



From the Pastor's Desk

As most of you know, our family has been on a journey, with our daughter, Kayla. She spent 11 days in the hospital, at WakeMed, and we received some amazing care, for the most part. Looking back on the experience, I can see clearly, those individuals that were in our lives, at the right time. Dr. Donna Edwards, a Hospitalist with WakeMed, was a breath of refreshing air when she took over Kayla's case. Smiling, upbeat and concerned, Dr. Edwards was determined to find out what was causing the intense and, often times, excruciating pain. Unfortunately, she had to navigate through the (my perception) challenges presented by Kayla's neurological Doctors. When Dr. Edwards rotated off, we had another WakeMed Doctor that picked up the challenge. She wasn't as outwardly compassionate and understanding; however, she was determined to get to the root of the pain. When she rotated off, we were blessed with Dr. Andrea Honeycutt. Dr. Honeycutt came at just the right time, during this experience. Her gentle nature and her genuine concern for Kayla made our experience memorable. I would be amiss if I didn't speak about the incredible nurses that cared for her. With few exceptions, her day to day care was amazing. As I have reflected on this experience, I see clearly that these special people were sent to minister to Kayla and to us. Our experience with these individuals are no different than the experiences that we have in life. Some folks inspire and some depress. It was interesting to talk to those who inspired, to find out that they were men and women of faith, and their lives, actions and words reflected that. Unfortunately, the same is true for those that depress. They reflect their lack of faith, as a foundation, and it is reflected in words, actions and lives. I thought to myself, how do people, that do not know me, yet, have to interact with me, perceive me? I pray that my faith is demonstrated in everything that I do, whether pleasant or painful, and that my God is glorified. How about you?

Remember: THE BEST IS YET TO BE!!

Pastor Glen

Memory Verse



“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. “

3 John 1:2 (KJV)

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Food For Thought: Don't Worry

Years ago, I was enthralled as I listened to a pastor who for several years had faithfully served the church. His executive responsibilities had taken him all over this country. As he concluded his message, he told one of the most frightening, yet thought-provoking, experiences of his life. He had been on a long flight from one place to another. The first warning of the approaching problems, came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten your seat belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened." As he looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

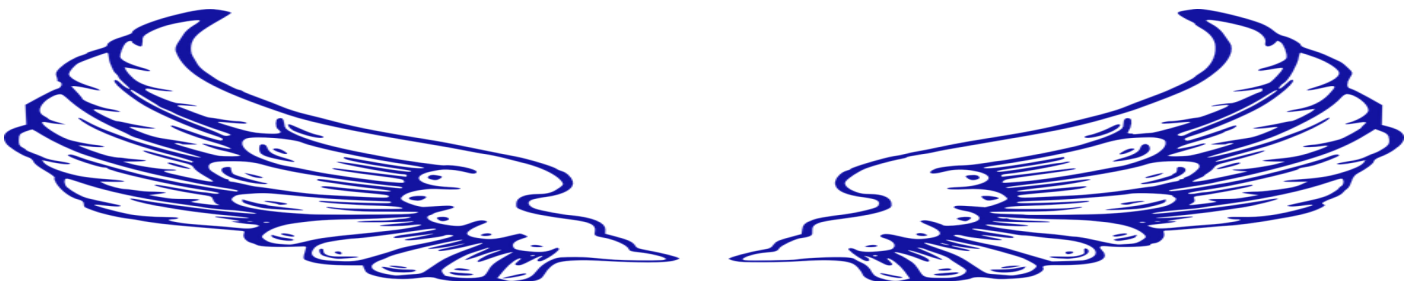
Then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash. The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm."

Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly. Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world. When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid." The minister could hardly believe his eyes. It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time. Having commented about the storm and behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid. The child replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us:

- Physical,
- Mental,
- Financial,
- Domestic, and ...

