

THE

MESSENGER

201 SOUTH BROADWAY
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Deacon Nominees

The following people have agreed to serve as deacon of Florence Baptist Church, if elected:

- Randy Bailey
- John Mark Bennett
- Kerry Brock
- David Brooks
- Dean Cole
- Aaron Conner
- Tim Elmore
- Jean Gordon
- Chuck Hardin
- Tony Harrill
- Travis Haynes
- Eddie Holland
- Tommy Holland
- Eddy Jones
- Ralph Lewis
- Tim Lovelace
- Wes Mayse
- Dan McKeithan
- Gary McKinney
- Kelly Mitchem
- Roger Queen
- Brad Shamblin
- Ryan Spurlin
- Charles Toms
- Kevin Tuttle
- Kim Whisnant
- Keith White



Please be in prayer and come prepared to vote for four deacons on Sunday, March 18, 2018.

Congratulations Bible Drillers

The following children have successfully completed the 2017-2018 Bible Drill Course and Church Drill Competition. They will advance to the Associational Drill on March 18th and State competition on April 28th. Please take time to congratulate them. They have worked very hard, and we are so proud of each of them.

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| Peyton Arrowood | Renee Bradley | Natasha Elmore |
| Savannah Finucan | Rachel Greene | Bella Harris |
| Cade Holland | Montana Kiser | Jenna Pintuff |

Church Staff

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YOKEFELLOW ASSIGNMENT Grits

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Frances Toney
White Oak Manor
137 Loblolly Lane
Forest City, NC 28043

IN SYMPATHY

Family of J.B. Wall

NEW MEMBERS

Sasha McKeithan, Profession of Faith
Max McKeithan, Profession of Faith

PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

Please pray over the list of Deacon Nominees on the front of The Messenger and come prepared to vote this Sunday, March 18. A ballot will be in the worship bulletin on Sunday, and members will have the opportunity to vote for four of the names on the list. In First Light, we ask you to cast your votes and place your ballot in the offering buckets or baskets. In Salt and Light, we ask you to cast your votes and place your ballots in the offering plates. Adult choir members are asked to turn your ballots in to Scott, and a deacon will collect ballots from the nursery workers.

The four individuals receiving the most votes will be elected to serve for the next four years. Their terms of service will begin September 1, 2018. The four deacons who rotate off this year (Tony Fowler, Andy Greene, Butch Moore and Brad Teague) will count the votes and call the four receiving the most votes. If they have been able to get in touch with everyone, we will announce the outcome at Evening Worship. If not, we will announce the outcome in the next newsletter.

Obviously, we entrust much of our work to our Deacons. This entire process is very important. Please give it the prayer and thought it deserves.

The Gantts will be celebrating Amber Rogerson's birthday for a few days this week. Tonya will be the minister on call Monday and Wednesday. David will be the minister on call Tuesday and Friday. Scott will be the minister on call Thursday. Please do not hesitate to call the church or to call them directly if there is a pastoral care need.

We are very excited about our Sunday School Teacher Training and Appreciation Lunch this coming Saturday, March 17, 9:30-Noon. We are grateful to all who teach and lead in our Sunday School. We do not tell you enough how much we appreciate your service.

And we are so proud of our Bible Drillers. All of them excelled this past Sunday night in the Church Drill, and now we look forward to the Associational Drill which will be this Sunday night, March 18, at 6:00, in the Sanctuary. We are proud of these children and our leaders. Great job everybody!

Preacher B

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	327
General Fund	\$27,985.20
LightShine/Bldg. Fund	\$5,063.00
BackPack Program	\$1,931.00
Annie Armstrong	\$100.00
Lottie Moon	\$100.00
Youth Trips/Activities	\$264.00
Children's Trips/Activities	\$50.00
Campus Crusade	35.00

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND IN MEMORY OF:

Johnny Womick (brother of Terry Womick)

Tim & Linda Lovelace

Robert Robinson

Andy & June Sims

J.B. Wall

Martha Jean McFarland, June Scruggs

Dot White

Mark & Julie Winslow

IN HONOR OF:

Tiny Jones (on her 95th birthday, 3-9)

Martha Jean McFarland

GIFTS TO THE BACK PACK PROGRAM IN MEMORY OF:

Robert Robinson

David Henson, Fellowship Class of Kistler's Chapel UMC, Amos, Sonya & Cragan Outling, Members of Kistler's Chapel UMC, Mark & Julie Winslow, Rutherford County Schools Administrative Office, Chase Middle School, Peggy Cromer, Rick, Janet & Meredith Mason, Harold & Sheila Grayson, Calvin & Joyce Spurlin, Tommy & Gail Holland, James & Beth Harmon, Robert & Martha Rogers Family, Phil & Fredia Hamrick, Jim & Sylvia Gardner, Rodney & Angela Smith, Main Street Financial Group, Terry & Kathy Hines, Tom & Karen Hamrick



Anchored Women's Bible Study March 29th, 6:30-8:00 pm in the LEC

We will be discussing "Overcoming Anxiety" and will also have a beautiful time of hearing testimonies of the heart of women. All women age 18 and up are welcome to join us as we apply Biblical principles to discover God's freedom in our lives.

