



North Carolina State Missions Emphasis

Theme: *Eyes To See*

Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! John 4:35

August 27—September 3

Our Church's Goal: \$2,000

Special August Events

August 6

3:00p

Church Council

August 13

8:00 am

Baptist Men/Women
Breakfast

August 15

7:00p

Deacon's Meeting

August 23

6:45p

Budget Conference

August 27

3:00-5:00p

Reception honoring
Dr. & Mrs. Robert
Fulkerson

Do you have eyes to see?

The hungry. The sick. The hurting. The **North Carolina Missions Offering** takes the gospel to these and other individuals through a variety of ministries. Many have come to know Christ through your faith prayers and financial gifts. Consider how you and your church can pray for the ministries supported through this offering.

Pray for...

Disaster relief volunteers with N.C. Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission

Church planting efforts across North Carolina

Physical and spiritual needs of those served through the medical, dental and health screening ministries

Mission camps in Red Springs and Shelby

Local Baptist Associations across the state

More individuals and churches to become involved in missions

Give...

Towards our offering goal of \$2,000. We will be collecting this through the end of September

Notes from Our Music and Senior Adult Ministries

Congregational singing is a good indicator of the personal involvement of our worshippers. For the past several weeks, your worship singing has been great: enthusiastic, genuine, and apparently very meaningful. It seems the video projection has been a great help. Printed music is also available for those who need it. Please let me know if there are other ways in which to enhance the meaning and depth of our Sunday worship. Let me know what music and musical styles best helps you to worship.

Emily Barsh has created several songs recently based on her private worship experiences at home. On July 30, she will share one of these in our Morning Worship entitled, "Come, Take His Hand." The congregation will join her on the chorus. Thanks to Emily and Dave Periconi for preparing this song for us.

Our senior adults had a very good Very Special People meeting at K&W Cafeteria on Monday, July 24. The highlight of the meeting was a report by Phyllis Creech on her recent African Safari. She took some great up close pictures of wild animals in their natural habitat.



Phyllis with grandson in South Africa

Our senior adults have been talking for some time about the need for a better vehicle than our current church van. The van, though a very good one and still in great condition, is not convenient to the needs of our seniors. We have a committee searching for other solutions and will bring our findings to the church body soon. Pray with us as we seek to make the right decisions. Your suggestions are also welcome.

Our August Very Special People meeting will be on the 28th, at K&W Cafeteria. All seniors are invited.

Church Needs Three Defibrillators

Our church is way behind many other churches in having ready access to defibrillators. The matter has been under discussion for over a year by the diaconate. One life saved following a heart stoppage will make our effort and cost more than worthwhile. Cost of one defibrillator is approximately \$1,500. Three of these instruments will be needed: one for each floor of the education building and one for the sanctuary. Each would be mounted in a wall box for ready access. Cost has been our deterrent. There is no budget item nor are there funds to cover the \$5,000 needed to secure the defibrillators' and have them mounted. The appeal from the diaconate is to the membership to make voluntary contributions to raise the necessary funds. Dr. Grant, with Immediate Care, has volunteered to come to Madison and train all individuals interested in learning the proper use. Please make a contribution over and above your regular giving, with the gift designated "Defibrillator," and turn your gift in to the church office.

