





# July 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 1:00 Youth Leave for Caswell	Youth at Caswell	Youth at Caswell	 6:00 Children Program 6:30 Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal Youth at Caswell	Youth at Caswell	Youth at Caswell	Youth return from Caswell
2 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Business Meeting 2:30 pm  Women on Mission 6:00 Youth	3 Youth at Caswell	4  Youth at Caswell	5 6:00 Children Program 6:30 Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal Youth at Caswell	6 Youth at Caswell	7 Youth at Caswell	8 Youth return from Caswell
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Business Meeting 2:30 pm  Women on Mission 6:00 Youth	10 Youth at Caswell	11  10:00 am 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	12 6:00 Children Program 6:30 Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 Youth at Caswell	14 Youth at Caswell	15 Youth return from Caswell
16 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:15 VBS - Staff Volunteer Training 6:00 Youth	17  10:00 am Dorcas Sew Day	18 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	19 6:00 Children Program 6:30 Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 Youth at Caswell	21 Youth at Caswell	22 9:00 Outreach @ Kiwanis Park 10am - 12 pm  Youth Fishing / Rock Painting
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 3:00 Youth Pool Party	24 Youth at Caswell	25  11:00 Birthday Buddies @ Cafe Vesuvio	26 6:00 Children Program 6:30 Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 7:00 Diaconate Meeting	28 Youth at Caswell	29 9:00 Outreach @ Kiwanis Park 10am - 12 pm  Youth Fishing / Rock Painting
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Sunday Night Sing No Youth	31 Youth at Caswell	Youth at Caswell	Youth at Caswell	Youth at Caswell	Youth at Caswell	Youth return from Caswell

THIS I KNOW,  
That God is for me.  
PSALM 56:9

Blessed  
is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.  
PSALM 55:4

This is the day  
that the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
PSALM 118:24

# July 2023 Newsletter

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**CHANGE THE GAME!**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023**

August 6-10, 2023  
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Scan code to register.

If you find you can no longer do work for God, pray for those who can. Allow your life to burst forth, reaching toward the unseen, the eternal and the heavenly.

Excerpt from *Streams in the Desert*, by L. B. Cowman in *Prayers & Praises*



Tis the season for Back-to-School bargain shopping. In late July we will begin to collect school supplies for our neighboring Deep River School. Ideas include 2-inch hard back binders, spiral notebooks, folders with inside pockets (avoid slick plastic), folders with prongs and inside pockets (avoid slick plastic), book bags with quality seams and zippers, male and female underpants and inexpensive slacks for elementary kids of all ages, Lysol and Clorox cleaning wipes, boxes of tissue. If you come across a good sale including quality book bags, grab them. They are a real need at the elementary school. Please don't waste money on short-lived budget-book bags. (The school reports it does not anticipate needing loose leaf paper, pencils, or scissors.) Collection bins will be available in the Atrium in late July once shoes and supplies for the homeless shelter are out for delivery.



## Deacon Elections



The following individuals were nominated as candidates for Deacon Election. Members of Flat Springs will select (3) three individuals from this list of nominees.

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|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| Bill Boisvert | Beth Cox  | Jack Marks   |
| Justin Covert | Mark Love | Judith Nance |

Voting will be July 10<sup>th</sup> at our regular business meeting. Please be praying for who will fill these leadership positions.

**Deacon of the Month - Tom Luck**



**July 11<sup>th</sup>**



**July 16th**

## Sunday School & Worship Attendance for June 2023

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
6/4/23	95	157
6/11/23	76	100
6/18/23	95	109
6/25/23	97	106

## Message from Pastor Blume

In the middle of a much-needed summer vacation season, the ministries of Flat Springs Baptist Church are moving forward. The five teams that make up the complete Transition Team are beginning their work. We asked everyone in the church to share their willingness to serve and to suggest the names of others in the church fellowship that you believe should serve on one of the five teams. The deacons received your suggestions and are working to form each team.

The Heritage team is the first one out of the gate. Their training begins this month. The Mission team will follow soon. Then the Leadership, Connections and Future teams will launch their assignments in the months to follow. If you serve on one of these groups, please know that I am praying for you. Your work is very important to

the church's future. God will use you as you walk through this process. He will use your personal investment to prepare the way for the next pastor and set the stage for an exciting future.

It is important to understand that everyone in the church is involved in this process! First, please pray for each person on the teams. Second, even if you are not on one of the five teams, everyone will be asked for your input. These teams will not be working in secret. They will welcome your thoughts and ideas throughout the process. This work is foundational to the eventual formation and assignment of the Pastor Search Committee. I'm excited to see what our Almighty Father is going to do here! I'm praying for you.

