony Silver
4th Sunday: Arthur Burnette



Starting May 19th

Lola Fide

A Study of Galatians

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Old Fort, NC

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THE VOICE

**MAY
EVENTS**

SUNDAY:

9:45 - Sunday School
11 - Worship Service
4 - Adult Choir Practice
6 - Children's Choir
6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth

WEDNESDAY:

6 - Adult Bible Study/Prayer,
Youth, Children in Action,
Mission Friends
6 - Children's Choir
7 - Adult Choir Practice

May 2 - National Day of Prayer
McDowell County Courthouse
Lawn 6 pm

May 5 - Senior Adult Sunday
11 am; Senior Luncheon 12 noon;
Quarterly Conference 6 pm;
Deacon's Meeting 7 pm

May 7 - Task Force Meeting
6 pm

May 8 - Children's Council 7 pm

May 9 - BRBA Senior Rally
Chapel Hill BC 10:30 am

May 10 - Relay for Life 6 pm

May 12 - Mother's Day; No
Evening Service or Activities

May 15-17 - Church Office
Closed

May 18 - Youth Car Wash & Hot
Dog Fundraiser 10 am-3 pm

May 19 - Recognition of Armed
Forces Members 11 am; VBS
Meeting 4 pm

May 20 - Newsletter Articles Due

May 22 - Youth Council 7 pm

May 25 - Downhill@Dawn 6 am-
1 pm

May 26 - Memorial Day Service
11 am; No Evening Service or
Activities

May 27 - Memorial Day (Office
Closed)

May 31 - Children's Camp
Fundraiser 11 am-2 pm & 5-7 pm

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Reflections of a Shepherd

Mother's Day is one of the most joyous days of the year. It is a day that we set aside to celebrate the women who raised us, be they biological mothers, step-mothers, adopted mothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, or even special aunts. These are the ladies who made us who we are today. For many of us, they are the ones who instilled in us the Christian faith and continue to encourage us on our Christian walk. They teach us, challenge us, inspire us, and support us. One of the greatest gifts God can give a man (or a woman) is to have a mother who loves in the same fashion that God does, unconditionally. Who expresses to us faithful love. Who expresses to us *hesed*, the Old Testament word for covenant love.

Of all the words in the Old Testament, *hesed* is probably my favorite. (If I'm honest it is my favorite in all of Scripture.) It is the word that best describes the love that God has for His people. In this word, we find the depths of love that God has for His people. In this word, we find the pain and hurt of our betrayal. In this word, we find the faithfulness of our God; faithfulness in spite of our own unfaithfulness. In this word, we find God's mercy to not give us what we deserve; judgment, punishment, exile, damnation. In this word, we find God's grace in giving us what we do not deserve: forgiveness, adoption, reconciliation, heaven. In this word we find the tension of God's holiness and His compassion; His love and His wrath. In this word, we find the love of a heavenly father.

I, for one, can testify that it is through my own mother's example that I more fully understand this word. I have a better appreciation for the love of God; I have a better grasp on His righteousness. She showed me so very often how these are held in tension without being abandoned or weakened. It was through the graceful, merciful love of my Momma that I have true understanding of what salvation looks like and what *hesed* is.

In my opinion, this word finds its best and fullest expression in Romans 5:8. "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." For it was His *hesed* for us that compelled Him to the cross, and His *hesed* that held Him there. It was His *hesed* that looked down upon us in our pitiful condition, lost and bound to sin. It was His *hesed* that knew we could never complete the task, never finish the journey....BUT GOD. But God stepped in. Picked us up from the muck and the mire. Cleaned our heart and made us new.

Which brings me back to Mother's Day, on this day and many others I am reminded of the times where I deserved wrath, but received grace. I can remember times when my brother and I were to have our room cleaned up by a certain hour. If I did, then we got to have a special treat...say going to the movies. As the hour approached my mother would remind us that we needed to clean our room. But we were lost in our own little world, playing with the toys we had discovered underneath the mess. Finally the hour had come. Now some mothers would have said, "No movies! Clean your rooms!" Others might have ignored the mess and let us go anyway, "They'll only be kids once!" You know what my mother would do? She would go into the room, clean the room with us (often doing most if not all the work), and then we would go to the movies. She didn't ignore the sin, but we didn't have to pay the cost alone either. That's what God's grace looks like. That's *hesed*. And that's my Momma!

