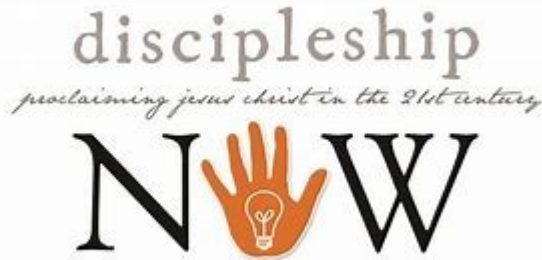


THE

MESSENGER

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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 mission activities and more throughout the weekend!

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Sunday, April 15th
Our youth will be in charge
of both worship services.

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YOKEFELLOW ASSIGNMENT
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HOMEBOUND MEMBER
OF THE WEEK

Edith Bain
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IN SYMPATHY

The Margaret Rollins Family,
sister to Martha Jean McFarland

The Irene Rogers Family
Mother of Robert Rogers

PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

Florence Baptist Church was started 96 years ago today-April 9, 1922. Thirty-three charter members presented themselves for membership, and Florence had her beginning. We say thank you to those thirty-three courageous individuals and to all those who have followed in their footsteps to make Florence the special place it is today. Will you join me in prayer this week thanking God for his blessings of the past and for His vision for the future?

On the note of vision, David has planned a Discipleship Now Weekend for our youth this coming weekend. Please be in prayer for David, for all those who lead and for our youth. The weekend will conclude with youth-led worship services this coming Sunday, April 15. We are proud of our youth and our youth ministry. These youth-led services have always been a blessing, and no doubt, they will be again this Sunday. Please be present to support our youth and to receive a blessing as they share what God is doing in their lives.

We also want to use this space to update you on our search process for the Office Manager and the part-time Church Hostess. We have had great interest in both positions. The Staff Committee continues at the present time in the interview process. The Staff Committee is being very prayerful and deliberate as we seek God's will for Florence at this time and for the future. Please keep the committee and this entire process in your prayers. We will keep you posted as things develop.

In the meantime we are grateful to Gail Holland for helping us with the newsletter and bulletin. And we are grateful to all the staff for stepping up and doing a wonderful job. We are blessed with a great staff and with great people. Thanks be unto God for the great things He has done and is doing!

On the note of wonderful blessings, Scott has been helping us get a new sound system for the Sanctuary. It was installed just over a week ago. We have used it two Sundays now. We are still working to get the "bugs" out, but we are grateful to Scott for his hard work on this and to all those who have assisted in this process. The old sound board was the original that was put in when we moved into the new Sanctuary in 1991. Several channels no longer worked, and we could not get parts for it any more. We are grateful to Scott for his leadership and vision, for his homework and preparation on something like this, and for helping us with these wonderful enhancements to our Sanctuary and for our worship.

Still on staff, Tommy Wilson's 32nd Anniversary as our Church Custodian is coming up on April 21. Tommy came to work at Florence April 21, 1986. We are grateful to Tommy for his years of service to our church and to our Lord. We all love Tommy, Paula and their family. Why not take a moment to express your personal appreciation to them?

And a personal note in closing! I have talked allot over the last few weeks about our grandsons. Just a little bit proud! I am happy to share that number six made his entrance into our world shortly before midnight on Sunday, April 8, 2018. His name is Duke Wesley Rogerson. He is the son of Lance and Amber Rogerson and the brother of Bo and Dillon. Ronda and Alison are in Wilmington, and I will be joining them soon.

Preacher B

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

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| Sunday School Attendance | 308 |
| General Fund | \$15,958.92 |
| LightShine/Bldg. Fund | \$4,890.10 |
| BackPack Program | \$303.00 |
| Youth Trips/Activities | \$250.00 |

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday School Attendance | 325 |
| General Fund | \$19,984.05 |
| LightShine/Bldg. Fund | \$2,948.00 |
| BackPack Program | \$438.00 |
| Annie Armstrong | \$406.00 |

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

J. B. Wall

Bob & Priscilla Marshall, James & Beth Harmon

Robert Robinson

Bob & Priscilla Marshall

Florence Lovelace

Bob & Priscilla Marshall

Lillian Robertson (Kathy Hines' Mom)

Max & Connie Champion, Larry & Libby Harrill, Elizabeth Davidson, Carl & Cassandra Parton, Phillip & Alpha White

Cary McFarland (date of death 4-20-96)

Mike & Mary Jane Hinkle

Margaret Rollins

Dianne Clayton, Martha Jean McFarland, Sue Butler, Phillip & Alpha White, Joyce Buckaloo, Ruth Hodge, Hugh & Mary Frances Moore

IN HONOR OF:

Martha Jean McFarland

Grace Black

Mike & Susan Callahan's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Joyce Buckaloo

GIFTS TO THE BACK PACK PROGRAM

IN MEMORY OF:

Robert Robinson

Todd, Donna, & Adam Hensley, David & Carolyn Holland

Senior Adult Lunch & a Movie!

