

The Samaria Beacon... "A Light on a Hill"

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Birthdays

September 04	Sue Helfert
September 07	Ashleigh Jones
September 08	Binky Ray
September 08	Jamie Privette
September 09	Teresa MacDonald
September 11	Roy Roper
September 13	Diane Pulley
September 21	Sonnie Alford
September 22	Shannon Proctor
September 23	Nathan Johnson
September 29	Payton Privette

If you are not listed please contact the church office 919 231-8035.

Homebound Members

Maria Sanchez — birthday May 30

Betty Brodie — birthday August 04

Shirley Edwards—birthday June 05

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Samaria Services

Please plan to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 am with all other services live streamed.

Join us on Wednesday nights with meal at 5:30pm, and Bible Study in fellowship hall from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have kids club at 6:30-7:30pm.

Deacon Meetings 2025

Sept 07
12:15 pm

Oct 05
12:15 pm

Nov 18
12:15 pm



Tuesday, September 16 at 9am

**Triple S Breakfast at
McLean's Ole Time Cafe**

Ministry Concerns

All Homebound members	Healing/Strength
Elaine Barham	Healing/Strength
Melanie Blalock	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Terry Hobbs	Healing/Strength
Tina Hunter	Healing/Strength
Monica Joseph	Healing/Strength
Linda Lawrence	Healing/Strength
Andy Munday	Strength
Cherry Parker	Healing/Strength
Debbie Sherrill	Strength
Debbie Strickland	Healing/Strength
Joe Vela	Healing/Strength
James Whitaker	Healing/Strength

Pastor's Corner **September 2025**

Dear Samaria Family,

Last month's newsletter addressed the beginnings of Baptists in Europe and America. September's newsletter will focus on early North Carolina Baptists. Beginning in 1878, Samaria has a long history as a "Great Commission Church", faithfully supporting missionaries and passionately desiring to share the Gospel and to see individuals accept Christ. To better understand the first Baptists in North Carolina, one must look to see God's sovereign power moving in England.

In 1739, English evangelist, George Whitefield began the first of five preaching tours in the American colonies, resulting in the Great Awakening. Out of these revivals, a new group of Baptists emerged known as the Separate Baptists or New Lights, between 1744 and 1754. Four individuals, Isaac Backus, Shubal Stearns, Daniel Marshall, and Martha Stearns Marshall, left New England and eventually settled at Sandy Creek, North Carolina, near what is now Siler City in Randolph County. Shubal Stearns was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1706. His family were members of the Congregational Church. He described his new North Carolina neighbors as, "a people almost destitute of religious privileges, but ready to listen to the earnest proclamation of the truth." In 1755, Stearns founded a Baptist church at Sandy Creek with sixteen charter members in a brush arbor. The first meeting house was built in 1762. By his death in 1771, the church had 606 members and had sent out 125 preachers and established forty-two other Separate Baptist churches and missions.

Interestingly, Martha Stearns Marshall, Shubal's sister, and her husband Daniel served as Presbyterian missionaries among a tribe of Mohawk Indians. Later the Marshalls joined the Baptist church. However, Martha became a controversial figure in some Baptist churches because she preached and prayed publicly. Historian, Robert Semple compared Martha to Priscilla in the Bible. Semple characterized Martha as "unwearied and zealous in co-operation as a helper with her husband." According to esteemed Baptist historian and Greek professor at Wake Forest College, Dr. George Washington Paschal, Stearns' influence has been immeasurable, eventually resulting in the establishment of thousands of Baptist churches including as "far west as the Mississippi River, southward to Georgia, eastward to the sea, and northward to the Potomac River." He organized the Sandy Creek Association, and it became the main hub for strategic evangelism according to the Baptist Encyclopedia. Wake Forest University historian, Henry S. Stroupe called the founding of Sandy Creek "the most significant landmark in North Carolina Baptist history in the eighteenth century." Historian Samuel S. Hill, writes that the Sandy Creek Baptists "were everywhere, it seemed, converting, revitalizing, and starting new Separate Baptist Churches." A North Carolina historic roadside marker reads, "Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Mother of Separate Baptist churches across the South. Founded by Shubal Stearns, 1755. His grave is two miles south."

As our church moves forward, may we always remember Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Danny

Check out our Website **Samariabaptist.org**

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website www.samariabaptist.org to monitor church events and to find a copy of the bulletin for each Sunday morning service.

Online giving is also available on the website. We are also on You Tube on Sunday at 11:00 am.

Deacon of Week in September

September 07— Janice Barlow

September 14— Jenny Kirby

September 21— Gilbert Barbosa

September 28— Jerry Narron

Ministry Fair

Ministry Fair tables are set up in the connector ~ ~

There are many categories available so hope you will sign up for the many positions. We need you!