Many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane into apparently uncontrollable movement. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky. **Let us remember...Our Father is the Pilot. He is in control and taking us home...so Don't Worry.** (Author Unknown)



From the Administrative Team

This month we will review The Administrative Team's responsibility to recommend the salaries of the Church Staff. This includes the Pastor, the Youth Minister, and the Church Secretary. Once the salaries are decided, the proposed salaries are included in the annual Church Budget which is submitted for the Church approval during the December Church Conference.

- ◆ Pastor Salary—Annually, The Deacons conduct an evaluation of the Pastor's performance and recommend a salary increase for the Administrative Team. The Administrative Team also researches salaries of other pastors from a Compensation Study using the size of the Church, annual budget of the Churches, and average attendance. The 2016 Compensation Study was a joint project of state Baptist conventions, GuideStone Financial resources, and LifeWay Christian resources. Compensation and congregational data was collected anonymously from ministers and office/custodial personnel of Southern Baptist churches and church-type missions. Reports are based on compensation for over 14,000 respondents from 40 state conventions. By searching that information, we can determine if our Pastor's salary is comparable to churches similar to us. Then, with the recommendation of the Deacons and comparison to other churches, we determine the proposed salary that we recommend for our Pastor. This recommendation is in the annual budget proposal, which is submitted for Church approval, during the December Church Conference. Over the past 9 years, the Pastor's Compensation annual increase has been between 2% and 6.12% yearly, for an average annual increase of 4.15%.
- ◆ Youth Minister—The Administrative Team determines the Youth Minister's salary in a similar manner as the Pastor. They work with the Pastor and the Deacons to establish the proposed salary of the Youth minister. Additionally, the same Lifeway database is utilized to evaluate the salary based on other youth ministers of other Southern Baptist Churches. Again, by doing this, we can make sure that our salaries are comparable to those within the state.
- ◆ Church Secretary—The Administrative Team also uses the Lifeway database to evaluate other church's secretary salaries and consults with both the Pastor and the Deacon's to derive the proposed salary. It is usually based on a recommended increase from the Deacons and the Pastor and then compared with other church secretaries similar to that of the Pastor and Youth Minister.

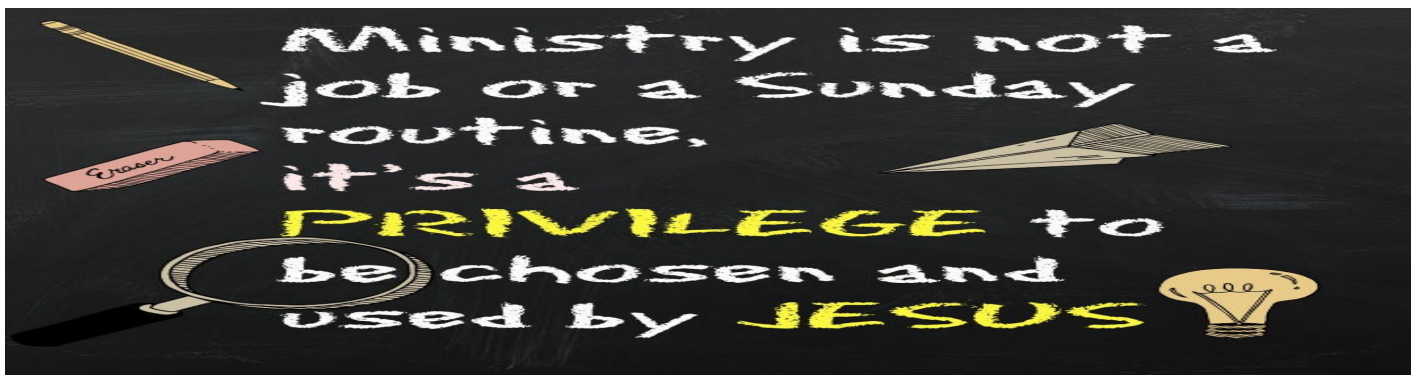
Again, by comparing our staff salaries with others within our state, we can make sure that we are competitive with other churches as well as maintaining the salaries within an acceptable level.

