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TOGETHER WE SERVE ...

- Abbottsburg, Beards Chapel, Bethel, First Baptist, Bladenboro, Briar Branch, Butters, Center Road, Christ Community, Clarkton, Council, Cypress Church, Dublin FBC, Delco, First Baptist, Elizabethtown, Faith, Friendship, Galeed, Good News, Grace, Greater Vision, Hickory Grove, Lisbon, Love Grove, New Center, Northside, Open Door Min., Renacer, Iglesia, Richardson, Riverside, Sandy Grove, Second Chance, Shady Grove, Suggs Grove, Tar Heel, The Lake Church, Union Grove, West Bladenboro, White Lake, White Oak, White's Creek, Zion Hill

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Birthdays: (April)

- LeeAnn Bryan, Briar Branch
Pastor Scott Conner, Riverside
Lori Barrow, Whites Creek
Diffy Lewis, White Oak

Wedding Anniversaries:

- Pastor Howard & Jo Allbright, Shady Grove

Church Anniversaries:

- Pastor Tommy Puryear, Tar Heel - 2019
Pastor Charleston Guyton, Butters - 2019
Pastor Warren Hill, Bethel - 2019



Birthdays: (May)

- Pastor Don Coley
Jo Allbright, Shady Grove
Pastor Buddy Cain
Pastor Darrin Andrews, Richardson
Pastor Gary McMillan, Friendship

Wedding Anniversaries:

- Pastor Warren & Deanna Hill, Bethel
Pastor Jimmy & Bertha Strole
Pastor Tommy & Denise Hunsinger, Center Road
Pastor Dwight & Connie Holland, Second Chance
Pastor Arthur & Pat Smith, Grace
Pastor Scott & Aneva Conner, Riverside

Church Anniversaries:

- Pastor Richard Smith, Cypress Creek - 1995
Pastor David Foster, AMS - 2017



Birthdays: (June)

- Connie Holland, Second Chance & BBA
Beth Andrews, Richardson
Kay Martin

Wedding Anniversaries:

- Pastor Thomas & Chelsea McClusky, Delco
Pastor Charleston & Tammy Guyton, Butters
Pastor Ricky & Robin Donaldson, Northside
Pastor Bill & Hillary, Sandy Grove
Pastor Tommy & Wanda Puryear, Tar Heel
Pastor Charles & Dot Hester

Church Anniversaries:

- Pastor Jerry Fisher, Christ Community - 2016
Pastor Elvin Meares, Greater Vision - 2018
Pastor Carey Horrell, White Lake - 2019
Pastor Tom Thomas, Love Grove - 2019
Pastor Howard Allbright, Shady Grove - 2019
Pastor Darrin Andrews, Richardson - 2007
Pastor Leon Warren, Center Road - 2019
Pastor Randy Andrews, Open Door - 2008
Pastor Arthur Smith, Grace - 2007

From Rev. David Foster:

What we are experiencing is unlike anything any of us has ever experienced in our lifetime. Our “normal” lives have been greatly affected and altered. However, the impact will not last forever.

Looking up some of the other “epidemics” in the US from the past, here are a few of the ones I found:

1633-34: *Smallpox. Entire Native American tribes were wiped out. A vaccine was not available until 1770. The last case was reported in 1949.*

1906-07: *Typhoid Fever. 10,771 died annually. A vaccine was licensed in 1914. Now Typhoid Fever is rare in the US.*

1918: *Spanish Flu. An estimated 675,000 Americans died. The first flu vaccine was developed in 1942.*

1921-1925: *Diphtheria. 15,500 people died. A vaccine was developed and now it is rare in the US.*

I am certain there was widespread fear, anxiety, and panic with these past epidemics. The fact that we have “twenty-four hour news” broadcasts helps ramp up the fear and worry. We hear the news while riding in our vehicles. We see the news on many stations every hour of the day and night. Our minds are overwhelmed and inundated with the COVID-19 news and commentary. There are daily press conferences giving updates. We hear hourly how the numbers of those affected keeps going up.

