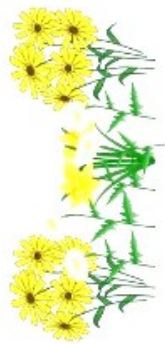


August 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	11:00 Birthday Buddies @ Cracker Barrel (rescheduled from July)	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	8	9 10:00 Women on Mission	10 6:30 Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	15	16	17 6:30 Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
21 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 5:00 Youth Back to School Pool Party	22	23 11:00 Birthday Buddies @ Cracker Barrel	24 6:30 Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 6:00 - 8:30 Vacation Bible School 7:00 Diaconate Meeting	26 6:00 - 8:30 Vacation Bible School	27 9:00 - 11:30 Vacation Bible School 12:00 Lunch 11:30 - VBS Closing 12:00 - Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 Water Fun
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 2:00 Chancel Choir	29		31			

August Newsletter

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Spotlight on our Sunday School Classes

There is excitement in the air! We are growing our Sunday School Program. Beginning this fall, we will be offering a new class for young married couples. We are excited to present this opportunity! The teachers will be Laura Marks and Kalah McFarland.

There are plans being made for a fellowship/kick off event around late August. Details will follow soon. The class will begin meeting Sunday, September 11th. The classroom is located on the adult hall, the last room on the right.

Please begin praying for God to open hearts for this new worship choice. Please share this news with your family and friends.

Deacon
of the Month

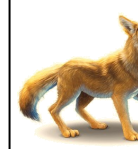
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Sunday School & Worship Attendance July 2022

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
7/3/22	85	129
7/10/22	95	137
7/17/22	95	113
7/24/22	91	108
7/31/22	102	138

Vacation Bible School August 25-27



Thursday & Friday: 6:00-8:30
Saturday:
VBS: 9:00-11:30
VBS Closing: 11:30
Lunch : 12:00
Water Day Fun 12:30 - 1:30

Already Registered:

Let us know by August 21st if you are attending.

Not registered,

Register on our website! www.flatspringsbaptist.com



Deacon ORIENTATION

On August 14th, there will be a Deacon Ordination for Roger Worrell during the worship service.

Baptist Men's BREAKFAST

August 21st
8:00 am
Men, join us as we make plans for the future!

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The church will not be ordering the Biblical Recorder in bulk. If you would like an individual subscription and need help, contact the church office.

Individual mailed: \$14.99
Online Access to digital: \$7.99

Message from Pastor Gary

Dear Friends,

It seems to me that the only unchangeable thing in the world is a time when things will not be changing! We have faced so much change in so many ways that you might be wondering when it will stop! See my first sentence.

With our community changing, the changes that have been brought on by the past few years, and the changes that we are facing as a church, the old lyrics of the song “oh the times they are a changing” have never been truer.

So, what do we do in face of all these changes? We see them as the opportunity to step into the future with God and make our church all it can possibly be for the Lord. There are new opportunities, especially at the church, that can lead to great things being accomplished in Jesus Name. It is a unique time where we can join together as the body of Christ in such a way as we have never done before. We have the greatest advantage. We have an unchanging God. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

We all know that the church is made up of us, you, and me. The only thing that can hold us back is really ourselves. If we listen to the devil, we will hear things like, this is bad, it is hopeless, what is the use. If we listen to God, we will hear “I can do all things who Christ who gives me strength.” I echo what Mordecai told Esther when things were hard, a downright dangerous time, in Esther 4:14, who knows, you are here right now “for such a time as this.”

I promise to be as faithful to God and to our church as I can possibly be during this time of change. Will you join me in making that same promise? If so, the devil will run and the Holy Spirit will make a difference through our faithful commitment in changing times!

Your Pastor,

Gary

P.S. I want to say a special word of thanks to Taylor and Kevin for their faithful service to the Lord at our church. I wish them God’s speed as they continue to obediently follow God’s call for their lives.

Relief for Today. Hope for Tomorrow.

Now through September 4th please share your own joy by supporting the week of prayer and North Carolina Missions Offering collection which funds Baptist programs such as Baptist Men’s disaster relief, church planting, church camps, associational projects, medical, dental, and health screenings.

The theme for 2022 is “**Relief for today. Hope for tomorrow**,” inspired by Romans 15:13.

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

Gold collection envelopes will be available soon.



Message from Sandy Creek Baptist Association WMU

The dog days of summer bark at the door as if the sultry heat seeks refuge inside. Blinds are closed to the heat of the day as a defense to the invisible, at times palpable and suffocating, heat. We shut the door quickly to keep the air conditioned cool, our bastion against the heat, from escaping. More so is Jesus our bastion against the culture of today; He will never leave us or forsake us no matter what! (Heb. 13:5)

Just as the heat seems waiting for an opportunity to invade the sweet coolness of our air conditioned homes, so is the enemy looking for a way to invade our lives. Peter warned us to “be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion,

seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8). We shut the door quickly as a defense against the summer heat. We must also shut the door against “the schemes of the devil” and dress in “the whole armor of God, that [we] may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil... and to stand firm.”

May our constant prayer for each other be “that utterance may be given...to make known...the Gospel” (Eph. 6:10-20).

God Bless You,
Susan Ferguson
Sandy Creek Baptist Association
WMU Director



Message from Pastor Taylor

Church Family,

I remember driving down Deep River Rd. for the first time in April of 2017 coming to my first interview with the search committee. I couldn’t get over how beautiful everything looked. When Kevin and I pulled up and saw horses in the front pasture, I thought I’m going to love this place! Oh, how true that was. This church family embraced Kevin and me and loved us well. It has been an honor to serve alongside one another for the last five years.

As we look toward the future, I want to remind you that God is always in control. He has big plans for Flat Springs and I cannot wait to see how the church helps to fulfill those plans. Keep looking forward to the future and seeking what great things God has in store for helping his people to grow. Continue to reach out to those who do not know Him and strive to live a Gospel-centered life. I thank each of you for your love and care

over these last 5 years – your faithfulness to the Lord is an encouragement to many. Keep running the race and don’t give up!

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. “

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

In His Service,

Taylor



Message from WMU

You are faithful and responsive friends. When we ask, you step up. **Thank you** for cards, letters, gift cards, diaper sprinkles and donations for babies, bottled water, canned food, paper good donations, school supplies, BIG BOXES, your time, and mostly for your prayers as we serve together.

During August, donation opportunities focus on (lists are posted on bulletin boards and in Atrium):

⇒ **Deep River School - school supplies**



⇒ **Central Carolina Community College Food Bank** - Lend a hand to CCCC, consider helping re-stock the Sanford location **on-campus pantry** which is accessible to CCCC students and staff. Needs include pull-top canned food, microwavable mac-n-cheese, bottled water, prewrapped snacks and crackers, feminine hygiene supplies, baby diapers, cleaners, bathroom supplies of soap, shampoo, etc.. Just think: *If you need it, so do adult college students*, many of whom are juggling the same issues we face plus class attendance and schoolwork.



Because the **Reach Out Pregnancy Center** remains close to our hearts, collection bins will remain in the Atrium.

Specific Prayer Requests from **Reach Out Pregnancy Center**:

- ♥ physical and emotional protection for the Center’s clients and leaders
- ♥ that clients will choose LIFE for their babies
- ♥ that the love of Jesus will be spread throughout our community



Pregnancy Center needs during August:

- ✓ baby nail clippers
- ✓ baby aspirator bulbs
- ✓ baby thermometers
- ✓ baby brush/ comb sets
- ✓ baby bottles
- ✓ baby wipes of any brand and amount

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

Stephanie