

# Church History Team

## Bicentennial Committee Transitions to Church History Team

Our August Bicentennial was a fun and event-filled celebration of our first 200 years of history. Now that it is over, the team members realized the need to continue to collect, organize, store, and display all the wonderful items that were pored over for the bicentennial. Team members who are eager to continue the journey are **Vicki Gordon, Ashley Zande, Polly McDowell, Ann Eavenson, Rob and Patti Crane, Judy Pettigrew, and Janet Foushee.**

As we discovered this year, our historical items needed to be uncovered, sorted, and preserved for the future. Thus, the team is looking for a larger room to serve as a workroom and storage area. We are looking at spaces around the church in which to permanently display our artifacts. We want to plan for more involvement from month to month so that the congregation may see our efforts and enjoy ongoing church history. The next meeting of this team is planned for October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Our intention is not to stuff away our history in cabinets and closets. Instead, we want to find a way to present and display it while we move forward with God's people leading the way as we worship, serve, and love Him. Come join us for our meetings or contact anyone listed if you are interested.

~ Judy Pettigrew  
~ Janet Foushee

## Bell History - First Baptist Church Waynesville

As Told by Henry Foy

This bell was original to the old white wooden church on Church Street built in the 1850s. After the church was torn down the bell was found in a nearby field. Henry's cousin, Mae Garrison, retrieved the bell and kept it for a number of years. She then gave it to Henry's mother, Lucille Herron Foy. (The bell could possibly have been used in the 1905 church.) In 1970, the bell was moved to the church for storage in the Welch Building. It remained there until the Welch Building was torn down in the late 1990s and the bell was relocated to the sanctuary stairway storage area. The bell was then stored by Bruce Briggs at his residence until 8/1/2013.

Bruce returned it to the church where it remained in storage. In 2023, a new stand was built for the bell and it was displayed for the church's Bicentennial Celebration on 8/27/2023.



Send your prayer requests via email to [joyce@fbcwaynesville.org](mailto:joyce@fbcwaynesville.org)

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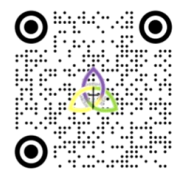


## MISSION & VISION

**MISSION** - To make disciples, united in worship and service.  
**VISION** - To embody Christ, loving all people and introducing them to the God we love.

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October 2023

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5:00pm; Friday - 8:30am - 12:30pm

**kidCREATE**

Still needs Y O U !

Wednesdays

3:30pm - 5:30pm

See Faith if you can help...



## Blood Drive

**First Baptist Church Waynesville**

Ministry Activity Center  
100 S. Main Street  
Waynesville, NC 28786

Wednesday, October 18, 2023  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Would you be willing to help with bereavement meals?



This is an opportunity to serve those who are grieving by making dishes for a meal or coordinating a sandwich tray for the family. Please talk to Jeanie Teague if you are interested in helping others in this way. You can call or text her at: (828) 508-0395.



Saturday,  
October 14  
9:00am - 5:00pm

Downtown  
Waynesville

**Youth Parking Lot  
FUNDRAISER - October 14  
8:00am - 4:00pm**

15th Annual Art Show

October 14th

10:00am - 5:00pm

Ministry Activity Center



Saturday,  
October 21  
9:00am - 5:00pm

Downtown  
Waynesville

**Youth Parking Lot  
FUNDRAISER - October 21  
8:00am - 4:00pm**



APPLE  
HARVEST  
festival



Tuesday, October 31  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

**Call the church office if you will  
participate by decorating your car**



October promises to be a special and historic month in the life of our church. One of the special things we plan to do is recognize Mary Ann Cooper for her 25 years of faithful service as our organist. Mary Ann has become much more than our organist. She has become a vital member of our ministry team!

This recognition will take place on October 8 during Connections Coffeehouse. I hope you'll be present to show your love and appreciation for Mary Ann's service!

On October 31, we'll have our Trunk or Treat on our church parking lot. We need lots of candy, so please bring as much as you can to our church office or to the fireplace area. Also, plan on decorating your vehicle and yourself, and be with us to distribute candy that evening!

Both before and after the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) last summer, our church has been in serious conversations about our relationship with it. The convention voted to expel churches that allow women to have the title of pastor, even if they don't serve as lead or senior pastors. The convention also made the first step in codifying this policy by adding a statement to its bylaws saying that churches that allow women to serve as pastors "of any kind" will be deemed "not in friendly association" with the SBC. This means they would be expelled.

