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TOGETHER WE SERVE ...

- List of churches: 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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Gifts to Budget (Jan - June)

Table with 2 columns: Church Name, Amount. Includes rows for Abbottsburg, Beards Chapel, Bethel, Bladenboro, First, Briar Branch, Butters, Center Road, Christ Community, Clarkton, First, Council, Cypress Creek, Delco, First, Dublin First, Elizabethtown, Faith, Friendship, Galeed, Good News, Grace, Greater Vision, Hickory Grove, Lisbon, Love Grove, New Center, Northside, Open Door Min., Renacer, Richardson, Riverside, Sandy Grove, Second Chance, Shady Grove, Suggs Grove, Tar Heel, The Lake Church, Union Grove, West Bladenboro, White Lake, White Oak, Whites Creek, Zion Hill, Misc., Budget Gifts to Date, Budget Needs to Date, Behind Budget Needs.

From Rev. David Foster:

According to the Governor's Executive Order No. 147, face coverings are now "required" to be worn "in public spaces, whether inside or outside, where physical distancing of six feet is not possible." This order has been given to help possibly slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. There are many ideas and thoughts about the effectiveness of wearing masks. Not everyone is in agreement with the Governor's requirement.

The other day I was in Food Lion and a man wearing a mask spoke and called me by name as we passed. He obviously knew me, but I had no idea who he was just by seeing his eyes and hearing a muffled voice. That caused me to wonder: Does that happen to us in our Christian walk? As we pass by people throughout the day, do they see us with veiled faces? Do we cover up the "glory of the Lord"?

In 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Paul reminds the church that we have a great hope and that we are to be very bold because of that hope. He said we are not to be like Moses "who would put a veil over his face" to hide the glory of being in God's presence from the Israelites. Listen to what he wrote to the believers in Corinth.

"But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." (3:16-18).

When Moses came down from Mt. Sinai after being in the presence of God, his face shone with the glory of God. This was a reflected glory. It faded away. For those who are of the family of God (blood-bought believers), we radiate the glory of God. Why? Because the Spirit of God lives in us. We are not truly free until we accept God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Once that happens, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us. That begins the journey of transformation. Paul refers to it as "being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." Let us not veil the glory of God in our lives. Let us not wear a veil as we pass by those around us so that they do not recognize Jesus' shining out from our lives. Shine on!

Birthdays: (July)

- 1 Kathy Meares, Greater Vision
- 8 Pastor Danny Lewis, White Oak
- 10 Pastor Cameron McGill, The Lake Church
- 13 Aneva Conner, Riverside
- 20 Pastor Dwight Holland, Second Chance
- 26 Pastor Charleston Guyton, Butters
- 27 Ella Roberts
- Pastor Brett Young, Galeed



Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2 Pastor Raeford & Gail Carter, Union Grove
- 10 Pastor Gary & Faye McMillan, Friendship
- 15 Pastor Cameron & Tiffany McGill, The Lake Church

Church Anniversaries:

- 1 Pastor Danny Lewis, White Oak - 2006
- Pastor Kevin Kinlaw, New Center - 2010
- Pastor Bill Cooper, Sandy Grove - 2017
- 2 Pastor Charleston Guyton, Butters - 2017
- 7 Pastor Boyd Britt, Abbottsburg - 2013

Birthdays: (August)

- 6 Leslie Miller, Hickory Grove
- Jane Kinlaw, New Center
- 8 Pastor Kincy Barrow, Whites Creek
- 12 Brenda Rutland
- 16 Rebekah Horrell, White Lake
- 21 Krista Lee, Dublin FBC



Wedding Anniversaries:

- 10 Pastor Carlton & LeeAnn Bryan, Briar Branch
- 17 Pastor Bruce & Leslie Miller, Hickory Grove
- 19 Pastor Elvin & Kathy Meares, Greater Vision
- 24 Pastor Randy & Lisa Andrews, Open Door Min.

Church Anniversaries:

- 1 Pastor Bruce Miller, Hickory Grove - 2014
- Pastor Thomas McCluskey, Delco - 2017
- 4 Pastor Jason Lee, Dublin FBC - 2019
- 21 Pastor Carlton Bryan, Briar Branch - 2011

Birthdays: (September)

- 1 Rev. Cipriano Moreno, Renacer
- 5 Lisa Andrews, Open Door Min.
- 9 Tammy Guyton, Butters
- 12 Pastor Warren Hill, Bethel
- 17 Pastor Carey Horrell, White Lake
- 19 Wanda Puryear, Tar Heel
- 22 Pastor Kevin Kinlaw, New Center
- 26 Chelsea McClusky, Delco
- 28 Pastor Tom Thomas, Love Grove
- 29 Pastor Larry Hayes, Good News



Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4 Pastor David & Kathryn Anderson, W. Bladenboro
- 23 Pastor Kevin & Jane Kinlaw, New Center
- 28 Dr. Mack & Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts

The Association Council met and decided not to hold the July Executive Committee Meeting due to the extension of COVID 19 Phase II. Ballots will be mailed out for the Proposed 2021 Budget to each messenger. **Your Ballot Response is Appreciated!**

Ministry Opportunities ...



... Through Prayer

Second Chance Community Church
 205 S. Poplar St. Elizabethtown
1st Monday of each Month **7:30 PM**
(July 6 ~ August 3 ~ September 7)

Dublin First Baptist Church
 7725 Albert St. Dublin (Hwy 87)
3rd Thursday of each Month **9:30 AM**
(July 16 ~ August 20 ~ September 17)

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

MISSION NICARAQUA

During our last Annual Session, Melissa Lewis shared about mission work in Nicaragua. The need is great! Here is a way for you to be involved. She is collecting "gently worn, used and new shoes." The shoes will be "given a second chance and make a difference in people's live around the world."

If you are interested and would like more information, call the BBA office 910-862-3496.

Church Anniversaries: (September)

- 3 Pastor David Anderson, W. Bladenboro - 2017
- 7 Pastor Scott Conner, Riverside - 2014
- 15 Pastor Ricky Donaldson, Northside - 2013

... Through Missions



We will host the Food Round Up for the Baptist Children's Homes of NC in the month of August

Collection Deadline:
 Monday, Aug. 31 by 4:00pm

Collection Location:
 Bladen Baptist Association

WMU Red Box Ministry

We will be collecting Large Bags of Individually Wrapped Hard Candy (No Soft Candy, No Chocolate, No Lollipops)



Drop-off Deadline:
 Monday, October 5 by 4:00pm
 Bladen Association Office

Appalachian Backpack Outreach
 We have backpacks, bibles and the Christmas Stories available for purchase and ready to be picked up
 Our Goal this year is to do **400** Backpacks
 Backpacks \$3 - Bibles \$7
 Christmas Story (free)

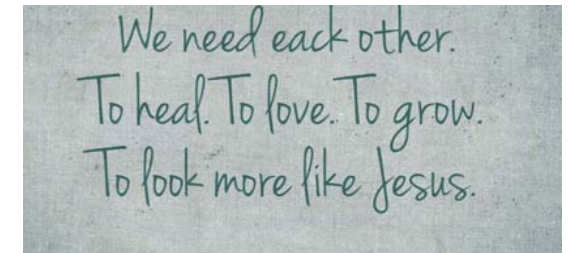


For More Information on these events, Visit our Website:
www.bladenbapitsts.com

... 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.

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

**** Urgent Need ****
Food Lion Gift Cards
For the purchase of Meats

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