

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Bereavement Meeting No Youth	4 HE HAS FILLED THEM WITH SKILL, TO DO ALL. EXODUS 35:35 	5 6:30 Heritage Transitional Team 6:30 Mission Transitional Team 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	6 6:00 Acteens 6:20 RA's 6:30 Mid-Week Service FSBC Knights Club 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 	8	9
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24 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Ladies Return - Caswell 6:00 Youth Youth Caswell Fall Retreat Money Due	25	26 11:00 Birthday Buddies @ Cafe Vesuvio 6:30 Mission Transitional Team	27 6:30am See you at the Pole 6:00pm Acteens 6:20 RA's 6:30 Mid-Week Service FSBC Knights Club 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	28 7:00 Diaconate	29 Ladies Leave for Caswell	30 9:00 am - 3:45 pm Renewing Worship Expo 2:00 -4:00 pm Youth "Beyond the Wall" Event - Youth Nursing Home visit at Westfield

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A Message from WMU

CHILDREN's and YOUTH MISSIONS MEETINGS resume on **Wednesday, September 6th from 6:30 to 7:30**. Drop off and pick up is the Fellowship Hall for Mission Friends and Children in Christ. RA Boys (gr. 6-12) will meet in the Basement. Acteens (gr. 6-12) will meet in the Youth Room.

We welcome returning volunteers Lisa Leslie, Kim Harris, Laura and Mike Conley. We also welcome fresh faces Ella Lazenby, Dylan Smith, Dalton Smith, Jacob Leslie, Karen Ammons, and Lynn Ragan, along with special guests.

This season we will polish the Armor of God to focus on developing our Confidence, Courage, Creativity, Character, Excellence, and Vision to grow in faith, to be more involved in sharing God's love, and be ready to tell the stories of Jesus to others.



Wednesday Night Suppers

Beginning October 4, 2023 we will again observe our monthly fellowship meals. We are asking the adult SS classes to sponsor these meals. The classes responsibility will be choosing the menu, preparing the food, serving and cleaning up. Please discuss with your class the month you would like to participate. We will start serving at 5:30. A signup sheet will be posted in the atrium. There will be no charge at the beginning of the suppers but we will reevaluate this decision as the funds are depleted.

Wednesday night is a great time to socialize, catch up, enjoy a good meal and relax before our weekly ministries and activities start at 6:30.

Give the Gift of Relief for Today and Hope for Tomorrow



Through our prayers and our resources, we respond to the Great Commission (Acts 1:8) and support multiple means of taking the gospel to people in need and making disciples of Jesus Christ. It is not too late to give and certainly not too late to pray.

Sunday School News

Pam and I can't believe we are starting a new Sunday School church year! May it be filled with great opportunities for growth spiritually as in numbers. Please pray that this year will be one of our best! We all need to pray for our teachers, fellow class members, missing members, our children, and their parents. Pray the Lord will put potential class members in our path. Let's make it a great start to a new year!

NC Baptist Annual Meeting

Every November churches of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina gather for the annual meeting at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. This year the meeting is November 6-7. As a member of the convention, Flat Springs Baptist Church is qualified to send 5 messengers to the meeting. Any NC Baptist can attend and register as a guest, but in order to be a voting participant you must register as a messenger from the church. If you are interested in attending as a messenger, please give your name to Fedd Walker, deacon chairman, or Stephanie Bridges, deacon secretary, by September 27. There is no registration charge for attending. For more information, visit <https://ncbaptist.org/annual-meeting/>.

Deacon of the Month - Fedd Walker



September 10th



September 17th

Sunday School & Worship Attendance for August 2023

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
8/6/23	99	141
8/13/23	115	153
8/20/23	107	117
8/27/23	95	114

Message from Pastor Blume

What's Happening in September?

The Great Commission begins at home. Although we tend to think of "missions" as something that happens overseas, the assignment Jesus left His disciples to proclaim the gospel and make disciples begins in our own neighborhood and stretches around the world. We need to invest in reaching the lost in North Carolina. The N.C. Missions Offering gives us the opportunity to do this. During the month of September, please consider a generous gift to this important offering. Each Sunday we will be viewing a video that explains the many ways this offering reaches people with the gospel.

Beginning September 10, I will be preaching a series of sermons on the basic convictions of our faith, beginning with what we believe about the Bible. Each message will focus on strengthening our walk with God and enriching our worship experience.

As members of Flat Springs Baptist Church, it is important that we gather together regularly for worship. In my lifetime, I have never seen a time when believers need each other more. The unity of the church is a conviction we must take seriously.

Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 for prayer and Bible study. We are studying prayer in great depth. I hope to see you!

The first two groups of the Transition Team began their work recently. The third group will launch their assignment in September. Pray for each of these teams. I'm praying for you. Thank you for praying for me.

Allan Blume

A Message from Baptist Men

'Modern Marvel': Baptist Disaster Relief Kitchen

CARY, N.C. (BP) — Southern Baptists have long had a large and well-known disaster relief operation. Now, one part of that operation has been dubbed a "modern marvel."

The popular History Channel show "Modern Marvels" has featured the North Carolina Baptist Men's disaster relief unit "Manna One" in one of its episodes.

Focusing on food trucks, Modern Marvels shows how Manna One can transform from an 18-wheel rig into a fully operational kitchen in about three hours. At 40 feet long, more than eight feet wide, and 24,000 pounds, the unit was described as "one of the biggest food trucks ever built."

