



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Happy Valentines Day!

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A Word from the Director:

What do you think should be the proper attitude when you join with the family of God in worship? In the many decades I have served and been a guest of local churches, I have seen a wide variety of approaches. Which one is best I still am trying to decide.

At least one church I attended had the first part of Psalm 46:10 over its sanctuary entrance, "Be still and know that I am God." There was no mistaking what that church expected from the people who came to their facilities.

The sanctuary represented the Presence of God. You were to open those doors quietly and reverently, go to your seat, and speak in a whisper if at all. You were to follow the prescribed order of service. You were to make a sound when told to do so, and otherwise remain quiet.

Without using a banner to tell everyone they are welcome, some churches make it obvious that worship is a reunion of the family of God. People are expected to meet, greet, and get caught up on the week's events before the instrumentalist starts the prelude. If you expected a time of silence before music marked the beginning of the service, you are at the wrong church.

This congregation hopefully will include you in those informal greetings, although that doesn't always happen. People show they are glad to see each other. They will walk across the room to speak to someone they may not have seen since the previous Sunday. The attitude of all is this is family time.

What climate does your congregation seek to create before a worship service? Are those first moments a time to celebrate being a part of the family of God? Is it a time of silence with a chance to close your mind to all else except the Presence of God?

While trying not to be a judge of what is right and what is wrong, let me direct your thoughts to Ephesians 3:10. "... that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." (NASB) The Apostle Paul is telling us God may be our primary audience when we worship, but there is an entire spiritual realm watching to see what our true priority will be.

That spiritual realm includes more than we can imagine. God's angels are watching to see how the Creator will be glorified through the lives of his creation. Demonic forces are hoping the creature will fail since the Creator-Son did not. Though God's overall plan will end in victory, those forces look for defeats among the fallen members of mankind.

The next time you enter the sanctuary to join with the people of God in corporate worship, remember

who is watching. It is far more than the people sitting behind you.



2020 Royal Ambassador Mission Expo and Car Races

Fairview Baptist Church

1580 Carthage Rd, Carthage 28327

Saturday, March 7

Registration Begins 11:30 AM
Program Begins 1:00 PM



Congratulations to Dr. Matt Brogli upon receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree from Southeastern Seminary in December of 2019. His project thesis was, "A Leadership Development Strategy for Eagle Springs Baptist Church". Bro. Matt, who will soon be our moderator-elect, has led evangelism training sessions for our association and has expressed a willingness to come to any of our churches and lead those same courses locally.



Congratulations!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

Birthdays

10 Mrs. Willie (Eva) Bryant - *Faith*
18 Mrs. Bill (Chachi) Davis - *Vass*
29 Mrs. Steve (Shellie) Tumer - *Taylor Memorial*

Wedding Anniversaries

10 Rev. & Mrs. Daniel (Michelle) Sims - *Beaver Creek*
25 Rev. & Mrs. Darrell (Linda) Williams - *Beulah Hill*

Pastoral Anniversaries

1985 Rev. Bill Reynolds - *Pine Grove*
1992 Rev. David Reynolds - *Middle Cross*
2016 Rev. John Box - *West End*

The 2020 Census Is Here

An accurate census of the population of our state and nation will determine representation and financial support from our federal government. Workers to help make this a successful venture are needed. Contact 2020census.gov/jobs to inquire about a paid position working with the Census Bureau during this process.

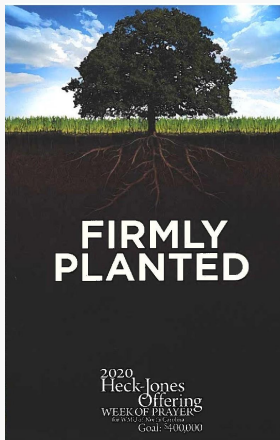


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Upcoming Events

Sandhills Baptist Association Online Calendar

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The Ministers' Health Summit is a one-day retreat that promotes wellness, self-care and education for ministers, and offers ideas to promote healthy lifestyle habits for the people they serve.

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J. Chris Schofield serves on the BSCNC staff as director of the Office of Prayer. His office assists churches, associations and entities in the development of prayer strategies, ministries, networks and conferences that focus on global evangelization and awakening.

February is "Make Your Will" Month 2020 Theme is: "Lifestyle of 'Jesus' Generosity"

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation encourages everyone to be prepared for the inevitability of death. The most important way is found in your relationship with Jesus Christ. As he has said, he is the only way into a glorious eternity with the Father. Not nearly as important but something which still should be done is having a personal will ready.

Preparing a **will** allows you to decide what will be done with your estate at your death. If you do not decide, the state will decide for you. It is simply a matter of stewardship. Since you cannot take any of it with you, you have the opportunity to determine how your estate can best be used by others in the years ahead.

