



*Caraleigh Baptist Church
September Newsletter
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Desk of Pastor Michael Simmons

Pastor's Paragraphs

In the 1960's, there was a song entitled, "Where Have All the flowers Gone?" For me, it's not about all the flowers, but where has the summer gone? It's hard to believe that it's September already. But, September, it is. The children are back in school and the college students are already involved in their fall semester. Before you know it, it'll be Fall with its brilliant colors and cooler weather. The old adage says "Time flies." And though time doesn't really move faster (the truth is that each day still has 24 hours and each hour still has 60 minutes), it just seems to move faster as we age. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 5:15-16 and Colossians 4:5 to "redeem the time" or "make the best use of the time" because the days are often evil and the future is not guaranteed. None of us knows what each day will bring, but we know that whatever it brings, we can handle it in the strength of the Lord and rejoice in it. Each day is a gift from God and should be treated as such. It is good to start each day by saying, "Thank you Lord, for another day of life, a day to experience your presence, enjoy your blessings, and to serve you." I am very much aware of my age and keep telling myself that I'm working on my first hundred. I suspect that you are, too. Ever how many years the Lord gives us the gift of life here, we know that because of Jesus (his life, death on the cross, and glorious resurrection), we have the precious gift of everlasting life. Just think, we get to enjoy God's gift of life and his wonderful presence forever. I look forward to each new day as a gift and opportunity which enables me to enjoy the blessings that God has instore for me. I encourage you to do the same.

There are three things in September that I want you to put on your calendar. First is the Senior Adult Rally scheduled for September 23rd at Salem Baptist Church in Apex. Second is the Church Conference scheduled on September 28th immediately after the Morning Worship Service. Third, September is the month that we receive a special offering for NC State Missions. Please give generously. It's going to be a great month as we serve the Lord together and enjoy each other's fellowship. As God blesses you, remember to bless others.

Pastor Michael

Looking Ahead

Church Service 11:00am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Thursday - Bible Study 11:00am

10/23 - Fall Senior Adult Rally (cost is \$15 per person, see Connie with your money or check.)

10/28 - Church Conference ,right after the Morning Worship Service .

Other September Happenings:

*10/01 National Forgiveness Day, National Pastor's Spouses Day, Labor Day - 04 National Wildlife Day
05 National Food Bank Day, 06 National Hummingbird Day, National Read a Book Day
07 National Grandparents Day 09 National Teddy Bear Day 10 National Swap Ideas Day
11 National Day of Service and Remembrance 12 National Day of Encouragement, National Hug &
High 5 Day, National Chocolate Milkshake Day 13 Positive Thinking Day, National Peanut Day*



10/15 National Hug Your Hound Day, National Online Learning Day, National Tackle Kids Cancer Day
17 National Constitution Day, National Citizenship Day 18 The United States Air Force Birthday
21 National Wife Appreciation Day 22 National States and Capitals Day, National Family Day
22 & 23 The Autumnal Equinox (The Beginning of Fall) 25 National Daughter's Day
27 National Day of Forgiveness 28 National North Carolina Day "recognizes the 12th state to
join the Union.) 29 National VFW Day, National Coffee Day! 30 National Love People Day
There is a lot of happenings is September, Have fun and celebrate the month.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

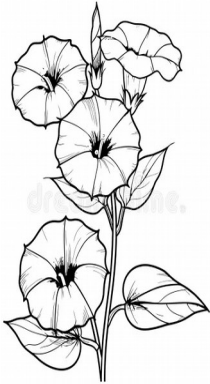
Joe Stroud Sept. 04
Aaron Flynn 15
Atticus Collins 21
Sue Thompson 23



Rev. & Mrs Bruce Hodge Sept. 25

Remember Pray for Our Shut – Ins

Rachel Council	The Landing of Chestnut Grove, 158 Chestnut Grove Church Rd.	Phone# 919-247-0873 Sparta NC 28675
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Sue Denning	Smithfield Manor Rm. 421 902 Berkshire Rd.	Phone# 919-616-9000 Smithfield NC 27577
Clyde Hutton	Raleigh Rehabilitation Center Rm. 426 116 Wade Ave.	Raleigh NC 27605
Johnny Hutton	Lawndale Manor Assisted Living Rm. 201 601 Lakeside Dr.	Garner NC 27529
Linda Hutton	Wedgwood Homes Apt. 15 740 Smallwood Dr.	Raleigh NC 27605