We hope this continued effort to explain the duties of the Administrative Team helps you understand better what the Administrative Team does for the Church. And as always, if you have questions, comments, or recommendations for the Administrative Team, please feel free to contact any member concerning any of these items.

Administrative Team

Leaders: Ricky Watson and Kellie Currie

Members: Allette Hale, David Hughes, Billie Faye Wilson, Joyce Creech (ex-officio)



Sense of Humor: “Goat For Dinner”

The young couple invited their aged pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. “Goat,” the little boy replied. “Goat?” replied the startled man of the cloth, “Are you sure about that?” “Yep” said the youngster. “I heard Pa say to MA; "Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.”



Youth Happenings

Bible Study & Missions: Wednesday night Bible study is continuing to go well for our youth. For several months now we have been focusing on the top 20 topics that our young people deal with. Many of these situations are challenging and difficult for our youth, but they are examining what the Bible says on how to handle each situation we are faced with. Please pray for our young people as they face these many challenges daily.

Thank You’s & Fundraising Updates: The youth and I would like to thank each and everyone of you that has helped out in any way with our fundraisers for our summer mission trip. We are so grateful for the enormous support we have already been given. Both the movie night and our “Souperbow!” fundraisers were fun and successful events! We have raised around \$1,250 so far to help offset some of the cost of our trip! This is such a blessing and it’s because of our loving family! We are so grateful to you all for supporting our young people!

TeamEffort Summer missions Trip: Remember all youth and chaperones, your next \$50 deposit is due on **March 1st** and the remaining \$50 is due **April 5th**! All checks can be made out to BTC.

I am so excited to be able to lead a group of 21 on this summer mission trip with TeamEffort to Virginia Beach, Va. We will be serving the surrounding community while we are there. I would challenge you to please pray for each person specifically by name as we prepare to serve and witness to others this summer. Here is the list of youth and chaperones:

Bobby Sellers, Carrie Sellers, Lee Alford, Christin Brown, Emaly Bergeron, Dana Hocutt, Dylan Haynes, Wallace Bunn, Ryan Alford, Michael Brown, Seth Creech, Colin Creech, Austin Hocutt, Alec Bergeron, Christin Hunter, Samantha Hunter, Rebecca Boykin, Katherine Lewis, Hayden Hughes, Kelsey Bunn, Megan Hocutt.

God Bless You All,
Carrie

Bible Reading Schedule: March

Day 1 Luke 22-24
Day 2 Numbers 1-3
Day 3 Numbers 4-6
Day 4 Numbers 7-9
Day 5 Numbers 10-12
Day 6 Numbers 13-15
Day 7 Numbers 16-18
Day 8 Numbers 19-21
Day 9 Numbers 22-24
Day 10 Numbers 25-27
Day 11 Numbers 28-30
Day 12 Numbers 31-33
Day 13 Numbers 34-36
Day 14 John 1-3
Day 15 John 4-6

Day 17 John 10-12
Day 18 John 13-15
Day 19 John 16-18
Day 20 John 19-21
Day 21 Deuteronomy 1-3
Day 22 Deuteronomy 4-6
Day 23 Deuteronomy 7-9
Day 24 Deuteronomy 10-12
Day 25 Deuteronomy 13-15
Day 26 Deuteronomy 16-18
Day 27 Deuteronomy 19-21
Day 28 Deuteronomy 22-24
Day 29 Deuteronomy 25-27
Day 30 Deuteronomy 28-30
Day 31 Deuteronomy 31-34



How Is That Again! The longest verse in the Bible contains 90 words...Esther 8:9 KJV

Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, a hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

Mission Team

Several have asked, "Why are we having the BBQ this year... the FMC note is paid?" My initial response was "Because we have always had it." However, that is not the correct answer. We will have the BBQ because it is a great deal more than a fund-raiser. First and foremost, we will use the proceeds to support Mission needs in our community, but it is much, much more. The BBQ is another form of outreach to our community. We are known throughout the area for the quality of our chicken plates, for our desserts, and for the fellowship that is a part of this event. On April 21st, Baptist Tabernacle Church will again bear witness to the community of our love for Christ and his teachings.