Allan Blume



On Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20 youth and 6 chaperones (2 will switch halfway through the week) will head to Fort Caswell in Brunswick County to serve the local community with Deep Impact. Deep Impact offers a wonderful opportunity for our students to serve the local community through construction

projects, World Missions Week (missionaries and their families come for a time of renewal the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> at Caswell) and various other projects that will benefit the local community.

I am thankful for the students and adults who are volunteering their time to go and to serve others. Please join us in praying for our students and chaperones and for

### Students:

Cameron Barbour	Camden Covert	Reese Gaines	Keri Ann Marsh	Lauren Sloan
Landon Barbour	Sam Davis	Jackson Hall	Morgan Page	Jake Smith
Luke Barrow	Layla Elmore	Callie Marks	Austin Ragan	Mollie Walker
Emily Boisvert	Kendal Gaines	Regan Marks	Kathryn Ragan	Allie Webster

### Chaperones:

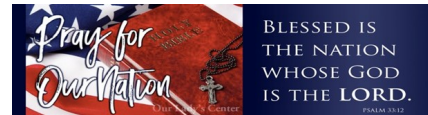
Brad Boisvert	Justin Covert	Rebecca Gaines	Lynn Ragan
Amanda Covert	Adam Gaines	Laura Marks	Crystal Smith Ross

## A Message from Reach Out Pregnancy Center

"Pray for us!" - 1 Thessalonians 3:25



Needs in July:  
Diapers all sizes especially 4, 5, 6, & 7  
Wipes



BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.

## Notes from WMU

On Tuesday, July 4, our nation will celebrate its 247th birthday with parades, cookouts, and fireworks. As the nation's independence and freedom is celebrated, it would be well to remember the One from whence it came for it is only by God's eternal grace and mercy this nation was founded and still stands. The celebration will be incomplete unless liberally sprinkled with prayer for her leaders and all who call America home. "Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! ...Let all the earth fear the LORD...stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; ...The counsel of the LORD stands forever, ... Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, ...Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You" (Psalm 33). Amen.

The freedom to worship God is one most precious and must never be taken for granted.

In the chaos of today's upside-down culture, we do well to remember this life on earth is a journey, not the destination! For those of us who believe, the best is yet to come, but for the unbeliever what is to come is a horror unimaginable. In Romans 10:13-15 we are told for "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ...And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? ... As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news - who bring glad tidings of good things?'"

Let's be about our Father's business in the days ahead so that others may truly be free (see John 8:36) for all eternity! No pedicure required - - just feet willing to follow Jesus.



Summer is in full swing in churches across the association. Many youth and kids have begun attending camps and retreats. Youth and children come to learn about Jesus and have fun. Jesus used a child to illustrate how we are to come to Him in Matthew 18:2-4, where it is recorded that "unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven..." Seeds are being planted that have the potential to bear eternal spiritual fruit in the hearts of these future pastors, missionaries, moms and dads, Sunday school teachers, WMU leaders, leaders of Baptist men, and youth leaders. VBS is a local, short-term mission trip right in our own back yard! Registration is open for Flat Springs' VBS from August 6-9, so don't delay. Invite. Invite. Invite. Volunteer. Volunteer. Volunteer. Please reach out to Laura Conley with your questions and suggestions. Pray. Pray, Pray that the seeds planted will change lives and bring glory and praise to God.

Serving in Christ's Name,  
Flat Springs WMU Director,  
Stephanie Bridges  
and  
Sandy Creek Baptist Association WMU Director,  
Susan T. Ferguson



## The Impact of Baptist Men in North Carolina: Faith, Service, and Community

### Introduction:

North Carolina's vibrant Baptist community has been shaped by the significant contributions of Baptist men. From their unwavering faith to their dedicated service, these men exemplify values such as compassion, leadership, and resilience. In this article, we explore their profound influence on individuals and communities in North Carolina.

### The Baptist Tradition in North Carolina:

The Baptist tradition in North Carolina dates back to the 18th century, with churches and communities forming around the Baptist faith. Today, North Carolina embraces various Baptist denominations.

### Spiritual Leadership and Worship:

Baptist men provide spiritual leadership within their congregations, inspiring deep relationships with God through prayer, preaching, and teaching. Their active participation in worship services reflects their devotion to the gospel message.

### Community Service and Outreach:

Driven by a strong sense of service, Baptist men engage in community initiatives, social justice endeavors, and disaster relief efforts. They embody the principle of loving their neighbors as themselves.

### Fellowship and Support Networks:

Baptist men establish networks and organizations that foster camaraderie, mentorship, and personal growth, addressing relevant issues faced by men today.

### Conclusion:

Baptist men in North Carolina have a profound and far-reaching impact. Through their faith, service, and leadership, they enrich the lives of individuals and communities, leaving a lasting legacy in the state's religious landscape.

