



Sunday, May 5, 11:15am - 1:15pm
Family Life Center (gym)

Fundraiser for South Dakota Mission Trip

Enjoy some of

Butch Franklin's scrumptious BBQ

You can eat in or purchase a "to go" meal.

Menu: BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw,
and hushpuppies.

Only \$12 per plate;
Children under 5 years - \$5;
Maximum for a family - \$40.00.



Get ready to kick off the Cinco de Mayo festivities at the Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center's (PCMDC) annual fiesta! The event will take place on **Friday, May 3, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm** at PCMDC, located at **450 Pigeon Street, Waynesville**. Join in this fun evening filled with vibrant music, delicious food, and exciting activities. This outdoor celebration promises to be a memorable experience for all attendees. Your **\$10 admission ticket** includes:

Live Music: Dance the night away to the beats of the talented DJ Avenger spinning Latin tunes throughout the evening.

Entertainment: Capture fun memories with friends at the photo booth, outdoor games, and enjoy the lively atmosphere of this fun gathering.

Purchase admission tickets online at:
<https://buff.ly/3TwGvQu>

Raffle Prizes: Purchase a \$10 ticket for entry in the raffle which automatically enters you into a raffle to win a group of gift certificates to local Mexican restaurants in Haywood County. Don't miss your chance to indulge in the flavors of authentic cuisine!

Tantalizing Food and Drinks: *(Costs vary)* Indulge in mouthwatering tacos, Mexican Street corn, churros, and other delectable treats for sale at the event.

Quench your thirst with refreshing beverages. *(Costs vary)*



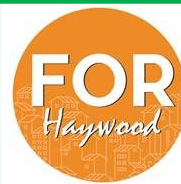
Send your prayer requests via email to joyce@fbcwaynesville.org

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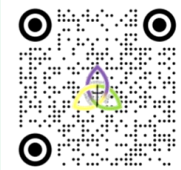
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MISSION & VISION

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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Welcome to Our New NextGen Minister!

Seth Wright comes to us from Belton, SC, and grew up as a Baptist. He served as full-time Director of Youth Ministries at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Easley, SC from November, 2017 to just recently. Due to the split in Methodism, his church split and became unable to support his position. So, he resigned to search for another full-time position.

In addition to serving at that church, he served as Youth Pastor at Christ Church 4Given in Greenwood, SC, and as Lead Pastor at Illuminate Church in Greenwood, SC.

Seth earned an A.B.A in Business Management from Greenville Technical College, and a M.Div. and D. Min. at Andersonville Theological Seminary.



We're so proud of you!

Jonathan Woods
Graduating from:
Haywood Early College
Friday, May 10 - 7pm

Graduation Ceremony
in the Auditorium on
the campus of Haywood
Community College

You're invited!



Mariel Ottinger
Graduating from:
Tuscola High School
Friday, May 31 - 7pm

Graduation Ceremony
at the Ramsey Center
on the campus of
Western Carolina University

You're invited!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY
MAY 2, 2024



LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD
THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

9:00am Chapel - open for prayer
10:00am Prayers for vulnerable Foster Care families in Haywood County in the Chapel
6:30pm Prayers for vulnerable Foster Care families in Haywood County facilitated by Families for All: Fostering Hope for Haywood County Until There's Enough in the Chapel
Everyone is invited to attend any of the prayer times.



Pray for the Mission Trip to Kenya

Dates: August 2-17

Team: Tom and Shirley Smith, Faith Woods, Lisa Fleenor, Johnathan Sumner, Nina Atwood

Work plans: Lead and teach churches how put on VBS. Working with Gauchui Church as well as churches in Pastor Chacha's home region in Southern Kenya.

From Dr. Prince...

I'm excited to announce that Seth Wright has accepted our call to serve as our Pastor for NextGen Ministries. He was with us over the weekend of April 21, and our church voted to call him by a vote of 83-1!

Seth brings with him extensive experience in working as a pastor and youth pastor of churches, and he's exciting about working with children as well.

Please pray for Seth as he begins his ministry among us!

I'm also glad to announce that Nina Atwood has started to serve as our Coordinator of Maintenance Ministries. This is a big, important job in our church, as she will oversee maintenance of our extensive physical plant. Please pray for Nina as she begins this work.

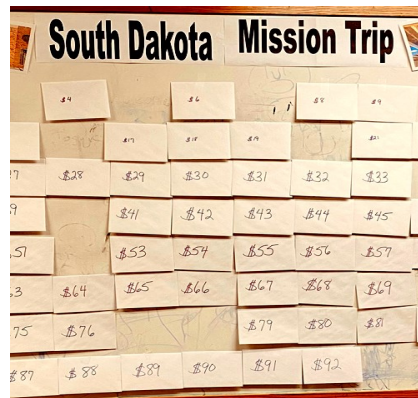
I'm excited about adding new staff, but with new staff comes new financial demands. Our church has been blessed, as for several years, our giving has been strong. However, with some of our most generous donors passing away or moving away, our budget giving so far in 2024 has been weak.

We've received generous donations for designated causes like our Chiller Fund, and we're grateful for that. But we need to remain focused on our ongoing budget needs to fund vital ministries.

It's going to take all of us giving regularly for us to minister to youth and children, and to maintain our physical plant. Please give generously to our budget so we can maintain and grow these ministries.

See you Sunday!