Prayer Concerns

Pastor & Deacons	Church Family	Caraleigh Comm.	United States
US Leaders	World Leaders	Connie Crumpler	Donna Slohn
Maria Walton	Angela Melton	Sue Denning	Jean Myers
Carolyn Murphy	Tedder Family	Cecil Strickland	Sandra James
Linda & Karl Steph	France Collins	Eleanor Stokes	Gene Ivey
Cindy & Mike Poole	Mike Coates	Clyde Hutton	Joyce Caudle
MPLS Disaster	Glenn Suggs	BelindaAndersonFam	



Music Notes: Desk of Margie Huggins

The weather feels so good these last few days. I chose to write this month on a more personal note about a song I am sure most of you will not know. One Sunday over forty years ago I was at home sick, one of my students covered the morning worship service for me. Her name is Belinda Anderson, and she chose for her offertory, "He Turned the Water Into Wine." It was an exceptionally beautiful organ solo. Of course I only heard it on tape.

"He is the sparkle in the snow, in the morning light;
The very warmth of fire's glow on a winter night.
And when He put His hand in mine, I left the empty life behind:.....He turned the water into wine,
He turned the water into wine.

So set your faces to the sun, for the sun did rise;
He's out to shine for every one...open up your eyes.
And when He put His hand in mine, I left the empty life behind.....He turned the water into wine,
He turned the water into wine."

I pray you will receive a blessing from this song as I plan to play it as an organ solo special music this Sunday Morning. May each of you have a very blessed month of September.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

Inspiration & Humor: Desk of Teresa Moore

I am a Christian

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I am not shouting that “I am clean living.” I’m whispering “I was lost, but now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say “I am a Christian,” I don’t speak of this with pride. I’m confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I’m not trying to be strong. I’m professing that I’m weak and need His strength to carry

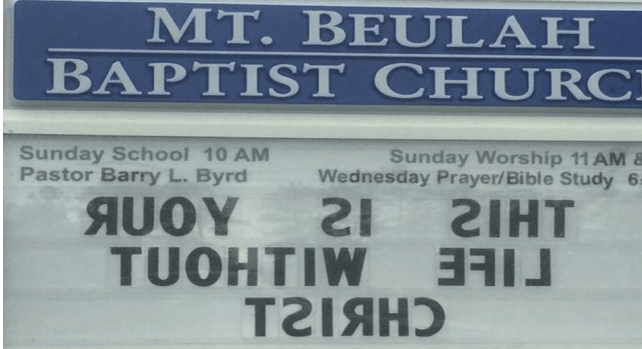
on.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I’m not bragging of success. I’m admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I’m not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I’m not holier than thou. I’m just a simple sinner who received God’s good grace, somehow!



Missions Report: Desk of Connie Crumpler

September is a busy month for missions and senior adult activities. We have 2 events to consider: **First** is the **NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING** that we collect during the month of September. This offering generally provides for 3 different missions: North Carolina Mission Offering (which Includes Baptists on Mission, Migrant missions, Dental & Medical service to those in need among others), the Heck-Jones Offering (WMU), and the Baptist Children’s Homes.

On Sunday, September 8, we will be having a special speaker from the Baptists on Mission come and talk with us about what Baptists are doing to help Western North Carolina and other areas of our State recover from the natural disasters that have occurred. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to hear what your missions gift is doing!

Our goal is still \$900. If we meet our goal \$300 will go to each ministry. Envelopes will be inserted in the bulletin and will also be available in the pews.

Second is the **Fall Senior Adult Rally** that will be held on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025** at Salem Baptist Church in Apex, NC (1205 Salem Church Rd.). The cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. The deadline for registration with the Raleigh Baptist Association is Monday, September 15. **I will need your payment by Sunday, September 14.** Checks should be made payable to The Raleigh Baptist Association.

Registration begins at 9:30am and the program begins at 10am. The speaker will be Jay Baugham, Missions Mobilization Consultant. NC Baptists on Mission. Music and entertainment will be provided by The Taylors, an award winning brother-sister trio.

The luncheon menu will consist of Chicken with Rice, Steamed Cabbage, Yams, Cornbread Muffins and assorted desserts.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Senior Adult Rally!

- GIVE**

to missions (church offerings and organizations). Give sacrificially of your money, time, and talents!
- THANK**

God for your blessings.
- PRAY**

for someone (and don’t forget the missionaries!)