



Sep 1 - Wednesday Night Meal/Adult Bible Study, S150 at 6 pm
Sep 5 - Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sep 6 - Labor Day, church office closed
Sep 8 - Wednesday Night Meal/Adult Bible Study, S150 at 6 pm
Sep 12 - Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sep 15 - Wednesday Night Meal/Adult Bible Study, S150 at 6 pm
Sep 19 - Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sep 19 - Deacons Meeting, Conference Room, 12:15 pm
Sep 22 - Wednesday Night Meal/Adult Bible Study, S150 at 6 pm
Sep 26 - Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sep 29 - Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study, E100 at 6:30 pm

Happy Anniversary!

9/18 Jonathan and Dana Pope - 12 yrs
 9/23 John and Beth Ray - 54 yrs
 9/23 John and Monica Yates - 32 yrs
 9/23 William and Ashley Baldwin - 4 yrs
 9/28 Don and Virginia Auman - 35 yrs



for the families of ...

Nora Smith who passed away.
 Carolyn Saunders who passed away.

All Healthcare professionals,
 all First Responders,
 and all families dealing with
 Coronavirus.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Church family,

With a rather topsy turvy year, fall is quickly approaching that helps bring our attention to seasonal change. I know in church life, change can seem unpleasant, but I choose to see change as a positive. Change is good but may seem disruptive or unnecessary. However, I generally like change. It helps me get out of a complacent stage into a place that is ready for growth.

Seasonal change reminds us that God is at work. Change is a steady force in nature. Tides in the oceans, aging of plants, and seasons are examples of change. It is a beautiful expression that God has brought to usher in necessary change. Since God is the creator, I remind myself that change is good. It may hurt or sting a little, but overall, it is good.

Moving along the educational system is another example of change. Change often produces growth. For church life, growth can be a positive. We need to grow. We need to see more people come to a saving knowledge of Christ. We need to see more families experience grace and mercy. We need to place our selves in a position to maximize the potential to reaching other families.

That is another reason to bring back RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends. These are fabulous tools to teach children about the love of God and those who share God's love across the globe. Join us on Wednesday evenings to bring about a much-needed change to make the most of helping children learn about Jesus. Join us in caring for families in sharing the love of God. Blessings, Jack

Resource Recording Team

Tuesday, Sep 7, 2021

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, Sep 13, 2021

Mary Joyner, Sally Pierce

Monday, Sep 20, 2021

Beth Ray, Debbie Holloway

Monday, Sep 27, 2021

Dennis Holloway, Jason Coen

Attendance Report

Sunday, Aug 1, 2021

Sunday School - 45

Worship Service - 55

Sunday, Aug 8, 2021

Sunday School - 59

Worship Service - 75

Sunday, Aug 15, 2021

Sunday School - 54

Worship Service - 107

Sunday, Aug 22, 2021

Sunday School - 56

Worship Service - 90

Sunday, Aug 29, 2021

Sunday School - 47

Worship Service - 78



STARTING OVER! STARTING OVER! The new school began, just like always. Students are getting up earlier, just like always. They have new teachers, perhaps different subjects, new classmates, and maybe a new school, just like always. But is it “just like always”? Starting over again sounds matter of fact, like it’s no big deal. And most of the time it is. But “beginnings” can stir up hope inside of us to do better and try harder. We’re not just talking about school here.

It happens every year. School starts over again. Emotions build as students face the unknown. This isn’t just true for students starting school. In many ways, we all start over again throughout life, venturing beyond what is familiar and growing in the process. The wonderful thing about starting over again is that it’s entirely new each time. However, going back to the familiar (the way school still looks and even, smells) is comforting so students can turn their focus on trying new things, establishing new friendships, becoming part of a team, studying harder, and finding a deeper sense of purpose.

All of this leads to something even greater when it’s time to start over again with God. Repeat: **WHEN** it’s time to start over again with God, not **IF** it’s time to start over again. No matter our age, our place in life, our rank among others, our role in society - the need for God is always there. When we sin, we start over again, in faith, to do better. When we graduate and venture out into the world, we start over again with God’s Word as our guide. Over and over, we start over again, and we grow inside ourselves when we do it with God.

