

The Tie

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Missions & Outreach



REVIVAL IS ALMOST HERE! Rev. Josh Parrott will begin Revival on Sunday, March 12 with the Sunday morning service at 11 and then again that night at 7:00. This will be Youth Night and a covered dish dinner will precede the Revival service. Revival will continue Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 each night. There will be special music. Please be in prayer for this daily. The next Revival Meeting is set for Thursday, March 9 at 6:00pm in the Tomlinson Room. Volunteers are needed for nursery during Revival. If you can help, contact Susan Peoples

In preparation for Revival, the Mills Family Ministries provided music and the message during the 11:00am service on February 5.

Stock the Bus

Volunteers from Louisburg Baptist Church, Maple Springs Baptist Church, Carlie C's and the community, joined together on Friday, February 23 from 3:00 to 6:30pm to "Stock the Bus" with cases of food for Care and Share. The LBC church bus was parked in front of Carlie C's and customers were given the opportunity to purchase cases of food to benefit Care and Share. Over 160+ cases of food were collected.

BLESSING BOX DONATIONS NEEDED

Please help keep our Blessing Box stocked. Please continue to bring your designated items on a regular basis. The item list is on the bulletin board across from the church office. Immediate needs are canned meats.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

The Week of Prayer(March 5-12) for North American Missions is annually observed by SBC churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries and their families. The LBC goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering is \$1500.

Prayer Requests

- *Patty Jones
- *Graham and Anna Stallings
- *Helen Gilliam
- *Nellie Freeman
- *Susan Peoples
- *Greg Foster
- *Josh Parrott & Spring Revival
- *Family of Tom Duke
- *Family of Carolyn Gardner
- *Family of Mary John Smith
- *Bobby Strickland – Uncle of Marilyn Sebastian
- *Sandy Mattis – Wife of David Sebastian's cousin
- *Pamela Ayscue – Friend of Joy Watkins
- *David Edwards – Nephew of Eloise Edwards and the late Jimmy Edwards
- *Paula Whitaker – Sister of Lalage Cash
- *Chat Chesson – Friend of Betty and Rickey Raynor
- *Kay Sims – Friend of Sharon Moore
- *Barbara Coons – Mother of Friend of Sharon Moore
- *Noah Riggs – Grandson of Monty and Jane Riggs
- *Alan Riggs – Son of Monty and Jane Riggs
- *Peggy Moore – Cousin of Sharon Moore
- *Jennifer Burnette – Friend of Susan Peoples
- *Diane Marks – Friend of Monty and Jane Riggs

Financial Report

CONTRIBUTION REPORT AS OF 2/26/23

General Fund Offerings	47,306.93
General Fund amount needed	55,002.33
% of Budget Received	86%
Designated Offering received	2,481.00

ELEVATOR UPDATE

The elevator is now in service! Your patience during this process is much appreciated!

Services

Sundays: Corporate Prayer is held in the parlor at 9:20am followed by Sunday School at 9:45. Service is at 11 in the Sanctuary. You can also stream the service on Facebook and the LBC YouTube page.

Wednesdays: A Mid-Week Bible Study is held at 1pm in the Tomlinson Room and Bible Study and Prayer is held at 7pm in the Tomlinson Room.

Special Office Hours in March

Thursday, March 9 -- Jackie Out, Office closed
Friday, March 17 -- Office open 9am to 1pm only
Thursday through Tuesday, March 23 - 28 -- Jackie on Vacation

Address Service Requested

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Moses, had legal provisions for the poor. The traditions of gleaning the field, giving a tenth to the poor every third year, the year of jubilee when land would be restored to a family who had had to sell their property because of hard times were all out of God's concern for his people. While not everyone is called or commanded to sell all they have and give it to the poor, like the rich young ruler, the early church was marked by a sacrificial generosity. This can be seen in Acts 4 which describes the conditions among the early believers: "For there was no one needy among them, because those who were owners of land or houses were selling them and bringing the proceeds from the sales and placing them at the apostle's feet. The proceeds were distributed to each, as anyone had need." You can see the people believed something from God had happened in their lives. One of the things Paul did on his missionary journeys was to collect money for the poor. The Corinthian Church set aside offerings for the poor weekly. Paul instructed the young preacher Timothy on how to manage the church's benevolence program. James in his letter stated that "Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their misfortune and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

As time went on the early Christians did win the soul of Rome. The early church was truly the Salt and Light of its world. Our church also shines in this area. How would God have us continue and grow to obey the second of the great commandments "love your neighbor as yourself?" What does the Father of all compassion want us to do in our small groups, church, and community?