Robert



South Dakota Mission Trip

Thank you for praying for the Mission Trip to South Dakota! Please continue to pray. You can also help this Mission Trip be successful by supporting it financially. A chalk board has been placed in the fireplace area containing envelopes with different monetary amounts written on them - \$1 - \$100. (At this time, some of the envelopes have been taken. Thank you!) If you haven't taken an envelope yet, you are encouraged to take an envelope and place into the envelope the amount listed. (If every envelope is taken and filled the amount list, the group will have over \$5,000 to use toward the costs of the trip.) You can place the envelopes in one of the offering boxes during Sunday Worship Service or take it to the church office, Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30am - 5:00pm; Fridays, 8:30am - 12:30pm.

From "The Loft"...

As we continue through Spring and look to the Summer, the church enters a season simply called the Season of Pentecost. Apart from the Sunday of Pentecost where we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit (May 12th this year), not much happens in the life of the church until we get to Advent again. The "formal" purpose is to reflect on the growth and purpose of the church.

Robert's sermon series will spend time dissecting the Book of Acts and studying the movement of the Early Church. But in this long season where we sort of trudge on through life, consider what the Early Church went through after the coming of the Holy Spirit. Rapid growth and expansion met fringe theories and theologies; councils were formed to talk about the life and purpose of the church. (Church legend says that the saint we based Santa Claus on punched a heretic at one of the meetings.) All of this because the fire of the Spirit was uncontrollable, wanted to spread, be heard, and feed the church.



I think of a fairly new hymn "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" by James K. Manley. The chorus calls to the Spirit: "Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir

me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea."

This hymn notates all the times the Spirit walked with the people of God. It was there in the desert, when they crossed Jordan. It was there when Christ was born. But most importantly, the Holy Spirit moves today:

"You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise."

Our worship does not spend enough time talking about the Holy Spirit. However, it is ever present. In this coming season, ponder all the ways the Spirit has moved and is moving. It calls us from tomorrow and brings us comfort today.

In His Service,

Johnathan

Let's Clear the Board!

Praying together...

OUR RECENT CONCERNS

We offer prayers for:

Those who are grieving...

Those who have recently been hospitalized and/or have had surgery and other medical treatment...

David Eavenson, Sandy Boone, Allison Lee, Bill Nolte, Char Avrunin, Shawn Boessel, Dr. Prince, Wendy Lahr

Those who are now pregnant or have recently given birth...
Catryn Painter Miller (Alden), Madison Caldwell, Delores Phillips' daughter, Megan (Ottilie Rose)

Our pastors, staff, and those in leadership positions...
especially for Seth Wright who begins his ministry at FBC as our NextGen pastor on May 6.

Our church finances...

Those who are poor and are oppressed, those who are unemployed and those who are destitute, those who are suffering in any way; those in prison and those who are captive, and all those who remember and care for them...

Peace in our lives and the world...
especially the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the conflict in the Middle East.

Notes of thanks...

"Dearest First Baptist Church, We just want to take a moment to thank you for your monthly donations to REACH of Haywood County. Your contributions continue to have such a positive impact and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our clients. Thank you for believing in our mission!"

*God's blessings,
Julia and Staff of REACH*

"Thank you to the "Helping Hands" ministry of the Deacons and also to Kerry Greenwell for exhibiting the love of Christ in service to others!"

Joyce Brooks

"Pastor Prince and First Baptist Church, I want to take this chance to say thank you for your contribution during our time of need! Because of your contribution, we were able to complete the work. Thank you for also lending us workers to help us rebuild the ceiling. You all have shown what one body looks like. Words can't really express my gratitude."

Rev. Gregory Gerald and the People of Jones Temple AME Zion

Deacon of the Week - MAY Financial Report - Mar. 2024

May 5: Polly McDowell
May 12: Micky Clemmons
May 19: Dan Szpak
May 26: John Ottinger

MINISTRY RESOURCE PLAN (MRP)
MRP Receipts Needed (YTD): \$160,302.00
MRP Offering Received (YTD): \$106,617.79
Total MRP Receipts (YTD): \$110,572.22



CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday, May 4, 8:30am - Noon

There are several things that need to be taken care of around our expansive campus. If you missed the opportunity to sign up for your first preference, please come anyway! **Nina Atwood** will find something you are comfortable doing. One project involves replacing the batteries in the Emergency Lights all around the church. This is a low-impact job for teams of two. Other projects include spreading mulch, cleaning windows, and trimming unruly bushes or dead leaves from trees. Donuts and drinks will be provided. There is something for everyone! Please plan to join us!



May 4 - Kenny Ball



HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY
May 1 - 26 years
MARY ANN COOPER

Date	Worship	Sunday School
03/03	138	105
03/10	126	114
03/17	123	96
03/24	170	106
03/31	183	93*

**No High School small group attendance report.*

~ Sandy and Randi Boone gave a gift to the South Dakota Mission Trip in honor of Jay and Roberta Hinson.

~ Linda Downey gave a gift to Heck-Jones in memory of her sister, Marlene.



Vera Jo Larimore

Born: April 5, 2024
Weight: 9 lbs. 2 oz.
Length: 21 inches

Parents:

Baker & Addison Larimore

Grandparents:

David & Velvet Cook

Great Grandmother:

Nancy Moody



Ottilie Rose

Born: April 5, 2024
Weight: 5 lbs. 15 oz.
Length: 18 inches

Parents:

Megan Phillips & Nick Klug

Grandmother:

Delores Phillips