Pastor Drew



WELCOME
New Members

Joshua Biddix
Who joined our fellowship
on March 24th
and
Arturo Arringa
Who joined our fellowship
on April 14th



Sunday, May 5
6:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall

If you are chair of any church committee, please bring a report to the Quarterly Conference including the following:

1. Activities or accomplishments from the previous 3 months (quarter).
2. Planned activities during the next quarter.

A copy of this report should be available for the church clerk before or at the meeting.

If you or a representative will not be able to attend and present the report, please provide the report to the clerk, who will present the report and record it in the minutes.



For the debt of gratitude owed to senior adults, many churches set aside an annual day to honor and respect seniors. Some churches observe a special day, while other churches plan a Senior Adult Week.

Senior Adult Day is a day to thank senior adults for their many contributions:

- ◆ Their many years of service to the Lord through His church
- ◆ Their happy smiles and positive attitudes
- ◆ Their continued support of the Lord's work through His church
- ◆ Their consistent and regular attendance in the activities of churches
- ◆ Their many years of teaching, serving on committees, and leadership in the life of the church
- ◆ Continuing to run the race and not to faint as they serve

Sunday, May 5

Rev. Jim Brewer, Director of Missions, will be the Guest Speaker.

There will be a Luncheon honoring our Senior Adults immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

Everyone is invited to share the luncheon with our Senior Adults.
(only asking congregation to bring desserts)

All Seniors: Please complete the questionnaire for our "Memories Booklet".

Invite your family to join us on this Sunday.



Church-Wide Picnic
will be October 6
at the Carson House.
More details to follow.

Darlene & Leia

BRBA Senior Adult Rally

Chapel Hill Baptist Church
125 Chapel Hill Church Loop, Marion
Thursday, May 9
Program at 10:30 am
with lunch to follow.



McDowell County
Relay for Life
Friday, May 10
6:00 pm
Tom Johnson
Camping Center



Youth Car Wash & Hot Dog Fundraiser

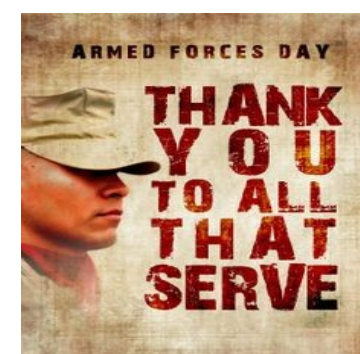
Saturday, May 18
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
May 20

VBS 2019

July 14-19

If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year contact Megan (828-442-3753) or Abbie (828-317-7417).



Armed Forces Day
Is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May.
It is a day to pay tribute to the men and women who currently serve in the United States armed forces.

With Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Randy & Carolyn Robinson in the passing of their grandson.

Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of Squash:
Squash Gossip
Squash Criticism
Squash Indifference

Plant three rows of Peas:
Purity
Patience
Perseverance

Plant four rows of Lettuce:
Let us be Kind
Let us be Faithful
Let us be Obedient
Let us Love one another

No Garden is complete without Turnips:
Turn up for Meetings
Turn up for Service
Turn up to lend a Helping Hand

To conclude our planting, we must have Thyme:
Thyme for God
Thyme for Study
Thyme for Prayer

Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.



Thank You!

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls and card concerning my parents (Joe & Margaret Anderson) hospital stay and illness. Please continue to keep them in you prayers!

Darlene & Carl

Dear Homebound Committee,
Thank you so much for the Easter basket.
You are nice to remember us. God bless you.
Bill & Juanita Ramsey



Once again, our church will be the finish line for the Downhill@Dawn Half Marathon on Saturday, May 25, 6 am-1 pm. This is a great ministry opportunity as there are usually about 500 people to cross the finish line.