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View From the Rafters...

As 2020 moves into the last quarter of the year, I am **considering all that has been missed!** Numerous events have been canceled: weekly church worship services, regular Wednesday evening prayer time, extended family gatherings, youth Passport camp, Vacation Bible School, school outings for the children, sporting events, weddings, funerals, Autumn Leaves Festival, graduations, regular occasions to dine out, numerous family outings to Winston-Salem and other towns, occasions to visit aging parents, visits to the nursing facilities and hospitals, casual strolls through shops and stores, and gatherings with other families in their homes. What's missing also includes being able to sing with others, shake a hand, hug a friend, stand in a crowd, and sit down in a Chic-fil-A restaurant full of strangers. As my mind wanders, there is more to what is missed, but almost all of these are tied to people whom I care about and folks I love deeply. It's not that I miss just the events or the things I enjoy most, but I genuinely miss the people with whom mutual affection is shared, and because of this, there is sadness, frustration and grief. It's been said, "Missing someone is your heart's way of reminding you that you love them."

As 2020 moves into the last quarter of the year, I am **reflecting on all that has been gained!** ... we have gained: more time with the children, more time at home, more occasions to cook at home and play family games, a better understanding of technology (particularly that which facilitates our church family's interaction), a greater appreciation for our church staff and our church leaders, a greater sense of our "world community," a greater understanding of how interconnected our lives are, more patience with myself and other imperfect people, more resolve to live peaceably with others, a deeper understanding of loneliness and isolation, and a more "in touch sense" of my emotional health with the up's and down's. Considering what has been gained, I need to remember that each day of this year, I have experienced life, love, family, friendship, God's continual presence, joy, peace, an abundance of the basics of life: food, clothing, and shelter, needed medical care, the resources to move about our community freely, and numerous friendships from a plethora of other ministers, Christians and others who are seeking to live as best we can through this trying season.

The apostle Paul wrote to the church, "**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**" Biblical perspective always gives insight in how best to live life. Perhaps, as I spend more time with God, reflecting on what I have missed and what I have gained becomes occasion for prayers of petition and gratitude, recognizing that the will of God is at work in my life and our lives together as we walk continually in God's presence!

Joy for the Journey, Jay

Worship with us on Sunday-October 18

In-Person Worship: 10:00am

Website, <http://fbcmountairy.org>

This Sunday: **Discovery Trek:** Journeying With God

Sermon: "Covenant Love"

Scripture: Exodus 32: 1-14



YOU CAN READ AHEAD!

Pastor's Sunday School Class:

Zoom 11:00am

(check your email for the link)

October 18: Living Wisely

Scripture: Proverbs 14: 8-15



**GRAB YOUR BIKE
and
JOIN US!**

**FBC MISSION CHALLENGE
BIKE-A-THON
FUNDRAISER**

Sunday, October 18, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Jones Intermediate School

2170 Riverside Drive

Open to All Ages-\$10 to participate

*Donations Welcome: Wear a **BLUE** shirt*

Participants are invited to ride bikes, trikes,
strollers, wagons, or walk

**COME SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE AND HELP US
RAISE \$500 FOR WELCOME RIDE 2020!**

**ALL PROCEEDS RAISED GO TO
WELCOME HOUSE MINISTRIES**

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We are so thankful for our Baptist Men. These four men:

Jerry Simmons, Ed Keck, Steve Dowell, and Benny
Brannock stained our deck and did a
beautiful job.

Thank you so much!

Judy and George Powers



S.S.O.W.

Sunday School on Wednesday
Sowing Seeds of Wisdom and Faith
For almost 3's through 5th Grade



October 21, 4:30pm on Zoom
Scripture: Matthew 15: 21-28
God's Power comes through.

We're Staying Connected!

Join Us for Wednesday Check-In on Zoom:1:00pm

Number in Attendance October 7:

19 Members

- Thursday Friends Feeding Friends Take-Out

Meals 5:30-6:00pm

Number served last week:

13 Homebound members
173 Community guests

- Sunday Morning In-Person Worship: 10:00am

Number in Attendance Last Week

40

- Sunday School on Zoom: 11:00am

Number in Attendance Last Week

49 Pastor's Class
7 Good News
6 Youth
21 SSOW

Sunday, 5:00pm

13 Granite City Ringers

- Sunday Night High School Youth: 6:00pm

Number in Attendance Last Week

11 Youth

- Middle Schoolers: 6:00pm

Number in Attendance October 7:

3 Members

Operation Christmas Child Collection Sunday-November 15

Start thinking of what you might pack in an Operation Christmas Child shoebox this year. Our collection Sunday is in 4 weeks. Materials and more information will be available next week.



Personnel Committee Update

Thank you for Elaine Reales! She has shared her time, talents and leadership with the church as our youth interim for more than a year. At the end of October, Elaine plans to step back and focus on teaching and family. Once again, we are looking for a youth interim. If you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Lone Cooke.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 6:00pm, Zoom



Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the Quarterly Conference on Wednesday, October 28. In addition to updates and reports from church committees and groups, the Finance Committee with approval of the Church Council, will present a motion to approve an increase in the Capital Expenditure budget for the House and Grounds Committee from the current \$10,000 to \$27,000, in order for House and Grounds to move forward with the purchase and installation of an LED sign.

