As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

John 20:21, NRSV
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IN MEMORIAM

Susan Baynard Parton
September 1, 1957 - April 19, 2017

The love and concern of the
church family is extended to her
son, Seth.

ACOLYTES

April 30.......................... Jada Knox
.................................................. Aidan Ledbetter
May 7.......................... Boone Hodge
.................................................. Aidan Ledbetter

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USHERS FOR APRIL

Team 3: Henry Giles, J.T. Waters, Bud Grissom, Isaac Hughes, Susie Kernodle, Tim Bovender, Jim Herzog, Mark McMahan

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Beth Archer

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

April 30............... Shirley Ramsey
.................................................. Jay McKinnon
.................................................. George Marsh
.................................................. Johnathan Craig
May 3 .................. Karen Jones
.................................................. Rebecca Marsh
May 4 ................ Betty Thompson
.................................................. Erin Wheeler
.................................................. Marissa Hill
May 6 ................ Sherry Washburn
.................................................. Zach Marshall

Records for April 23, 2017

Sunday School Attendance...... 107
White Oak.................................
Restwell Rest Home............... 13
Total .................................. 120
Morning Worship Attendance .. 198
Budget Requirements..... $9,638.00
Budget Offering.............. $6,216.00
Special Offerings ............ $581.00
Total .................................. $6,797.00

Budget to Date

Required by 4-23-17... $279,502.00
Received by 4-23-17... $262,976.92

Building Fund

Received ..................................$
Capital Campaign ..................$
To Date ..................................$372,064.71

WEDNESDAY MEAL: May 3

Menu: Sub Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Dessert
Cost: Adult $5.00 (6th Grade and up)
Children $3.00 (5th Grade and under)
Maximum per family: $16
Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Names: __________________________

Set-up: Nell Bovender, Laura Hodge
Serve: Peter Moore, Mike Stephenson

GIFTS

Lynn Blanton, Sharon Still, Susan Arthur, Camille Wheeler, Vicki O’Neil and Thelma Twitty have given monetary gifts to the Welcome Table in honor of Rhonda Franklin.

Don and Nancy Simmons have given a monetary gift to First Baptist in memory of Susan Parton.

David and Kathy Duke have given a monetary gift to FBC in memory of Joyce Dover.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

PHASE 2 BUILDING RENOVATIONS PRESENTATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

This Sunday Evening, please make plans to join us for a special presentation from the Building Committee regarding the Second Phase of our Church Building Renovation plans. Phase Two encompasses the classroom space underneath the sanctuary and audio/visual upgrades to the sanctuary. During the meeting we will hear recommendations from the building committee, the finance committee and the deacons regarding plans for renovation. Then, we will see a video for current phase 1 progress. A vote on the recommendation will come at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, May 14. Thank you for your prayerful participation!

Discipleship Training Classes will meet at 5:00 PM. This Sunday is the final Sunday for Discipleship Training.

MAYFEST

Mayfest is around the corner. We are in need of several donations and volunteers to make this happen. Please see the sign up sheets in the lobby/vestibule for available times to volunteer, and items needed for donations. Thank you for valuing the children and youth at FBCR.—JOHN
PASTOR'S COLUMN
To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:25-31, NRSV)

"Fatigue can make cowards of us all."

I heard someone say that once. I cannot remember the context. But we all know what it is like to get tired. We know what it’s like in our afternoon classes in school, or those last two or three hours of work. We know what it’s like to grow tired at the end of practice, or toward the end of a long project. We’re tempted to cut corners or rely on someone else to take the lead.

What about long-term fatigue, such as “burn out” or “compassion fatigue?” It’s easy to say that it is time to step aside.

We are in the process of preparing for our second phase of building renovations. It’s an exciting time in the life of our church as we approach the fulfillment of plans that began seventeen years ago. This Sunday, April 30 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall we will have a special presentation from the Building Committee and a recommendation to consider regarding electrical and audio-visual upgrades to the Sanctuary, and renovation of the space underneath the sanctuary. Please already be in prayer for that second phase, its financing, and the undertaking. Moreover, please remember Building Committee members in your prayers, as they continue to push forward as Phase One comes to a close and as they prepare for Phase Two.