N.C. Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Ministry began using Manna One in 2007. The unit is one of the group's 80 disaster relief components, five of which are mobile kitchens. That number does not include disaster relief and recovery units owned by churches and Baptist associations in the state.

But those involved in the disaster relief ministry say none quite matches up to Manna One's efficiency.

"We can pull this kitchen in if we have no water, no electricity or anything," John Gore, N.C. Baptist Men's incident commander for the Williamston area said in the episode.

"We can set it up and run."

In August 2011, Manna One fed more than 46,000 people after Hurricane Irene struck the East Coast. The disaster left more than 1 million people in the state without power.

Similar but smaller relief units also were used to provide meals when a deadly tornado hit North Carolina's Davidson and Randolph counties last November.

"We've responded to more disasters this year than ever before," Gaylon Moss, North Carolina Baptists' director of

disaster relief, said near the end of 2011. "I think we're at 19 responses right now."

When big disasters involving hurricanes and floods strike, Manna One often is the go-to unit.

"What Manna One brought to us was an efficient mass-feeding platform that streamlined our ability to heat and serve food in a quick manner," Moss said.

"Prior to Manna One, the system was to unload a truck, unload the trailer which is basically a warehouse on wheels..... [W]e set up our stuff, and we cooked it."

Though Manna One is a sophisticated piece of equipment, Moss noted that the volunteers are the ones who make it run.

Setting up and tearing down usually involves a crew of nine to 12 people.

"They're the ones who scrub it, clean it, manage it, do all the heavy lifting," Moss said.

"They are the ones who really make it work."

Other Manna One highlights from the five-minute Modern Marvels segment include:

— At full capacity, the unit can support 60 cooks and serve up to 30,000 meals a day.

— Each side of the truck unfolds to form deck areas that help create a kitchen space of nearly 1,000 square feet.

— The unit operates on a 45-kilowatt generator that can provide enough energy "to power up a small town."

— 1,296 patties of meat can be cooked at one time in less than 15 minutes.

— Two automatic can openers are able to open 12 large cans of food a minute.

Coats for the City Ministry Project



NC Baptists are partnering with other churches and the Metropolitan NY Baptist Association to share the love of Jesus and coats in NY City. Please label NEW and VERY gently used coats with a note attached with a safety pin: Man or Woman with size or Child with size. Coats can be heavy or lightweight. If you prefer your donation to be made in Lee County, simply add the words LOCAL DONATION to your attached note. Flat Springs will **collect from October 1 until October 15**. There are opportunities for volunteers to give, sort, go, and pray. Praise report: Our local Association travel team roster is full this year! For details see Stephanie to learn other options for packing / traveling to NYC in 2023.

Red Box NC Women's Prison Ministry Project

This year the Sandy Creek Baptist Association has set a goal to collect 300 bottles of SHAMPOO. Flat Springs will **collect from October 1 until October 22**. Delivery on Oct. 23. These specifications are set by the prisons:



- **SHAMPOO - 10 ounce to 15 ounce plastic bottles** (15 oz max allowed)
- NO conditioner and NO conditioner mixed into shampoo
- NO glass bottles and NO hand pumps

Embracing the Serving Attitude: A Biblical Perspective from within the Baptist Church

The Baptist Church, a vibrant and diverse community of believers, places a significant emphasis on the concept of a serving attitude. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and supported by various scriptural references, this attitude embodies selflessness, compassion, and a commitment to uplifting others. In this article, we delve into what it truly means to have a serving attitude within the context of a Baptist church, drawing inspiration from the timeless wisdom found in the Bible.

At its core, a serving attitude is a reflection of Christ's love and humility. It transcends personal interests and ego, encouraging individuals to put others' needs above their own. This mindset resonates with the Baptist Church's foundational principles of community, compassion, and spreading the Gospel.

1. **Mark 10:45 (ESV)** - "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This verse, spoken by Jesus Himself, captures the essence of servanthood. Jesus, the central figure of Christianity, exemplified selfless service throughout His life, culminating in His ultimate sacrifice on the cross. This verse underscores that the act of service is not just an option but a calling for every believer.

2. **Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)** - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

The apostle Paul's words to the Philippians emphasize humility and prioritizing others. This teaching echoes the heart of a serving attitude, encouraging believers to set aside their desires for the betterment of the community.

3. **Galatians 5:13 (NIV)** - "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

In this passage, Paul addresses the balance between

freedom and responsibility. Believers are called to exercise their freedom with a mindset of service and love, reinforcing the notion that a serving attitude is not a constraint but a joyful expression of faith.

4. **1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)** - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

In a Baptist church, a serving attitude is manifested in various ways:

1. **Volunteerism:** Members actively engage in volunteering for church events, outreach programs, and community initiatives. This can range from serving in the worship team to participating in local service projects.
2. **Hospitality:** Baptists often prioritize creating a welcoming environment, ensuring newcomers and regular attendees feel valued and accepted.
3. **Support and Care:** A serving attitude involves providing emotional and practical support to those facing challenges, embodying Christ's compassion.
4. **Discipleship:** Experienced members invest time in mentoring and guiding younger believers in their spiritual journeys.
5. **Missions:** The Baptist Church places a strong emphasis on mission work, both locally and globally, reflecting the desire to share God's love with all.

Having a serving attitude in a Baptist church goes beyond mere action; it's a reflection of the heart's alignment with Christ's teachings. By incorporating the wisdom of Scripture, believers are called to embody humility, compassion, and selflessness in their interactions with others. This attitude not only enriches the church community but also serves as a beacon of Christ's transformative love in a world seeking hope and purpose.

Thanks for all you do,
Fedd Walker