15—Mike & Vickie Campfield, Lonnie & Jacola Ray

16—Donald & Debbie Burns

22—Jimmy & Nancy Clay, Russell & Lori Cudd,
Terry & Dale Moore

23—Ralph & Jeanne Lewis

25—David & Leanne Camp



- 12—Kristen Finucan, Steve Francis, Darryl Maxwell
- 13—John Bennett, Robin Moss, Dana Zaffuto
- 14—Brad Joyner
- 15—Matthew Bailey, Mary Elizabeth Bennett, Josephine Hardin, Gregg Marshall, Ginger Marshall, Josh Moore
- 16—Deven Dufford, Angela (Haven) Dufford, Rachel Tucker
- 17—Sylvia Gardner, Kevin Langley
- 18—Gregory Qualls, Gina Tate, Forrest (Tripp) Toney Helen Waters, Cindy White
- 19—Casey Buckner, Juanita Hoy, Nancy Key
- 20—Charles Greene, Bill Nolan
- 21—Jan Fraser, Augusta Hardin, Bruce Johnson, Samantha Marks, Mark Murray, Jenna Pintuff, Tamara Rape
- 22—Caleigh Barrick, Ben Bridges, Kelly Jonas, Alyssa Toms, James (Aaron) Yelton
- 23—Kendall Cudd, Kathy Hines, Angie Smith, Kathryn Waldo
- 24—Tommy Wilson
- 25—Lucas Harris, Payton Marshall, Sarah Ray, Jamie Roberts

Summer Mission Trip Opportunity

**Save this Date:
July 14 - 21, 2018!**

Location plans have changed for our summer mission trip. New details soon!



SUMMER CAMP:

Children entering 3rd Grade through completed 6th Grade

July 31 - Aug. 3 (Tues.-Fri.)



The Pulse Sunday School Class would like to welcome you to a

BABY SHOWER

honoring David & Katie Cox as they prepare to welcome a new baby girl.

Sunday, March 25th from 2-4 pm in the LEC. David and Katie

are registered at Walmart and Target.



TEXT florencecb
to 73256
and give using
your smart phone!



**New Small Group Bible Study
on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.**

**Visit our new website www.florencestudents.com
This site allows youth and parents to keep up to date
with what we are studying on Wednesday and Sunday
evenings. Also you can register for the upcoming spring
events.**

Snack Supper Sign-ups

<https://www.florencestudents.com/snack-supper>
Any church member is welcome to provide snack supper for
our youth.

March 24th

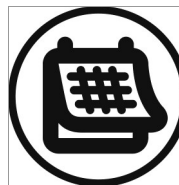
High School Trip to **Frankie's Fun Park** in Greenville,
SC. We will leave the church at 9:00 am and return at approxi-
mately 3:00 pm. Cost will be \$30.

Discipleship Now Weekend

Our Student Ministry will be hosting a Discipleship Now
Weekend April 13th-15th. We will spend the weekend
learning about what it means to be a true follower of Jesus.
We will have teaching, small group time, games, local mis-
sion activities and more throughout the weekend!

HELP NEEDED!

For this weekend to be successful, we need your help! We
need people to help drive the church vans, provide meals,
help with mission work and group activities throughout the
weekend. If you would like to help in any of these areas,
please contact David at youth@florencechurch.net.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 17, 2018
**Sunday School training &
Appreciation Luncheon**
for our teachers and leaders.
9:30 a.m. - Noon

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31, 2018
10:00-11:00 a.m.





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Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

www.florencechurch.net

Or Current Resident

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - March 18 - March 24

SUNDAY: Deacon Election

8:45 - First Light (LEC/Gym)

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)

4:00 - G.L.O.W.

5:00 - Youth Praise Band Rehearsal

Jr. G.L.O.W.

6:00 - Associational Drill of Children's Bible Drill

Youth Bible Study (The Loft)

Adult Handbells

Evening Worship

MONDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

TUESDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

6:00 - Knit, Crochet, Pray

WEDNESDAY:

4:30 - Senior Adult Choir

5:00 - Staff Fellowship Supper Serving Time

5:30 - Choir Helpers Fellowship Supper Serving Time

5:45 - 6:15 - Fellowship Supper Serving Time

6:15 - 7:00 - Preschool & Children's Choirs

6:30 - Prayer Meeting

7:00 - 7:30 - Children's Mission Groups

7:30 - Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:00 - Adult Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

FRIDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

A WORD OF THANKS

For your generous giving to Abounding
Grace Ministry this last year.

Gratefully, Kriss

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER MENU

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

MAIN MENU: Spaghetti, Side Salad, Strawberry Shortcake

ALTERNATE MENU: Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Strawberry Shortcake

SALAD: Smoked Chicken Salad, Strawberry Shortcake

**Fellowship Supper reservations are due by Noon
on Tuesdays. Please provide a separate check
for your Fellowship Meals.**

Thank you for your help with this matter.



NURSERY- March 18, 2018

8:30 A.M. - Jessica Herndon, Gary & Susan McKinney,
Connie Champion, Rosemary Holland

11:00 A.M. - Kim Bridges, Chuck & Stephanie Hardin,
Ian & Haley Blalock

6:00 P.M. - Kim Bridges, Rosemary Holland

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - March 18, 2018

8:45 A.M. - Talula Adams

11:00 A.M. - Rebecca Ennis

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2018

6:15 - 7:30 P.M. - April Mayse, Wes Mayse, Jason Padgett,
Megan Glover

7:00 - 7:30 P.M. - April Mayse, Wes Mayse, Jason Padgett,
Michelle Padgett