I am excited about the progress with our church renovations. We will have a facility equipped to lead us into the third decade of the twenty-first century and beyond, so that we may utilize both traditional and innovative means to worship, to learn to follow Christ, and to engage our community on mission for Christ.

As you pray, pray for stamina, for resolve, because it is the Lord who provides these things. He gives strength to the weary, and he is never fatigued!

Grace and peace,
Tim

YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE
TODAY (ILLUMINATE, 4/30): See John Miller
WEDNESDAY (DIVE, 5/3): Church-Wide Event/FH

DAVID SANCHEZ TO SPEAK AT FBCR WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 6:30 PM
Please make plans to join us a First Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 3 to hear David Sanchez share his testimony with our church. David is a resident at the Rutherford Correctional Center, who has given his life to Christ since his conviction and imprisonment. David has a powerful story of finding Christ and turning his life around. Several of the Baptist Men who minister at the prison have gotten to know David and have heard his story, and believe that it could be inspirational to your faith. Our youth and adult will meet in the Fellowship Hall to hear David speak. Join us!

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP
SPRING GATHERING, SUNDAY, MAY 7
Please make plans to join us for the Western North Carolina Baptist Fellowship’s Spring Gathering on Sunday, May 7, 4:30 PM at the First Baptist Church of Asheville, NC. The cost is $8 per person for a meal, which you pay the day of the event. Jeff Mathis, Pastor at First Baptist Church, Silva, NC, will be the guest preacher. We will provide transportation in the church van for those who would be interested in riding together. We would leave no later than 3 PM and return at the conclusion of the event.

If you are interested in attending, or in learning more about this event, please visit the CBF North Carolina Website at: http://www.cbfnc.org/events/upcoming-events/wncbf-gathering

Please email Tim if you are interest in riding the church van at tmash0307@gmail.com

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RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE  
April 30, 2017  
10:55 AM  
Sermon Series: Revealing the Glory of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements 
   Leader: The Lord is Risen!
   People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles

*Hymn 210 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” 
   DUKE STREET

*Invocation

Message in Song “As the Deer”
   Youth Choir Men (Text is Hymn #49)

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children’s Message 
   John Miller 
Voluntary “Requiem”
   arr. Wagner

Youth Choir

(This song was written by Eliza Gilkyson after the devastating Asian tsunami of 2004 as an invocation to compassion and as a song of prayer and comfort. Our youth choir sang this song during the 2017 NC Youth Choir Festival and wanted to share it with our congregation.)

The Morning Prayer/Lord’s Prayer 
   Beth Heffner

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*Hymn of Offertory 235 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” 
   TRENTHAM

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Matthew 19:21 
   Natalie Marsh

Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word John 20:19-31 
   Tim Marsh

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
   People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “You Amaze Us”
   arr. Mitchell

Youth Choir and John Miller, Guitar

The Spoken Word
   Revealing the Meaning of Faith in God
   Tim Marsh

*Hymn 500 “Just As I Am” 
   WOODWORTH

(We invite all who desire to make public professions of faith or transfer church membership to do so at this time. And, we encourage all with special prayer needs to pray with the pastor or pray silently at the altar for personal or intercessory prayer needs.)

GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Benediction

*Departing Song (512) “We Go in Peace” 
   EDWARDS

We go in peace, we go in love,
We go with grace and mercy from the Lord above
To tell the world this very thing:
That Jesus Christ is Lord and King, Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

*CCLI#1858884

*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

**Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices**

2016-2017 YOUTH CHOIR

Faith Archer+ 
   Grier Hodge  
   Peter Moore

Luke Archer 
   Isaae Hughes  
   Jeff Parker

John Henry Deaver+ 
   Melea Jones  
   Evan Revis

Kailey Malan

Beth Heffner, Director and Alison Moore, Accompanist
+Graduating Senior

THANK YOU

I want to say a very special thank you to my First Baptist Church family for your prayers, concern, visits, calls and food during my down time. You are all the greatest!

Thanks!

Dot

COTTONELLE TOILET PAPER ROLLS NEEDED

If any of you use the brand of Cottonelle toilet paper, we would like for you to save the paper rolls after you have finished with them. They will be used for a special Advent project for our children in November and we will need 25 per child! Please give any that you have to Beth Heffner. Thank you!