A **will** provides one more way for you to express Christian generosity toward those causes you value most. What you leave in your **will** to institutions and ministries after your death will reveal your love for them for years to come. Your Christian faith can be supportive long after your personal involvement has come to an end.

and Youth
Aberdeen First Baptist Church
March 29, 2020

2020 will again see an opportunity for our children and youth to show off their Bible skills. Christy Pusser of FBC Aberdeen is the go-to person



with all the information. The associational drills will be held at FBC Aberdeen on March 29. That means every church has time to prepare their members to participate. Remember, this is not simply an opportunity to provide our children with more competitions. This is a way we can instill in them the truth of scriptures as well as teach tools for using their Bibles. The Bible calls us to hide God's work in our hearts. The Bible drill ministry is a fun way to accomplish this as adults, youth, and children work together.

We have several copies of the accepted Bible Drill Bible available in our Resource Center. **Bring Bible Drill to your church!**

**Empowering Women Ministry
in the Local Church**

Ives Memorial Baptist Church

Friday, February 12 @ 7:15 pm

365 East Philadelphia Avenue
Pinebluff, NC
910-281-3247

Dr. Ashley Allen, the Senior Consultant for the North Carolina Baptist Convention Embrace Ministry will be our guest to talk about **empowering women ministry** in the local church.

Ashley Allen serves on staff with the Baptist State Convention of NC as senior consultant of Embrace Women's Evangelism and Discipleship. Ashley is a proud Texas. She prayed to receive Christ as an 11-year-old seventh year-old Lord called her to full-time Christian service as a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin. In college, the Lord began to use mentoring and discipleship experiences to shape and refine her calling to women's ministry.



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**Church Security in an
Uncertain Age**

No location can be made one hundred percent safe in our nation today, but preemptive action through education and preparation will help us lessen the impact of tragic events occurring in our churches. We can take steps to make these houses of worship true sanctuaries.

You are invited to an evening of shared information that can help your church facilities become the safe haven God intends them to be.

Tuesday, March 10
6:30 pm—8:30 pm

First Baptist Church Pinehurst
7373 NC Hwy 211
(West side of Pinehurst)

Facilitators of Simultaneous Conferences:

Cheryl Markland – Consultant for Preschool and Children's Ministries, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, "Necessary Steps for the Safety of Children"

Sgt. Todd Maness – Community Policing Coordinator with the Moore County Sheriff's Department, "General Church Security Concerns"

Sponsored by the Sandhills Baptist Association of Churches
And First Baptist Church of Pinehurst

Conference is free.
Reservations assist with material preparation.
Register at sandhillsbaptist.org

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AND YOU ARE TO LOVE THOSE WHO ARE FOREIGNERS,
FOR YOU YOURSELVES WERE FOREIGNERS IN EGYPT.
DEUTERONOMY 10:19

WMCU
of
First Baptist Church Pinehurst
Presents

**PROJECT HELP:
THE
GLOBAL
REFUGEE
A CRISIS
REFUGEE AWARENESS EVENT**

with
Guest Speakers:
Amanda Martensen, Leadership Development Coordinator, Resource Coordinator, WMCU/NC
Kim Wyatt, Field Personnel, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Saturday, March 7, 2020
10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
(Brunch provided)

First Baptist Church Pinehurst
7373 Highway 211
Pinehurst, NC

Register by March 1st at
www.sandhillsbaptist.org
or call 910-315-1450

Childcare provided

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Support These Local Children's Camps



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NC Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications Are Open!!

The NC Baptist Foundation has four educational scholarships available for Baptist students. Applications for these scholarships are online, and are open as of January 1, 2020 and will remain open until the close of business on **February 15, 2020**. More detail information can be found on each scholarship at:

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Sandhills Baptist Association **Profit and Loss** **December-2019**

	Dec 2019	Jan - Dec 2019 (YTD)		Dec 2019	Jan - Dec 2019 (YTD)
Churches			Churches		
Aberdeen	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00	Pineywood	0.00	0.00
Ashley Heights	300.00	3,600.00	Pine Grove	0.00	600.00
Beaver Creek	0.00	1,519.60	Pinehurst	1,372.59	18,419.70
Bethlehem	0.00	395.42	Pleasant Hill	1,221.14	12,380.84
Beulah Hill	0.00	1,200.00	Red Branch		2,000.00
Calvary	0.00	1,000.00	Robbins First	950.00	11,790.00
Cameron	469.74	5,764.46	Southern Pines	1,600.00	19,200.00
Carthage	650.00	2,300.00	Taylor Memorial	0.00	0.00
Cornerstone	0.00	880.00	Vass	417.00	5,004.00
Eagle Springs	267.41	3,798.28	Victory	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel	300.00	3,600.00	West End	70.00	840.00
Ephesus	174.59	2,561.17	Total Income from Churches	\$10,031.05	\$118,993.13
Fairview	0.00	1,200.00			
Faith	0.00	608.00	Refunds/Misc Income	\$1,859.52	\$24,217.79
Flint Hill	0.00	0.00	Total Income	\$11,890.57	\$143,210.92
Harmony	0.00	0.00	Total Expense	\$8,578.23	\$159,990.21
Ives Memorial	338.58	2,034.89	Budget Needs	\$12,168.17	\$146,000.00
Lemon Springs	0.00	1,100.00			
Middle Cross	400.00	2,600.00			
New Home	0.00	596.77			
Open Arms	500.00	2,000.00			

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