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Neill's Creek Baptist Church Mission Statement

Neill's Creek Baptist Church is a community of believers committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and exists for the purpose of advancing God's kingdom through worshiping God, making disciples for Jesus Christ, and ministering to persons in need.

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The Light on the Hill

A Message From Your Pastor January 2020

Church Goals For 2020 – "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

About October of 2019, the deacons, church staff, and myself began to pray and vision about what direction God would have us to go in this new year as a congregation. Below is a brief synopsis of four goals that I will be teaching and preaching on during January and February of 2020. It is my prayer that these guiding commitments will help us live in this new year with greater intention, direction, and purpose. I also hope these goals will excite you, motivate you, and hold us all accountable for being the best we can be at the Light On The Hill! As we cross the threshold of a fresh 12 months, I'm hopeful for what God has in store for NCBC in 2020!

1) Building/Facilities Goal– Capital Campaign for Family Life Center (1 Chronicles 21:24)

In 1 Chronicles 21:24, we read that the people were instructed to stop bringing contributions for the rebuilding of the temple because they had already generously provided "more than enough" to complete the work. Our aim is for that same level of sacrificial generosity as we seek to build the NCBC Family Life Center in 2020 and be "debt free in a decade." In order for this to become reality, it will require that we each commit to a "faith promise" which will be over and above our regular tithes and offerings. This exciting addition to our church campus will open so many doors to ministry in our community. We have made this commitment together and we each must give our best effort to pay down the debt. We will be planning a special faith promise weekend which will include a dinner and a powerful worship experience. Please be in prayer and give careful consideration to what level of financial increase you can give.

2) Missions & Ministry Goal – Relational Ministry (Acts 2:46-47)

Throughout the gospels, Jesus modeled relational connections that changed people's lives. In a similar model, the early church gathered in the temple for worship, but also in homes as they shared life together. God used both settings (large & small groups) to rapidly grow the early church. As we see our world increasingly moving away from organized religion, it becomes harder and harder to get people to seek out a church to connect with—especially in large group settings. That's where we must return to a highly "relational" model of doing and being God's church. The question becomes, how can we follow a more Christ-like relational ministry model by connecting with each other (and the unsaved/unchurched) outside of the times that we meet at church?

This goal is intended to 1) create more opportunities for our church members to know each other on a deeper personal level and 2) create increased opportunities for us to intentionally invite un-disciplined & unsaved people to our social gatherings. We are already doing some level of relational ministry through our Couples Date Nights, Sunday School outings & fellowships, women's retreat, and lamplighter's ministry for senior adults. Through this goal, our aim is to develop small groups of 10-12 people and micro groups of 3-5 people that would get together on a regular basis for sharing life and growing together in Christ.

3) Spiritual Discipline Goal - Serving Others (Matthew 23:11)

Our 2020 Spiritual Theme will be "Serve The Lord With Gladness" adapted from Matthew 23:11 where Jesus taught his disciples that, "The greatest among you will be your servant." This goal is designed to engage everyone (100% participation) at NCBC in some type of meaningful service to God either inside or outside our church. In order to discern our place of service we will take time to do a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and learn how we can use our spiritual gifts effectively in the ministry of NCBC. Through this process, we will seek to self-evaluate if we are overserving (burnout), underserving (unengaged), or at a healthy level of service? Some key questions to consider--Is my service to God balanced? Is my service to God more church focused or community focused?

4) Misc. Goal – Improve NCBC's Digital Presence (Luke 14:23)

In Luke 14:23, the words of Jesus are recorded, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled." How do we effectively compel people to be a part of the amazing ministry God is doing at NCBC? In this day and culture, we obey Luke 14:23 by giving attention to our digital footprint. A vibrant, user friendly, accurate church website is the new front door of the church. An overwhelming majority of people will engage with a church online before they ever engage with a church in person. So in order to fulfill this goal there are 4 major areas of emphasis—1) Revamp our church website to make it the best it can be, 2) Create a 3 minute professional quality welcome/promo video which can easily be shared on social media, 3) Initiate online/electronic giving and educate our congregation on how they can use it, 4) Improve our social media presence and electronic communications.

Each of these are lofty goals that will challenge us. Yet our church leadership trusts that these goals will keep us on the cutting edge of what God is doing in our community and culture. Will you join me in praying for each of these four goals? As you pray, would you ask yourself—which of these four goals am I most passionate about? Once you have found the goal you feel the most strongly connected to, please let me know so that I can include you with the deacons and church leaders who are seeking to make these goals become reality in our congregation in 2020.