All senior adults are invited to join us for lunch at the Dutch Broad Café in Cliffside on Tuesday, April 17th. We will travel on the bus and return to the LEC to view the Christian movie "The Shack".



- 9— Trisa Hines, Adilyn Kallay, Dylan Millwood, Trent Newton, Mickey Warlick
- 10— Caleb King, Jacob Lee, Fran Park, Eddie Phillips, Bud Robbins, Payton Teague
- 11— Caleb Bishop, Brad Shamblin
- 12— Lily Price, Roger Queen, Logan Sneed
- 14— Paula Butler, Mike Finucan, Ruth Hodge, Chad Holland, Christopher Morrow
- 15— Skyler Edwards, Todd Hunnicutt, Brandy Mitchem
- 16— Lindsay Koonce, Carol White
- 17— Amy Bland
- 18— Renee Bradley, Debbie Gaskill, Heather Harris, Jimmy Martin, Christy Teague
- 19— Max Cudd
- 20— Sherry Grayson, Stephen Hargett, Lynn Ruff
- 21— Dylan Campfield, John Nunez
- 22— Abby Bland, Amanda Jolley, Becky McDonald, Lonnie Ray, Brian Wiig
- 23— Christy Bishop, Carley Means, Jane Toms
- 24— Cameron Zaffuto
- 26— Edith Dula
- 27— Katie Linder, Vanessa Wiig



- 10— Jeff & Dale Mayse
- 11— Tim & Teressa Haynes, Brad & Christy Teague
- 13— Mike & Susan Callahan, Billy & Kristy Holland
- 15— Tyler & Michaela Moore, Justin & Rebecca Pintuff
- 16— Fritz & Doris Ebert
- 17— John Mark & June Bennett
- 18— Al & Mae Freeman
- 20— Joe & Brenda Ellenburg, Chris & Betsy King, Tray & Jessica Robbins
- 21— Steven & Elaine Hughes
- 23— Mike & Denise Botts, Karen & Clark Hoyle
- 25— Chuck & Stephanie Hardin
- 26— Rick & Denise Millwood
- 27— Tim & Luann Butler

Summer Mission Trip Meeting

April 29, 5:00 pm

Mission trip to West Virginia.

July 15 - 21, 2018

All who are interested, please plan to attend this meeting!

OPERATION IN AS MUCH

April 28th



TEXT florencebc
to 73256
and give using
your smart phone!



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.

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Attention All 5th & 6th Graders!

You are invited to go the **Big E, Gaffney**
For laser tag, ropes course and pizza.
Be at the church at 2:00 pm Saturday, April 21st.
We will plan to be back by 6:45 pm.



SUMMER CAMP:
July 31 - Aug. 3 (Tues.-Fri.)
Children entering 3rd Grade through
completed 6th Grade

SPRING SOFTBALL SEASON!

Anyone interested in playing softball this spring, please see Randy Bailey. We need to see how much interest there is at this point.

The Messenger
will not be published
the week of April 16th.
Will resume regular schedule April 23.



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Or Current Resident

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - April 9- April 15

MONDAY:

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

TUESDAY:

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

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

THURSDAY:

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

FRIDAY:

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

Youth Disciple Now Weekend

SATURDAY:

Youth Disciple Now Weekend

SUNDAY:

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 - Power House

Children's Bible Drill

Youth Bible Study (The Loft)

Adult Handbells

Evening Worship

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER MENU

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

MAIN MENU: Hamburger Steak w/Onions, Home Fries, Slaw, Roll, Sheet Cake w/Icing

ALTERNATE MENU: Corn Dog, Chips, Sheet Cake w/Icing

SALAD: Grilled Chicken Salad, Sheet Cake w/Icing

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- April 15, 2018

8:30 A.M. - Rebekah Walker, Terry & Tracy Self, Aaron & Taylor Connor

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

6:00 P.M. - Kim Bridges, Beth Roper, Mary Lib Henson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - April 15, 2018

8:45 A.M. - Chris Quinn

11:00 A.M. - Megan Glover

6:00 P.M. - Alyson Mayse