Since 2020 has “flipped our lives”, we are flipping our traditional Halloween celebration! Instead of Trunk or Treat we invite you to



TREAT OUR TRUNK

Saturday, October 31, 5:00-6:00

Upper Parking Lot

This is the grand finale of our

Harvest for Hunger

TREAT our community with your gift of canned foods (or \$\$) to share with our local food banks

TAKE advantage of our decorative backdrop “photo op” for your entire family - dressed in your Halloween best

Drop by the church anytime between 5:00 and 6:00 to fill our trunk with your gifts for this mission outreach event.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER: October 1-31

Many of our fellow residents in Surry County are still struggling with food insecurity as COVID-19 continues to spread and the economy is struggling. They are people that we pass or come in contact with every day. Remember... there are two ways to donate:

1. Bring non-perishable food (no glass containers)
2. Give monetarily to our church and designate your Gift “Harvest for Hunger.” You may bring your donations to worship on Sunday or use the drive-thru Option Fridays to the church from 11:00-11:30am).

All foods and money will be divided between Salvation Army, Yoke fellow Ministries and Foothills Food Pantry. Given to date: **\$500** and **70** items of food

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, October 18

- 10:00am ****The Church at In-Person Worship**
Website, <http://fbcmountairy.org/>
- 11:00am **Pastor’s Sunday School Class**
(check your email for the link)
- 2-3:00pm “Welcome House Ride” Mission Challenge–Jones Intermediate School -All are invited to participate High School/Middle School – Jones Intermediate School
- 4:00pm Zoom Diaconate Meeting
- 5:00pm Granite City Ringers

MONDAY, October 19

- 6:00pm Zoom Friends Helping Seniors

TUESDAY, October 20

- 6:00pm Finance Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 21

- 1:00pm Zoom Check-In
(check your email for the link)
- 3:00pm Kid’s Handbells
- 4:30pm Children’s Sunday School Zoom
- 6:00pm Middle School Bible Study-Y. Suite

THURSDAY, October 22

- 5:30pm Feeding Friends Meal Drive-Through

SUNDAY, October 25

- 10:00am ****The Church at In-Person Worship**
Website, <http://fbcmountairy.org/>
- 11:00am **Pastor’s Sunday School Class**
(check your email for the link)
- 5:00pm Granite City Ringers
- 6:00pm High School Youth Bible Study– Youth Suite

October is Ministry Appreciation Month!

Thank you Jay, for all the many ways you minister to the church and to the community. You are a blessing to our church!

Statistics**Date: 10-11-20 -Covid**Sunday School Attendance **83** ZoomWorship Attendance **40** in-Person**Tithes and Offerings****This Week**

Weekly Needs \$10,962.00

Budget Offering \$9,379.58

Weekly Deficit (\$1,582.42)

Designations (summarized below) \$1,745.85

Total Offering \$11,125.43

Tithes and Offerings**Year To Date**

Yearly Needs \$449,442.00

Budget Offering \$401,246.49

YTD Deficit (\$48,195.51)

Designations \$57,153.39

Total Offering \$458,399.88

Weekly Designations

Building Fund \$760.00

Organ Fund Pledge \$100.00

Designated Missions \$875.00

Miscellaneous \$10.85

Building Fund Bal to Date \$61,653.08**Organ Fund** Bal to Date \$63,417.48**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS****Harvest for Hunger Fund**In honor of Pastor Jay by:
Larry and Barbara BloodVisit fbcmountairy.org to stay connected to the ministry
and mission opportunities of
First Baptist Church.Twitter: [@FBCMOUNTAIRY](https://twitter.com/FBCMOUNTAIRY)Facebook: www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistMountAiry/**2020 Church Family Directory**We now have copies of the 2020 First Baptist
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10/16	John Kerley
10/17	Mercer Meadows
10/18	Wendy Harmon
10/18	Yolanda Howard
10/19	Thelma Dowell
10/19	Jackie Houston
10/25	Caroline Morris
10/25	Lily Morris
10/28	Kellye Fussell
10/29	Bud Fussell
10/31	Gina Brannock
10/31	Barbara Oliver
10/31	Maude Speight

**Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family**Write a note, make a telephone call,
or share a visit**Sympathy**Shirley Tillotson, death of her cousin,
Bill Brown, W.VA.**Hospital**Bonnie Hawks-Forsyth (Friday)
Claudine Belton Andy Hennis-Home
Sue Mason-Village Care King**Homebound**Thelma Dowell
326 Council St
Mount Airy, NC 27030Marvin & Margie Driskill
1525 W Wensley Dr
Mount Airy, NC 27030Jim & Carole Dowell
627 N Wilson Rd
Lowgap, NC 27024**Online Giving Is Available**on our website: <http://fbcmountairy.org>
Drive-Through Giving each Friday, 11:00am-11:30am