Thank you, I. K. Williamson, Diaconate Chair

The Deacon Corner

Reality has now settled in for all of our Madison family on Pastor Bob impending resignation as our pastor, effective at the end of the day on Thursday, August 31. I trust that everyone either heard him read his letter to the church or that you read it in the June Madison Newsletter. We respect his and Karen's desire to spend more time with their family, but we know our pastor well enough to know that he will never become a couch potato wherever the two choose to relocate. We wish for both of them the very best as they prepare to move wherever the Lord leads them. A special Interim Pastor Committee, (Ronald Edwards, Phyllis Creech, and I. K. Williamson) has been at work for the past month. We were able to report to the Diaconate and to the Church Conference that Dr. Randy Outland will begin ministry as our interim pastor on September 1. Dr. Outland is a former pastor of Spillman Baptist Church in Kinston, having served as pastor there for thirteen years. He currently is a part-time adjunct professor of religion at the University of Mount Olive. We are pleased that Dr. Outland was able to meet our church staff and to interact very favorably with them. He will be our preacher for worship and other special services, conduct Wednesday evening prayer services, and attend to office and visitation needs on a flexible schedule. We will all want to extend a most warm and cordial welcome to Dr. Outland and his wife, Karen.

I.K. Williamson, Diaconate Chair

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 3:00p Church Council	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 8:00a Baptist Men/ Women Breakfast; Pastor Bob to speak	14	15 7:00p Deacon's Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21 Newsletter info due	22	23 6:45 p Annual Budget Conference	24	25	26
27 3-5:00p Reception for the Fulkersons	28 11:30a VSP at K&W Cafeteria	29	30	1	2	3

Reception Honoring Dr. and Mrs. Fulkerson

Our Church will honor our retiring Pastor Bob and Karen with a reception in the fellowship hall on Sunday afternoon, August 27 from three until five o'clock in the afternoon. We know that you will want to be a part of this event so that you can extend your love and very best wishes to a pastor couple whom we love so much and who has meant so much to Madison Avenue Baptist Church during their nine plus years of ministry. Those wishing to show their love and appreciation for Bob and Karen in a more tangible way are encouraged to make a love gift between now and August 23. Gifts should be given to Diaconate chairman I. K. Williamson or left in the church office in a sealed envelope bearing I. K.'s name. Checks should be written either to I.K. or to "cash."

August Birthdays

Please notify the church office for corrections and additions.

- 4 Ronald Edwards
- 4 Sarah Weaver
- 5 Myra Mallard
- 5 Tim Lail
- 5 Doug Burch
- 7 Lee Grantham
- 10 Hannah Aldrin
- 11 Kelly Heath
- 12 Robert Fulkerson
- 15 Ben Morris
- 16 John Graybeal
- 19 Marcie Henn
- 19 Ricky Frederick
- 21 Bill Lamm
- 23 Billie Jean Pruett
- 25 Bonnie Burch
- 28 Auston Gray
- 30 Joe Pritchard
- 31 Emily Barsh



Regular Sunday Activities

- 9:45a Sunday School
- 11:00a Morning Worship

Regular Wednesday Activities

- 6:00p Family Night Supper
- 6:45p Prayer Meeting
- Children In Action for grades 1-6
- Mission Friends for preschoolers

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Rev. Edwin Jewell	<i>Minister of Music and Senior Adults</i>
Peggy Bartlett	<i>Secretary</i>
Dave Periconi	<i>Organist</i>
Susan Edwards	<i>Pianist</i>

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday	8:30 am— 4:30 pm
Friday	8:00 am— 4:00 pm

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Our Mission

*To glorify God by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus
Christ through love, discipleship, and service.*

Christian Sympathy is extended to John Graybeal on the death of his brother-in-law.

Family Night Suppers

will begin on Wednesday, September 6

You will need to fill out new reservation slips. Make plans to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00

Nursery Ministry

(Ages Birth—2 yrs.)

9:30-10:45 Sunday School

10:45-12:15 Worship

S.S. Teacher: Della Frederick

MABC Committees

With the beginning of our new church year, we need to hear from all of our committees. Currently, the church office needs to know who will be the chairman of each committee for the 2017-2018 Church Year. Please notify the church office with the information. In that same light, help us by providing minutes from your committee meetings as you meet. This information helps us to know what we're doing together to carry out the ministries of our church for the glory of God. Please turn in to the church office.

New Church Year Begins in September

Make your church a priority this year

Get involved

Invite prospects

Reach out with the love of Jesus

Be the church wherever you are