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TOGETHER WE SERVE ...

- List of church names: Abbottsburg, Beards Chapel, Bethel, First Baptist, Bladenboro, Briar Branch, Butters, Center Road, Christ Community, Clarkton, Council, Cypress Creek, 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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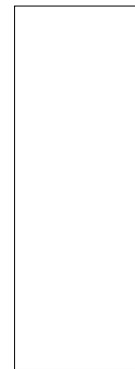
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2021 Gifts to Budget (Jan - March)

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Amount. Includes entries like Abbottsburg (\$0.00), Beards Chapel (\$0.00), Bethel (\$1,380.00), etc., ending with Behind Budget Needs: \$ -10,279.64.

Birthdays: (April)

- LeeAnn Bryan, Briar Branch
Pastor Scott Conner, Riverside
Pastor Jason Lee, Dublin
Lori Barrow, Whites Creek
Diffy Lewis, White Oak
Missy Creech, Lisbon
Pastor Quentin Boyce, Zion Hill

Wedding Anniversaries:

- Pastor Howard & Jo Allbright, Shady Grove

Church Anniversaries:

- Pastor Tommy Puryear, Tar Heel - 2019
Pastor Charleston Guyton, Butters - 2019
Pastor Mark Miller, Clarkton - 2011
Pastor Cameron McGill, The Lake Church - 2014
Pastor Warren Hill, Bethel - 2019

Birthdays: (May)

- Jo Allbright, Shady Grove
Pastor Buddy Cain
Pastor Darrin Andrews, Richardson
Mary Coley
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
Heather Hensley



Wedding Anniversaries:





- Pastor Mark & Patty Miller, Clarkton
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 Jason & Krista Lee, Dublin FBC
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

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 4 (Sunday) Easter
- April 5 (Monday) BBA Office Closed
- April 12 (Monday) 7:30pm  
 Pastor's Prayer Time  
 Second Chance Community Church  
 205 S. Poplar St. Elizabethtown
- April 13 (Tuesday) 7:00pm  
 WMU Annual Meeting / Dublin FBC
- April 15 (Thursday) 9:30am  
 Pastor's Prayer Time / Dublin FBC  
 7275 Albert St. Dublin (Hwy 87)
- April 20 (Tuesday) 7:00pm  
 Executive Committee Meeting  
 Dublin First Baptist Church  
 7275 Albert St. Dublin  
 Please Make Plans to Attend!
- April 21 (Tuesday) (Thank You to ALL!!)  
 Administrative Professionals Day  
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- May 3 (Monday) 7:30pm  
 Pastor's Prayer Time  
 Second Chance Community Church  
 205 S. Poplar St. Elizabethtown
- May 6 (Thursday)  
 National Day of Prayer
- May 9 (Sunday) Mother's Day
- May 20 (Thursday) 9:30am  
 Pastor's Prayer Time / Dublin FBC  
 7275 Albert St. Dublin (Hwy 87)
- May 31 (Monday) Memorial Day  
 BBA Office Closed

... Through Missions

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



Your participation in the annual Food Roundup is always amazing.


**\*\* Drop-off Deadline: Monday, April 26**

For More Information, visit  
<https://www.bchfamily.org/foodroundup>

**\*\* CHANGE OF LOCATION \*\***

**WMU Annual Meeting @ 7:00pm  
Dublin First Baptist Church  
7275 Albert St. Dublin (Hwy 87)  
Guest Speaker: Phyllis Elvington**

Dates to Remember Continued...

- June 7 (Monday) 7:30pm  
 Pastor's Prayer Time  
 Second Chance Community Church  
 205 S. Poplar St. Elizabethtown
- June 14 (Monday) Flag Day
- June 17 (Thursday) 9:30am  
 Pastor's Prayer Time / Dublin FBC  
 7275 Albert St. Dublin (Hwy 87)
- June 20 (Sunday) Father's Day



April 24, May 01  
or a date that your church chooses!

*Moving people out of their seats,  
and into the streets*

... Through Substance Abuse Task Force

Substance Abuse... it is a reality that is affecting families throughout Bladen County. We need your voice... Join the Substance Abuse Task Force on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm @ Bladen Comm. College



... 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  
910.588.4115

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,  
 Dryer sheets, Laundry Detergent

From Rev. David Foster:

Each time you visit the doctor, certain health checks are performed. Before you see the doctor the attendant will: 1. take your temperature, 2. do a blood pressure check, and 3. take a reading of your heart rate. These are basic indicators to our health. They are taken regularly so that a baseline can be recorded. Then, if there are any significant changes, the doctor will know that there is something affecting the health of the patient.

What are the health checks of the local church? Are there certain indicators of the health of the church? We often use Bible study attendance, worship attendance, giving, Bible brought, lesson studied, etc. to indicate health. Do these things accurately indicate the health of a church body? No, not necessarily. Are there better indicators of church health? Yes, absolutely! Where do we find these indicators? We look to God's Word. That is our ONLY source of guidance for health. Here are three indicators of church health. 1. **Glorifying God.** As a child of God, and as a church, there is no higher calling than to glorify God. In your church, who is glorified? The chairman of the deacons? The biggest giver? The oldest member? Or, the squeakiest wheel? Paul says, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Eph. 3:20-21. So, is God the one glorified?

2. **Making Disciples.** Matthew 28:19-20 is the Great Commission. It is clear. It is a command. We are to make more than converts. The Church of Jesus Christ is to be disciple-making equipping center for the Gospel. Are you making disciples?

3. **Impacting the Community.** Here is a question I want you to ask: "What does the community say about our church?" Be honest. Jesus commands us to be salt and light wherever we go. Paul commands us to be in the "midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." God sent word through the prophet Jeremiah (29:7), "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

Finally: Remember Jesus' words, "on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." How is your church's health based on these indicators? Let us all focus on getting more healthy.