A Little First Baptist Church History

The big day arrived - in the middle of winter. But no matter. On February 3, 1957, the first service, but not the dedication, was held in the new sanctuary. It began in the old church where most, if not all, of the 375 seats were filled. Then after a few words by Rev. Lewis, no one would endure more, the congregation followed the minister and building committee as they left the old church and walked up the hill to the new church. The day was overcast and chilly at 48 degrees, but not cold. With all the excitement it could have been a day in Spring.

The new church quickly filled to its 850 capacity as others waiting joined the throng from the old church.

In reporting the event in the *Rockingham Post-Dispatch* editor I.S. London, an Episcopalian, dropped all pretense of journalistic impartiality. “We are minded of a letter written by president Samuel Wait of Wake Forest Manual Labor Institute 122 years ago. This letter was written March 4, 1834 to John Armstrong at New Bern, member of his Board of Trustees. In that letter he mentioned that the Baptist in Wake County, with a very few honorable exceptions, ‘are fast asleep.’ As for the Rockingham area, “Those Baptists are wide awake.”

It was a busy morning. Records indicate a Sunday School attendance of 701 adults and children, with a contribution of \$7,500. Another \$2,000 was put in the offering plates during the morning service.

The choir loft was filled with 50 members led by Miss Frances Cartner. Their final presentation was the “Hallelujah Chorus.” Thirteen people joined the church that morning.



9/3 Marjorie Rainey
9/8 Ron Chavis
9/11 Jackson Marks
9/14 Elaine Davis
9/18 Michelle Trexler
9/22 Christy Warren
9/27 Brenda Snyder

9/4 Debra McIver
9/9 Melissa Ewing
9/11 Jeannette Melvin
9/14 Christopher Lemons
9/19 Dennis Holloway
9/22 Mark Tyler
9/28 Joe Davis

9/5 Neal Cadieu
9/10 Peggy Scott
9/11 Lynda Clifton
9/14 Sam Moss
9/20 Erin Gregory
9/24 Bobbie Harrill
9/28 Jonathan Dawkins

9/8 Lazelle Marks
9/10 Katherine Dawkins
9/12 Ryan Dawkins
9/17 Linda Pryce
9/21 Joanne Taylor
9/25 Ethan Harrelson

In Memory of

David Hildreth
Betty Hildreth

Carolyn Saunders
Janice Coen

James Spry
Sam Brigman

Robert and Nora Smith
Helen Cox
Charles and Bobbie Harrill

Nora Smith

Daniel and Janice Smith
Sam Brigman
John and Teresa Riley
G.R. Kindley
Charles and Dora Snow
Wilson and Audrey Moore
Frances Smith

Judith Mountjoy
Janice Coen
Douglas and Mary Lyles
Janet Breedlove
Bill and Brenda Mitchell
Hank and Cathy Rooft
Chad and Deanne Smith

James and Sandra Roberts
Gene and Bonnie Barnes
Helen P. Barnhardt
Richard and Linda Byrd
Joy B. Swinnie
Dennis and Pamela Atkins
Jamie and Taylor Metz

In Honor of - Ric Buckner

Given towards VBS by: Ellen Forester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

Giving Summary	July 2021	August 2021
General Fund	14,177	25,376
Challenge to Maintain	0	0
Missions (CBF)	0	0
Missions (SBC)	250	250
Memorials & Honor	220	1,635
Radio Ministry	800	800
Mother's Day Offering	0	0
Heating and Air Cond.	1,270	100
Youth Ministry	25	0
Baptist Homes	125	0
Sound/Light/Sponsor	400	400
Children's Ministry	0	376
Vacation Bible School	0	687
Wednesday Night Meals	385	272
Total Gifts	17,652	29,896
Budget req. to date		199,022
Gifts to date		173,625
YTD req. under actual gifts		(25,397)
% giving to req.		87%



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*Never yield to gloomy anticipation.
Place your hope and confidence in God.
He has no record of failure.*

- Mrs. Charles E. Cowman