

## Message from Pastor Blume

### *Kingdom Parables Have a Message for Us*

Jesus used parables as a primary tool for teaching His disciples about the kingdom of God. A parable is a story that illustrates a spiritual lesson. As we read these parables today, we learn great scriptural truths that challenge our understanding of God's kingdom priorities and our behavior.

The Bible says when John the Baptist began preaching in the wilderness of Judea, he said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2, NKJV) When Jesus began His ministry, He said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17, NKJV) When He sent His disciples out, Jesus said, "And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 10:7, NKJV)

Jesus mentioned the kingdom of God 126 times in His preaching. This was the central message He

consistently proclaimed through parables, miracles and ministry. So, it must be important!

In February, I am continuing to preach on Jesus' kingdom parables in our Sunday service. Each parable confronts the way we think, our lifestyle and our habits. So, each one should cause us to evaluate every part of our life. The Bible is always our standard.

As you come to worship each Sunday, ask the Father to speak to you in worship. Open your heart and mind to everything God says to you. Pray for one another! Pray for the Pastor Search Committee. Pray for those around you who do not know Jesus. I love you and I am praying for you. Thank you for praying for me.

Allan Blume

### Baptists on Mission Rallies

In February Baptists on Mission will host a series of 10 Regional Mission Rallies across the state. These rallies will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, nation and world. Featured will be worship, testimonies, mission videos, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for anyone in your church who is interested in missions. A main focus will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering.

A meal is provided at the Mission Rallies at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count. The cut-off date for reserving a meal is one week prior to the event. To register, follow the link below, then click on the "Details/Register" button of the regional rally that you want to attend and register the number of people who will be coming with you. You can also register by phone by calling Tina Holder at 919-459-5596 or email her at [tholder@ncbaptist.org](mailto:tholder@ncbaptist.org). The meal will begin at 5:45 pm, followed by the program from 6:50 - 8:30 pm.

#### The rallies closest to Flat Springs Baptist Church:

Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
Neills Creek Baptist Church  
4200 Neills Creek Road  
Angier, NC 27501

Thursday, February 20, 2025  
Pleasant Garden Baptist Church  
1415 Neeley Road  
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

Link to register: <https://baptistsonmission.org/events/region-rallies>



# February 2025 Newsletter

Flat Springs Baptist Church

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We are honored to have Richard Brunson as our guest speaker for Baptist Men's Day, Sunday, February 23. He has served as Executive Director of N.C. Baptists on Mission since 1992. In these 32 years he has led this ministry to become Southern Baptists' premier disaster relief ministry. Prior to his current role, Richard worked as an associate on the Baptists on Mission staff and Camp Caraway staff. He is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Richard is married to Lesley, and they have three grown children.

## "Share the Love" Feast

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> From 4 - 6 pm

4 - 4:30 Music by Echoes of Mercy

4:30 - 5 "Jesus is the Greatest Valentine"

Remarks from Pastor Gary McCollough

5:00 Shared meal of Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Drinks, & Desserts

5:45 Teams will visit and take meals to the homebound.

Sign-up sheets to attend, bring baked spaghetti, identify homebound people and to be on a team that visits the identified homebound are in the Atrium. Questions contact Lou Anne Griffin or any member of the OutReach committee.



**February 9<sup>th</sup>**



**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## Galentine's Dinner

**Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

Deadline to signup is **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Signup sheet in Atrium. Mark if you would like to ride.

Cost is \$10.00 per person payable at the event which is being held in the Fellowship Hall.

Meal - grilled chicken, salad, bread sticks, dessert, beverages, and coffee bar.

Please bring a small stuffed animal (12 inches or less) that will be donated to Sanford Health and Rehab.

Games, brief inspiring testimony, craft that you can make for the rehab center and door prizes will conclude the evening.

Questions text or call LouAnne Griffin or Amanda Frye.

## Senior Adult Valentine Lunch Out

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am at Davison's Steaks

Sign-up in Atrium All are Welcome

## Deacon of the Month - Jack Marks

## Sunday School & Worship Attendance for January 2025

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
1/5/25	71	87
1/12/25	70	93
1/19/25	86	106
1/26/25	81	89



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Where: Flat Springs Fellowship Hall

When: **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 1:00 and 6:00



To Register: Portal is open and ready for you to book your appointment

- ♥ Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) enter zip code 27330
- ♥ Click "Find A Drive"
- ♥ Scroll for "Friday, February 28, 2025"
- ♥ Select "Time" then "Type." It is an option to select "Power Red" meaning you intend to give two bags of red blood cells

We welcome NEW GIVERS and REPEATERS to the giving event. Our goal is to collect 25 units plus! Please invite, encourage, and remind a buddy, coworker, family member, and neighbors to give.



## Canned Food Collection



Monday, January 27 – Sunday, February 9

Stock the shelves for *The Salvation Army*

Items requested include:

- Pull-top soups
- Canned vegetables and meats
- Hand-held can openers

## Coming Soon

**Flat Springs Ladies Retreat**

**Saturday, March 22 with**

**Teresa & Dena of  
Fragrance Ministries**

**Baptist Women's Day**

**Sunday, March 23 with**

**Charity Gales and  
New Direction Bluegrass**





# February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule:</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 4:00 Echoes of Mercy 6:00 Youth Group	<b>Wednesday Night Schedule</b> 6:00 Acteens 6:30 FSBC Knights Club 6:30 Mid-week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal					
<b>2</b> 3:00 <b>Hands &amp; Feet Meeting</b> <b>6:30 Outreach Meeting</b>	<b>3</b> Birthdays: Teresa Haigler, Audrey Hash	<b>4</b> 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	<b>5</b> Birthdays: Diane Quiggle, Lacie Walker, Hayley Page, Dylan Elmore	<b>6</b> 6:30 Personnel Committee Birthdays: Diane Quiggle, Lacie Walker, Hayley Page, Dylan Elmore	<b>7</b> <b>6:00 - Galentines's 8:00 Event</b>	<b>8</b> Birthdays: Beth Cox <b>4:30 - Youth Serving 8:00 at Steven's Center</b>
<b>9</b> 11:00 Business Meeting <b>4:00- "Share The Love" 6:00 Feast</b> <b>Souper Bowl</b> <b>Collection Ends</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 Dorcas Sew Day 6:30 God of Covenant Bible Study</b>	<b>11</b> 5:30 Family Night Meal	<b>12</b> Birthdays: Richard McFarland, Dalton Smith	<b>13</b> Birthdays: Richard McFarland, Dalton Smith	<b>14</b> <b>11:00 Senior Adult - Sponsored Valentine Lunch Out</b> Birthdays: Taylor Brown	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Birthdays: Vivian Shaver, Fedd Walker	<b>17</b> Birthdays: Frankie Foushee III, Stephanie Bridges	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 Membership Meeting Birthdays: Hunter Wade	<b>21</b> <b>February Ladies Retreat at Caswell</b> Birthdays: Gail Luck	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Baptist Men's Day</b> 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 10:00 Richard Brunson Speaker <b>No Youth Group</b> Birthdays: Larry McBryde	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 God of Covenant Bible Study</b>	<b>25</b> Birthdays: Aubrey McFarland, Jackson Bullard	<b>26</b> Birthdays: Nancy Bridges	<b>27</b> <b>11:00 Birthday Buddies</b> 7:00 Diaconate Meeting	<b>28</b> 1-6 Red Cross Blood Drive	Deacon of the Month: Jack Marks