

From the Pastor.....

In the past week I sat with the Finance Committee twice as they discussed diligently and prayerfully the 2017 proposed budget. I was struck by a couple of things about this group of dedicated volunteers. One, the absolute devotion to funding the ministries of this church so that our mandate to "reach people for Christ," and make disciples is achieved. Second, the angst they felt as they had to make the tough decisions to reduce some of the budget requests from our ministry heads and committee chairs. To a person, they all wanted to give 100% of what was requested, but knew they could not and be fiscally responsible. Having said that, and without stealing their thunder when they present the entire budget proposal at the next business meeting on the 23rd of October, the proposed 2017 budget will reflect an increase from this year's budget. I'd like to say something about that as we prepare to vote on the budget at that business meeting.

Our ministry budget reflects our vision and provides an "action" plan for ministries and programs. This "action" plan is based on priorities which take precedence in any budget. First, fixed expenses must be funded. These include:

1. Salaries and benefits
2. Facility and other related costs

Second, we then fund those expenses that are non-fixed or are flexible expenses. To some degree these are discretionary. These are our mission and ministry programs.

It is important for you to know that there are two very important components to building a church budget. First, the church budget must be based on solid analysis. In order to be wise stewards we must analyze past giving and spending patterns. Knowing the financial history of the church helps to set a reasonable budget for the next fiscal year. Secondly, we must never forget that there is a faith aspect to every budget. The church should expect God's blessing and growth so that it will be able to charge ahead with new programs and spending in order to achieve its vision. These two components should not be in competition with each other but a reasonable balance should be found so that the church is free to accomplish God's purposes.

I believe we have achieved this for the 2017 budget proposal. However, at this stage this is just a proposal. For it to become a reality it requires two things from every person who gives to this church. First, you have to vote on the 23rd to accept the committee's budget recommendation. Second, as I mentioned above, you must adopt this budget "as your own ACTION plan." By voting to adopt the budget, I hope you see that you are pledging your financial resources to support it. For us to meet our budget obligations as reflected in the proposed 2017 budget, ALL OF US MUST GIVE. Whether you give \$5 a week, \$50 a week, or \$200 a week, it is your dedicated and regular giving that helps the church achieve its mission. Each amount, no matter the size, contributes significantly.

In His Grip,
Pastor Frank



“BY ALL MEANS” is the new theme for WMU for 2016-2018. This resonates Paul’s words in 1 Cor. 9:22b-23 “I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings”. For the next two years WMU will challenge us as Christ’s followers to: follow His example; step into the world around us; cultivate relationships; and create opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ.

October also is a busy month with everyone baking cookies for the Harvest Festival. Our yearly International mission study focuses on Norway. We will meet on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 with other WMU groups from the Hermon Association at Cardinal Baptist Church. We will have lunch after our study led by Pastor Melvin Covington.

Sunday, October 2, 2016 begins our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox campaign. Empty boxes will be available for pick-up in the Family Minister Center at that time. Please read the insert and select age and gender of the child. Also please enclose the shipping fee. Hold on to your filled boxes and watch for a return date, so we may have a special dedication blessing by Pastor Johnson for these gifts and the children who will receive them.



Harvest Festival 2016

Harvest Festival Ministry: Our scripture focus passage this year is found in 2nd Corinthians 5: 17-20. In this passage Paul reminds us that we are Ambassadors for Christ. The HFM team would like to invite you to join in the fun and fellowship on Oct. 15th from 10:00 until 4:00 to share with our community the love, hope and truth that we find in God's word. The ministries and the needs are listed below.

Cookies of Christ: You do not have to sign up to bring cookies this year. Please bring cookies bagged 3 per sandwich bag and bring them to the church by Friday 10/14. The youth and their friends will be handing out the cookies on Saturday. There have been labels printed to be placed on each bag of cookies.

Give a cup of water (bottle) Ministry: Beginning 10/1/15 please bring cases of water to be handed out.

Praise and Worship Ministry: Our Praise and Worship team will have invited other praise teams to join in the praise and worship on the front lawn of the church. Come out and support their ministry.

Deacon's Out Reach Ministry: Ask one of the deacons how you can get involved in this ministry.

Beginnings Preschool Ministry: Come out and support our Preschool.

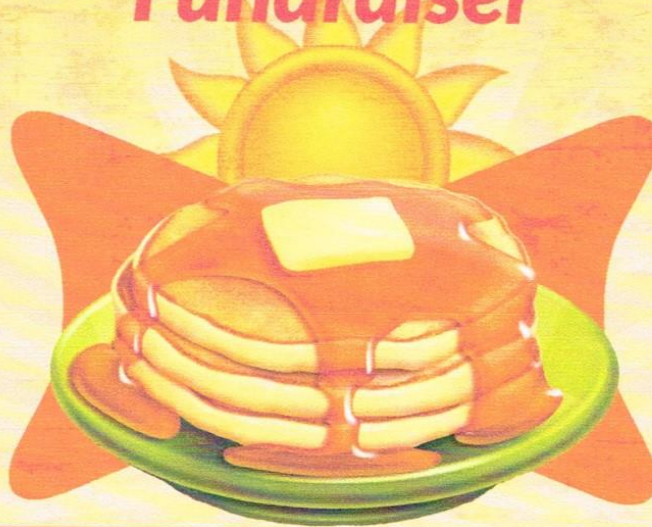
Glory Out-Reach: Come out and support this community food bank ministry.