Prior to the convention, our deacons led our church to write a letter to the Executive Committee of the SBC, expressing our deep concerns. We sent the letter to the Executive Committee, and while they acknowledged receiving it, they never responded to it.

In our church discussions, two major issues have emerged. First, based on our study of the scriptures, we believe women can serve in ministry positions and hold the title of pastor. Second, we believe the SBC has abandoned historic Baptist theology and principles by applying its faith statement in a creedal fashion.


Our deacons have spent extensive time in prayer and discussion concerning these issues. As a result, they plan to present a motion to our church in our October 29 Quarterly Business Meeting. This motion would be to end our participation in the SBC. Church members would still have the option of donating to the SBC if they wish.

Our deacons want your input and feedback on this motion. For this reason, we've scheduled a series of dialogue sessions before our Quarterly Business Meeting. The deacons will send the church a draft of their motion prior to the dialogue sessions.

The meetings will be both in person and by Zoom. The Zoom session will take place on Sunday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m. The in-person meetings will take place on Sunday, October 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary and on Saturday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAC. The content for these sessions will be the same, so you only need to attend one.


Please make this a fervent matter of prayer as we seek to discern the Lord's will for our church and its relationship with the SBC.

Robert




**Current Child Development Center Needs:**  
(Collection boxes are located in the fireplace area and outside the church office.)

- Cereal - Oatmeal - Instant Oatmeal Packets - Pancake Mix - Granola Bars - Cookies - Muffin Mix - Pasta - Macaroni & Cheese (boxed) - Pasta (dry) - Rice - Instant Potatoes - Crackers - Flour - Sugar - Brownie, Cake, Cookie Mixes - Cooking Oil - Cleaning Supplies - Personal Hygiene Items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene Products, Razors, Lotion

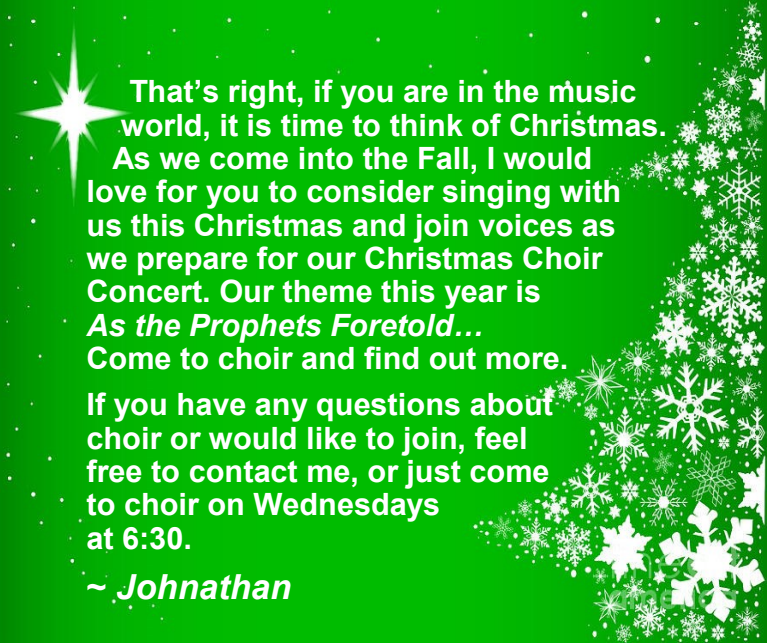


**PLEASE** donate any kind of non-perishable food... flour, sugar, cornmeal, rice, pasta, oatmeal, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, meat, and vegetables, dried beans, canned soup, etc. are needed. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry in our community!



**PATHWAYS MEAL:**  
**October 9, 2023**  
**DEACONS**

It's THAT Time of Year!



That's right, if you are in the music world, it is time to think of Christmas. As we come into the Fall, I would love for you to consider singing with us this Christmas and join voices as we prepare for our Christmas Choir Concert. Our theme this year is *As the Prophets Foretold...* Come to choir and find out more.

If you have any questions about choir or would like to join, feel free to contact me, or just come to choir on Wednesdays at 6:30.