Happy New Year, Pastor Chris

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A Quick Look: Upcoming Events

Looking Ahead

- January 1 Happy New Year - Church Office Closed—No Wed. night activities
- January 5 The Lord's Supper during morning worship service
Homebound Lord's Supper at 12:15pm
- January 8 Church Staff Meeting at 5:00pm
Fellowship Dinner at 6:00pm hosted by Adult IV SS Class
Quarterly Church Conference at 7:00pm
- January 12 Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting at 7:30am
- January 13 Mission Action Circle Meeting at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- January 17 NCBC Packing Day for Buddy Backpack at Angier Baptist Church
at 8:30am
- January 19 Diaconate Meeting at 5:00pm
- January 22 Newsletter Articles Due
- January 26 Baptist Men's Sunday
- January 31 Youth Night at Ellington Studios
BeDoTell Ski Retreat (1/31—2/2)

Happy New Year

Happy Birthday

- January**
- 1 Lyman Greory**
- 1 Kendall Jane Adams**
- 3 Robert Wood**
- 3 Betty Price Emerson**
- 3 Sophie Ellington**
- 4 Kenneth Edwards**
- 7 Anne Suggs**
- 12 Carolyn Jones**
- 12 Lillie Mae Price**
- 13 Patsy Altman**
- 15 Caleb Barbour**
- 17 Amber James**
- 17 Gladys Woodall**
- 20 David Johnson**
- 22 Amy Jones Johnson**
- 23 Leigh Hocutt**
- 26 Dorothy Deese**
- 27 Linda Jones**
- 30 Tracy Stephenson**
- 31 Lori Eason**

Outreach Committee News
Pastor Jim Deese, Chair

December 2019

First, as the new chairperson of the outreach committee I want to thank outgoing chair Kat Tinsley for her good notes and the organization she brought to the Outreach Committee these past few years. Thank You Kat! Second, two of the most recent accomplishments of our committee have been a success because of the members of the committee. However, there are four members in particular that I would like to thank. Those four members are: Ronnie & Cinda Pleasant and Mark & Allison Eason.

Allison and Mark were instrumental in the successful drive for **Operation Christmas Child** with Samaritan's Purse. They donated or gathered 67 of the plastic boxes. They put together the materials to help with each donor's decision in stuffing the boxes. And they followed with the Samaritan's Purse organization to see to the pick up and delivery to the central processing center in Boone, N. C. We also want to thank our church members for taking up this cause. Your gifts and cash support were invaluable. It is a fabulous outreach beyond our borders. These boxes are a demonstration of Christ's Love in Action!

Cinda and Ronnie Pleasant took on the enormous task of preparing the Neill's Creek Baptist Church contribution to the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Depot in Angier. They prepared enough dressing for 250+ people. They then transported the food to the depot and helped to set up in preparation for the serving of the Thanksgiving meal. We thank our church for their support in donations of food and gifts in this season when Christians can reach the most amount of people in the shortest of time.

God Bless these sisters and brothers for their service to the Kingdom! God Bless you all for your open hearts and purses in this time of giving and need.

We are taking a new direction to get outside the doors of our church and into the community around us. We look forward to your input and help.

God Bless Pastor Chris, First Lady Melissa Turner, our diaconate, and the whole of Neill's Creek Baptist Church.

Pastor Jim, Outreach Committee Chair

Wow! Just look at God work! The **December 29th, 5th Sunday** offering was our largest of 2019, \$16,841.55. This brings us to over \$60,000 raised in 2019. Simply amazing! Each dollar helps get us closer to the dream of our Family Life Center becoming a reality. May God bless you for your continued sacrificial generous giving! Early in 2020 we will have our online giving set up and look forward to more people partnering with us financially in this great work of the gospel.

The Buzz on Children's Ministry



We are working hard on memorizing scripture and learning how to apply God's word in our own lives. Please, continue to encourage our children in their own personal walk of faith.



TRAIN UP a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

If you feel led to help or be a part of our Children's Ministry please let me know!



We are continuing to learn and grow as **Disciples in Training**. Learning to use our BIBLES and how to apply HIS word in our lives. Learning where and how we can SERVE!