Here is my thinking: **To what are we, as the family of God, listening?** The ever-changing media coverage? Or, the never-changing good truth found in God’s Word? Which one is your “foundation” for truth? When you are feeling overwhelmed, turn off the TV/radio/social media and open God’s Word.

Here is a GREAT place to start: **Psalm 23**

Friends and Family,
With all that is taken place, visit our website for updates on events.
www.bladenbaptists.com

Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 21 @ 7:00pm
Dublin First Baptist Church
7725 Albert St. Dublin

Ministry Opportunities ...

... Through Prayer



Second Chance Community Church
205 S. Poplar St. Elizabethtown
1st Monday of each Month **7:30 PM**
(April 6 ~ May 4 ~ June 1)

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**Dublin First Baptist Church**  
7725 Albert St. Dublin (Hwy 87)  
**3rd Thursday** of each Month **9:30 AM**  
**(April 16 ~ May 21 ~ June 18)**

Continue to pray for our churches, pastors, families, our communities Teen Challenge / SECC and each other.

**... Through Our Churches**

As services are being postponed throughout our community, we ask that you take this time to pray and reach out to those in need, Be salt and light in the midst of darkness. Since we are unable to GO to church, LET’S BE THE CHURCH!



**... Through Missions**



*Backpacks & Bibles are available!*



**Baptist Children’s Home Food Round Up**

With the current situation, We are asking for **Monetary Donations.** Give through your local church, send to Bladen Association or online giving at Baptist Children’s Home webpage **<https://www.bchfamily.org/foodroundup>** For more information, visit our webpage **[www.bladenbaptists.com](http://www.bladenbaptists.com)**

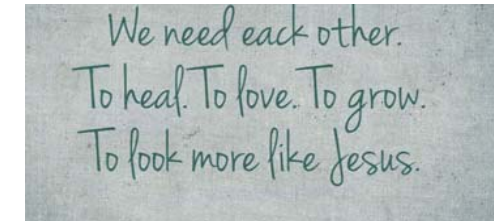
**April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am - 3:00pm**  
Red Springs Mission Camp  
Training for Wheel Chair Ramps  
\* To register, visit: [www.bladenbaptists.com](http://www.bladenbaptists.com)

**WMU Annual Meeting**  
Hosted by: Bethel Baptist Church has been **CANCELLED** due to concerns with Coronavirus  
**Saturday, April 25 - Child Abuse Walk**  
Walk will begin at San Jose’s and ends at the Elizabethtown Courthouse Lawn  
More Information can be found at [www.bladenbaptists.com](http://www.bladenbaptists.com)

**... Through Substance Abuse Task Force**

No one wants to admit that it could be their family, their children, a relative or even someone dear to them, but drug abuse is real. It is not to be frowned upon or looked down at... it is a reality that is affecting families throughout Bladen County.

The Substance Abuse Task Force meets the second Tuesday of each month 2:00 pm @ the Health Building  
**Your Voice Needs to be Heard!!**



**... Through Meeting Needs**

**Southeastern Carolina Crossroads**  
1086 Susie Sand Hill Road, Elizabethtown  
910.549.8487

A faith-based discipleship training station, leading men of all ages to the only answer... Jesus  
**Needs List:** Trash bags (13gal), paper towels, toilet paper, Copier paper (81/2x11) Laundry Detergent, Socks Men’s WHITE t-shirts (all sizes)

**Cape Fear Teen Challenge**  
1456 Lula Long Road, Elizabethtown  
910.801.0015

A 12-15 month residential facility for women overcoming life controlling issues such as drugs and alcohol during which time is spent in Bible study and education.  
**Needs List:** Trash bags (13gal), toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, Ziploc bags (Gallon-Quart), Ziploc Freezer bags (Gallon), Dryer sheets, Laundry Detergent