~ Johnathan

**SEPTEMBER CONCERNS**  
*Christian sympathy and love are extended to the family and friends of Nancy Sayer.*  
*Christian sympathy and love are extended to John Ottinger and family in the loss of his father, Harley "Ray" Ottinger.*

**RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED**  
Ann Edwards



Mail a note/card to our **HOMEBOUND...**

**Autumn Care**  
360 Old Balsam Rd.  
Waynesville, NC 28786  
Residents:  
**Betty Ross**

**Haywood Lodge**  
251 Shelton St.  
Waynesville, NC 28786  
Residents:  
**Ruth Painter**

**Haywood Health (old Brian Center)**  
516 Wall St.  
Waynesville, NC 28786  
Resident:  
**Barbara Cothran**

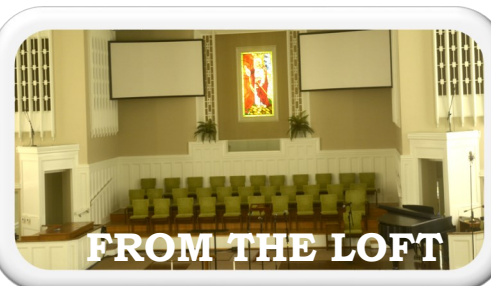
**Tsali Care Center - Memory Care Unit**  
55 Echoto Church Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
Resident:  
**Ginny Wallace**

**Carolina Village**  
600 Carolina Village Rd.  
Hendersonville, NC 28792  
Resident:  
**Fran Burgin**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Help deliver meals to seniors!  
Call: (828) 356-2442

**October 1:** Brian Woods  
**October 8:** Stephen Atwood  
**October 15:** Judy Pettigrew  
**October 22:** Dan Szpak  
**October 29:** Micky Clemmons



As I reflect on the last several weeks I have been thinking of all of the music we have sung and heard. Some of it new, some of it familiar, *all of it worship.* In this time, I think of Psalm 96, a moment in Scripture that explicitly tells us what to sing: "Sing a new Song to the Lord."

Take a moment to ponder that verse. Consider, then, the music of the church; all that we have come to sing, was, at some point, a new song. Whether it is the newly written song or a timeless hymn, for so many, these songs will be new when they come to church, no matter how long said song has been around. But, what beauty it is to be a part of a musical tapestry that continues to grow and develop.

Our choir was introduced to the idea, that not only is every song is and was a new song, but that every song SHOULD STILL BE a new song. Or better, "the strange becomes familiar... the familiar becomes strange." What if we sang every song like it was a new song? What if these familiar hymns were no longer familiar? What would you see, what might you hear for the first time... what might happen to you? Next time you sing in worship, look at that song like you've never seen it before. Revel in the new and perplexing word that leaps off the page. Let the images of God's love and mercy strike you with awe.

Remember, every song was a new song at one time, and **every song is still a new song.**  
In His Service,  
Johnathan

**MINISTRY RESOURCE PLAN (MRP)**  
**MRP Receipts Needed:** \$ 438,679.23  
**MRP Offering Received:** \$ 349,021.04  
**Total MRP Receipts:** \$ 358,812.28

Date	Worship	Sunday School
0806	157	101
08/13	104	84
08/20	143	110
08/27	248	*Bicentennial Celebration*

~ Deborah Mahaley gave a gift to Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center on honor of Faith Woods.

**BICENTENNIAL MEMORIAL GIFTS**  
~ The Foy Family Investment LLC gave a gift in memory of Eli Barker Herren, a founding member; Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Herren, Miss Jessie Herren; Mrs. Lucile Herren Foy; and Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. Foy.  
~ Gordon Tennett gave a gift in memory of his memory of his mother, Marjorie Tennett.  
~ Missy Mehaffey gave a gift in memory of David Mehaffey.

Notes of thanks...

"Dear Church Family, Thank you for your expressions of love and concern during Mike's recent heart ablation. We ask that you continue to pray for Mike as his medications are being adjusted and pray for me that my shoulder surgery to remove bone spurs can be rescheduled soon."  
Love you all,  
Rachel (& Mike) Smith

"Dear Church Family, Thank you to the 16 who gave up their Sunday afternoon on August 20 to come help us remove tree limbs from our house and yard. All hands working together took care of what could be done that day and carried to the curb. Also, neighbors took notice of the group who came out and were asking questions. Thank you church family! Mr. Dixon, our neighbor who was affected, expressed thanks for Bill Teague and any others who moved over to his yard to help him out."  
Tom & Shirley Smith

"Dear FBC Family, Happy Fall Y'all! Sending thanks to you all for the recent gift of \$370. Your continued support warms our hearts and helps to fill a financial need. Again thanks for being part of our family!"  
Blessings,  
Lin & PCMDC Board of Directors & Staff