Jump for Jesus Ministry: This ministry is centered on three big children's bounce houses. This is a great family out reach for our church.

We will also need people to help set up and clean up in order to support these ministries. There will be sign-up sheets for these ministries so please pray about your involvement.

For more information you can call McWayne Williams @ 804-994-3751

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Donations
Accepted

When: October 6, 2016 - 6 am to 10 am

Where: Bowling Green Baptist Church
225 N. Main St. - Bowling Green

Takeout available



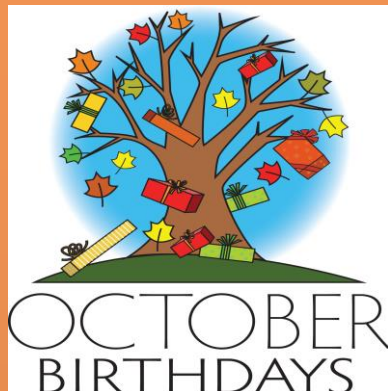
The Caroline County Sheriff's Office is hosting a pancake breakfast (complete with sausage, eggs, coffee, and juice). Proceeds go to support COPS 4 KIDS - a local program that helps underprivileged kids living in our communities. In December each child selected will accompany a Caroline County Sheriff's Office deputy to breakfast and then on a shopping trip. Each child will be allowed to spend \$50 on his/herself and another \$50 on family members. After shopping, the children will have the opportunity to wrap the gifts they purchased for their family members.

For more info contact: Sheriff Lippa (804) 633-1120



October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Communion/Covenant 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise Program	3 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 7:00 Church Council, Philathea Room	4 6:00 Young Lives, basement 7:00 Preschool Board, Phil. Rm	5 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Phil. Room 6:30 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	6 6:00-10:00 Benefit Breakfast hosted by Sheriff's Depart	7 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	8
9 Dedication Sunday 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise Program	10 Columbus Day No Preschool 7:00 Finance Committee, Philathea Room	11 6:00 Young Lives, basement 6:30 Care & Visitation, Philathea Rm	12 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino's Pizza to benefit Preschool 6:30-8:00 Crossroads 6:30 BG Meadows HOA, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	13	14 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 5:30-7:00 KIDZ Flight Nite 7:00-9:00 Feast of Israel Bible Study	15 Harvest Festival 9:00-4:00
16 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise, FMC	17 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	18 10:00 Christian Book Club, Philathea Rm 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, Philathea Rm 6:00 Young Lives, basement 7:00 Building & Grounds, Philathea Rm	19 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Phil. Room 6:30-8:00 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	20 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Deacon's meeting, Philathea Rm	21 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	22
23 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Business meeting, Family Ministry Center 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise, FMC	24 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	25 6:00 Young Lives, basement 6:00 Relay for Life	26 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Phil. Room 6:30 8:00 Crossroads 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	27	28 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	29
30 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit Exercise, FMC	31 Halloween 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool					



3 Megan Allen
 3 Kailey Gray
 4 Barbara Allen
 4 Ed Britt
 5 Sherry Brillhart
 7 Suzanne Stepp
 7 Helen Williams
 9 Lori Veorse
 13 Joshua Cushing
 13 Sheridan Farmer
 13 Sabrina Farris
 13 Cathy Gray
 13 B. Walton Mahon
 14 Mike Cooper
 14 Jennifer Thomas
 15 Scott Shortt
 19 Sarah Burke
 19 Priscilla Shuler
 20 Sharon Curlee
 21 Jordan Tyler Apperson
 22 Rebecca Burke
 22 McKenzie Burrell
 26 Brandie Busic
 28 Amber Brillhart
 30 Jean Farmer
 30 Kyle Farris
 30 Robin Taylor
 31 Kathryn Burchell



Deacon of the Week:

Oct 2 - Carolyn Lane
 Oct 9 - Neal Tidman
 Oct 16 - Bob Rice
 Oct 23 - Priscilla Shuler
 Oct 30 - Sandy Taylor

Counters— Joseph Pack & Heather Smith

Building Security: — Deacon of the week

Flowers:

Oct 2 — Anne Wright
 Oct 9 — Meredith Pack
 Oct 16 — Robyn Fisher
 Oct 23 — Jeanne Jordan
 Oct 30 — Lee and Hardy Dunnington

COFFEE AND SNACK SCHEDULE:

Oct. 2	Carolyn Lane
Oct. 9	Bonnie Gromovsky
Oct. 16	Jenn Thomas
Oct. 23	Meredith Pack

Nursery Workers: *

2nd— Sallie Tidman & Sabrina Farris
 9th — Tracey Mallory & Kristen Bissoon
 16th — Carolyn Lane & Jeanne Jordan
 23th — Heather Smith & Jenn Thomas
 30th - Cathy Gray & Kailey Gray

* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service; the underlined individual is also responsible for the 11:00 service.