One of the true miracles in human history was the takeover of the world by the early Christians. In four to five generations the Christian faith had won the minds and hearts of over half of the civilized world. They did this without the sword. Certainly one reason for this was the truth of their message: that a sinner could be set free by faith in the person and work of Jesus the Messiah. Yet there was another reason for this amazing takeover and that was the compassion the early Christians had for the poor. The early church not only looked for the paradise to come but believed it necessary to show compassion for the downtrodden here east of Eden. New Testament professor Thomas E. Phillips in his article "A Brief History of Benevolence" points out that the early Christians were admired by their Roman observers for two traits. One, they paid their taxes. Two, they cared for the poor. This caused them to stand out both with the government and with their neighbors. I imagine people of the first and second century were no different than today in their attitude toward taxes... except the early believers were different. They obeyed the words of their Lord: "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's." Yet, it was the early believers practice of taking care of the poor that stood out most. The Roman government was not like our current compassionate one influenced by its Christian heritage. No, Rome used its taxes to pave roads... not to help the needy. Jesus' followers were motivated by his example of caring for the poor and by his teachings: "just as you did it for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me (Matthew 25)."

The early Christian concern for the poor came from their Jewish roots. The Jewish theocratic government, initiated by

From the Pastor's Desk

Youth & Children News

Children: Our children's group is growing!! We would love to have you join us as well. We meet Sunday evenings from 4:15-5:00. We are planning an Easter activity on April 2. Please plan on joining us for this fun time.

Youth: The youth attended D Now weekend on March 3-4.. We really took a look at the scripture Jeremiah 29:11 and what our purpose is. This was a very meaningful time for your youth and allowed them to think about our time on earth and how we can use it to serve the Lord. D Now weekend also allows the youth a time they get to interact with other churches in our area. We are in the process of planning other activities you will want to be a part of, please join us on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00 to find out more!

Baptist Men News

Baptist Men Sunday was held January 29. The LBC men lead all aspects of the service. The guest speaker was Rev. Kevin Rodgers. Kevin and his wife, Suzie have been serving with the IMB in Sub-Saharan Africa for 25 years. Skeet Cox was awarded the "Baptist Man of the Year" award. The LBC Baptist Men meet regularly on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. Dinner is served and a program follows. The March 1 meeting featured Franklin County Sheriff, Kevin White. the next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5.

Women of Purpose News

Baptist Women's Day was held February 26. The LBC Women were in charge of the service, with guest speaker, Amanda Bunce delivering the message and performing special music. Amanda is the Louisburg College Chaplain. The Bessie Shadrach Award was given to Susan Peoples. The Women of Purpose are back meeting regularly the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm, with the first meeting being March 6 in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to come and bring their favorite appetizer to share before the meeting begins.

Fellowship Outings



Fourteen people gathered for brunch and fellowship on January 21. Other outings are being planned, including a trip to Shorty's Hot Dogs and Suzanna's Antiques in Wake Forest on March 25. You can sign up to to go on the board outside the church office. Come join the fun!

Friendship Sunday

For the first time since 2020, Louisburg Baptist Church celebrated Friendship Sunday on February 19. Nine new members plus one who joined that day, were recognized and a crockpot lunch prepared by the Deacons was enjoyed by everyone after the service.





Anchors Away! Senior Dinner Cruise 2023

On February 11, senior members of the LBC family and friends were welcomed aboard a Senior Dinner Cruise in the church Fellowship Hall. Cruise participants were greeted with a lei and a non-alcoholic tropical drink and directed to the main dining area of the cruise. Cruise themed decorations set the scene for a night of good food, fun and fellowship. Cruisers were treated to a dinner of spaghetti, salad, rolls and their choice of dessert served by our LBC youth. Following dinner, participants enjoyed several rounds of Bingo and an interesting game of trivia, with many prizes given out. At the end of the night, participants were given pictures of themselves taken as they boarded the cruise ship! Look for another themed night coming soon to LBC!





MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			1:00 Mid-week Bible Study 7:00 Choir 7:00 Bible Study and Prayer			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:20 Corporate Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:15 Children Meet 5:00 Youth Meet 6:00 Deacons Meet 7:00 Advisory Bd	6:00 Women of Purpose Meet		1:00 Mid-week Bible Study 7:00 Choir 7:00 Bible Study and Prayer	6pm Revival Meeting Jackie Out		7:00 Prayer Mtg
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MARCH FLOWERS

March 5: Family of Jackie Kimball **March 12:** Parker and Lynda Lumpkin
March 19: Tommy and Betty Lynn Wester **March 26:** Betty Lee

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/02 Susan Howell **03/04** Staley Medlin **03/05** Chase Ragland **03/06** Caden Hecox
03/07 Morgan Wrenn **03/09** Wayne Gilbert **03/10** Carolyn Debnam, Terri Tomlinson and Kathryn West
03/12 Barbara Faulkner **03/17** Nelson Shearon **03/18** Gary Murray
03/19 Pam Smith **03/22** Polly Knott **03/26** Nellie Freeman and Chad Ragland
0/27 Bill Jones **03/28** Tommy Wester **03/29** Betty Lynn Wester **03/30** Michelle Harris and Caleb Oldham **03/31** Ayden Bassett