January 8th - Quarterly Church Conference
Meal start at 6pm

Wednesday Night Activities Resume
7pm-8pm

***Times will change to 6pm-7pm on January 15th**

February 21st - Love One Another Valentine Dinner

Children and their special guest will enjoy a meal together, fellowship and building new relationships! Please let me know asap if your child will be able to attend so that we can plan accordingly.

Wednesday Night Activities
***No Wednesday Night Activities Jan 1st and resume on Jan 8th.**
Beginning January 15th Wednesday Night Activities will be from 6pm- 7pm

6:00 - Mission Friends for ages 3 through 1st Grade
6:00 - Children in Action for Grades 2 - 5

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Join us on our FB page!
NCBC Children's Ministry

New Year Blessings,
Mrs. Nikki
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SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 2020

NURSERY WORKERS

January 5: Dustin and Landis Prince
 January 12: Judy Adams and Carolyn Broadwell
 January 19: Alex and Leigh Adams
 January 26: Melissa Turner and Teresa Keith

DEACON OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE

Please contact the Deacon of the Week if there is an emergency and you need assistance:

January 6: Sarah Lemons 910-890-4144
 January 13: Louise Alexander 919-622-9866
 January 20: Howard Penny 910-891-8360
 January 27: Richard Eason 910-624-6357



Our Quarterly Conference will be Wednesday Jan. 8th at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend. The Adult IV Sunday School class will host a fellowship meal at 6:00pm.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

Ginger Pleasant (friend of Judy Adams) who passed away on 11/25.
 Becky Fyffe (co-worker of Kristen Sharp at Angier Elementary) who passed away on 12/3.
 Glenn Boykin (relative of Cinda Pleasant) who passed away on 12/3.
 Roy Spain (father of Carol Pifer) who passed away on 12/11.
 Frances Hayes Adams (related to many at NCBC) who passed away recently.

Praises

We rejoice with Carol Blalock, Kelley Moser, Amanda and Rev. Christian Justice on their graduation from Campbell University.



Our 2020 Baptist Men's Sunday is Jan. 26th. Make plans to join us on this special Sunday as our Baptist Men lead our Worship.

Dear Church Family, What a wonderful Advent Season we experienced at NCBC! It was filled with soul stirring music, inspirational worship, and opportunities to help those in need. I truly feel renewed in hope, peace, joy, and love! The greatest Christmas gift will always be salvation through the baby of Bethlehem, Jesus our Messiah. Melissa and I have been reminded of God's greatest gift through the many Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies we received from our church family. Each gift is special, but the people responsible for these gifts are what means the most to us. It is such a heart warming feeling to be in a church where we are so valued and appreciated. The special gift from the congregation on December 22nd was a wonderful surprise. I remain humble and grateful to serve as your pastor. Please accept our thanks and appreciation for all you have done to bless us this Christmas. May the love we feel at Christmas last throughout the year in all we do and say. Blessings, Pastor Chris and Melissa

TAPE MINISTRY

January 5: Susan Stewart
 January 12: Mamie Hughes
 January 19: Frances Johnson
 January 26: Sandra Strickland

USHERS

*Cary Stewart Ronnie Pleasant Jason Lemons
 Travis Collins Tim Price
 * Team Leader
 Usher Coordinators are:
 Timothy Johnson (h) 910-893-6155
 Ken Edwards (h) 919-842-6080

FLOWER MINISTRY

January 5: The Lord's Supper
 January 12: Howard and Patricia Penny
 January 19: Robert and Reecie Surles
 January 26: Glenn and Shirley Johnson

A Note from the Church Accountant: Please make sure we have your correct address for the Contribution Reports.

The Lord's Supper will be during the morning worship service on Jan. 5th. Please join us for this special service. Homebound Lord's Supper will be at 12:15pm



Upcoming Wednesday Night Schedule

Wednesday Jan 1st - New Year's Day (No Activities)
 Wednesday Jan. 8th - Quarterly Church Conf.
 (Meal 6pm, Conference 7pm)
 Wednesday Jan. 15th- Adult & Children Activities
 begin at 6pm (Choir Practice 7pm)

Starting January 15th Adult and Children programs will begin at 6pm (Please note time change).
 Adult Choir practice will begin at 7pm.



Youth News January 2020

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you."