As we continue to plan for the BBQ, make sure you are doing your part to help with this important ministry of our church. We can only be successful with your active involvement. It is very important that you complete the forms that indicate your commitment: to donate a box of chicken, to bake cakes/desserts, and when and where you plan to work. Whether you have done the same job in the BBQ year after year or are new to this, we still need these forms completed. If you have commitments that prevent your participation on Friday during the work day, there are still opportunities for you to help with advanced preparation during the week before and in the clean-up activities after the last dinner is served on Friday afternoon. Talk with a member of your Mission Team about your place of service for this special event.

Missions:

Our Missions offering for March and April go to the North American Missions—"TOGETHER FOR HIS KINGDOM", It is in Jesus name, and with his power, that we send our Southern Baptist missionaries to the unreached Samaria's of North America to preach, to Baptize, and to make disciples together for His Kingdom. Your prayers and financial support through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offerings are critical provisions for our Missionaries.



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| 1st | Brittnye Erwin | Sharon Creech |
| 3rd | Paula Bunn | Denny Ide, Jr. |
| | Jammie Creech | 22nd Carl Creech |
| | Ray Gardner | 23rd Nicholas White |
| 6th | Renee' Driver | Edna Whitley |
| 7th | Chasity Bunn | 25th Rebecca Batten |
| | Kevin Creech | Paul Brown |
| | Michael O'Neal | Angela Gilmore |
| 9th | Bill Driver | 27th Colton Narron |
| | Othell Price | Trudy Paul |
| 10th | Austin Horne | 28th Catherine Bailey |
| 12th | Gayle Alford | Christin Brown |
| 13th | Cecilia Gardner | Ethan Walters |
| | Jordan Liggins | 30th Dough Creech, Jr. |
| | Chris Liles | Kenneth Nowell |
| 14th | Danielle Morris | 31st Tony Bailey |
| 15th | Susie Hinnant | |
| 16th | Grant Johnson | |
| 17th | Johnny Scott | |
| 19th | Harold Andrews | |
| | Allette Hale | |
| | Josh Wheeler | |
| 20th | Asher Hayden | |
| 21st | Blaize Batten | |
| | Thomas Brock | |



February

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| 6th | Mike & Susan Adams |
| 8th | Bobby & Carrie Sellers |
| | Sefton & Carolyn Stevens |
| 19th | Dale & Sandra Weathers |
| 27th | Bryan & Jennifer Pulley |
| 28th | Joe & Catherine Bailey |



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Regular Worship

Wednesday 6:30-7:15pm Youth Meet
 6:30-7:15pm RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
 6:30-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
 7:15pm Adult Choir Practice

BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH

March 2017

| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|--------------------|-------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| | | | | 1 Regular Service | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Regular Service | 6 Baptist Men 6:30 pm | 7 Judy Strickland 10:00 am | 8 Regular Service | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| 12 Regular Service Pastor Glen @ Robin-wood Daylight Savings Time Begins | 13 Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 pm | 14 Judy Strickland p 10:00 am Levada Driver @ Franceline House 7:00 pm | 15 Regular Service | 16 | 17 | 18 | |
| 19 Regular Service | 20 Spring Begins Vera Hocutt @ 1:00 pm Administrative Team Meeting 7:00 pm | 21 Triple L Fun, Games, Lunch 10:00 am | 22 Regular Service | 23 | 24 | 25 FMC Reserved for Sara Peebles | |
| 26 Regular Service | 27 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm | 28 Judy Strickland 10:00 am | 29 Regular Service | 30 | 31 | | |

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Happy Spring