Romans 8:11



I hope that all had a wonderful holiday season celebrating Christmas and the new year! As a new semester is upon us, I cannot wait to continue to connect with, celebrate, and challenge our youth to live God's calling for their lives. We have much planned for the upcoming semester, such as a winter ski retreat, a county-wide D-NOW weekend, paintball with other youth groups, regular Wednesday night activities, and more! In this new year, I ask any who are willing to pray specifically for our youth to 1) continue to unify and grow with one another, 2) reach out to unchurched youth in our community, and 3) continually develop their own relationships with God and pursue their God-given callings. We are incredibly thankful for your support, as we truly could not be the youth group we are without your help.

Please feel free to let me know if our youth group can ever be of any help to you! We love you and pray that you have a wonderful start to the new year.

Love and blessings,
 Christian

Upcoming dates to be aware of:

Wednesday night Youth starts back and Church fellowship dinner @ NCBC, 1/8, 6:30-8pm
 Midnight bowling/lock-in @ NCBC, 1/10
 BeDoTell Ski Retreat, 1/31-2/2
 Paintball, 2/8



January, 2020

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and I wish each of you a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Thank you for supporting our International Missions Offerings. Because of your financial support, our missionaries can continue their ministries. Please continue to pray for our missionaries and their families, and their ministries. Also pray for their safety and health.

Our mission project for January is collecting items for Agape Pregnancy Care Center. The following are the items that are needed: Clothes (sizes 0-3 months), Diapers N-5 and Wipes.

Our next meeting will be at the church on January 13, 2020 at 12:30. Anyone who would like to eat before the meeting should meet at the Red Barn at 11:00. Judy Adams will be our hostess. Please bring your items for the Agape Pregnancy Care Center to this meeting.

As we are beginning a New Year, I would like to invite all women of the church to become a part of our Mission Action Study Circle. Wonderful friendships are formed as we fellowship together, study missions, pray for our missionaries, and do mission projects.

Carolyn Broadwell
 WMU Director

Neill's Creek Baptist Church

Calendar of Events

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
			No Wednesday Night Services Office Closed New Year's Day <i>Kendall Jane Adams</i> <i>Lyman Gregory</i>		<i>Betty Emerson</i> <i>Robert Wood</i> <i>Sophie Ellington</i>	<i>Ken Edwards</i>
Sunday 5 9:45am...Sunday School. 11:00am...Morning Worship - Lord's Supper 12:15pm...Homebound Lord's Supper	Monday 6	Tuesday 7 <i>Anne Suggs</i>	Wednesday 8 5:00pm...Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm...Fellowship dinner before Conf. hosted by Adult IV SS class 7:00pm...Quarterly Church Conference 8:00pm Adult Choir Practice	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
Sunday 12 7:30am...Brotherhood Breakfast/Meeting 9:45am...Sunday School. 11:00am...Morning Worship <i>Carolyn Jones</i> <i>Lillie Mae Price</i>	Monday 13 12:30 pm...Mission Study Circle meeting	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15 6:00pm...Joyful Noise Choir (Grades 1-5) Mission Friends (Ages 3-1st Grade) Children in Action (Grades 2-5) 6:00pm...Adult Prayer Time and Bible Study 6:30pm...Youth Bible Study 7:00pm...Choir Practice <i>Caleb Barbour</i>	Thursday 16	Friday 17 8:30am...Buddy Backpack Packing Day at Angier Baptist Church <i>Amber James</i> <i>Gladys Woodall</i>	Saturday 18
Sunday 19 9:45am...Sunday School. 11:00am.Morning Worship 5:00pm...Diaconate Meeting	Monday 20 *Newsletter Articles Due <i>David Johnson</i>	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22 6:00pm...Joyful Noise Choir (Grades 1-5) Mission Friends (Ages 3-1st Grade) Children in Action (Grades 2-5) 6:00pm...Adult Prayer Time and Bible Study 6:30pm...Youth Bible Study 7:00pm...Choir Practice <i>Amy Johnson</i>	Thursday 23 <i>Leigh Hocutt</i>	Friday 24	Saturday 25
Sunday 26 9:45am...Sunday School. 11:00am Morning Worship—Baptist Men's Sunday <i>Dorothy Deese</i>	Monday 27 <i>Linda Jones</i>	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29 6:00pm...Joyful Noise Choir (Grades 1-5) Mission Friends (Ages 3-1st Grade) Children in Action (Grades 2-5) 6:00pm...Adult Prayer Time and Bible Study 6:30pm...Youth Bible Study 7:00pm...Choir Practice	Thursday 30 <i>Tracy Stephenson</i>	Friday 31 7:00pm Youth Night at Ellington Studios <i>Lori Eason</i> BeDoTell ski retreat Beckley, WV	