



Baptist Life Lines

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- NC Baptist Missions Emphasis
- Ingathering For NC Baptist Missions 9/20
- Children's Program Begins 9/10
- WMU Meeting 9/12
- Church Council 9/20
- Fall Senior Adult Rally 9/28

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From the Pastor

I have often wondered why many of the Jews did not return to their homeland after Babylonian Captivity. Why would they stay in a land that held them captive when they could be free? Were they suffering from Stockholm Syndrome (to sympathize with one's captors and adopt their worldviews)? Who knows, but we can learn from this Scripture and apply it to our lives of the freedom that we now have in Christ.

Why many did not make the journey back to Jerusalem: Ezra 1:5-6 records, "Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings."

1) So not all the Jews went back home. Some of them took advantage of Cyrus' decree and left Babylon, while others stayed in Babylon and helped by donating gold, silver and other resources.

2) Several factors were involved in the decision to remain in Babylon. Some Jews would have been too old to return. It had been 70 years since the

destruction of Jerusalem, and there were many who would have been unable to endure the journey of approximately 900 miles. The same would have been true for families with young children and those who were sick or disabled.

- 3) Some of the Jews probably refused to move due to the comforts of Babylon. Many of them had been born in Babylon during the exile, and they knew nothing else. Further, many Jews had attained significant status during the reign of Cyrus. They were comfortable where they were.
- 4) Another reason some Jews would not have returned to Jerusalem was a concern for personal safety. The road to Jerusalem and the land of Judea itself were fraught with peril. In fact, Ezra led those with him in a time of prayer and fasting for safety on their journey—a journey considered "fast" because it only took four months (Ezra 8:24-36). Verse 31

notes, "The hand of our God was on us, and He protected us from enemies and bandits along the way."

- 5) Unfortunately, some Jews were living in disobedience to God at this time. As a result, they would not have sensed the need to return to Jerusalem.
- 6) Finally, another reason some of the Jews elected not to return was the amount of work it would take to reestablish the nation there. Jerusalem would have to be rebuilt. It was not an easy challenge to rebuild and entire city, including the city wall.

The Jews who remained in Persia later faced their own troubles, as detailed in the book of Esther. Those who did return to Jerusalem were part of God's plan to rebuild the city and restart Temple worship in fulfillment of God's promised (Jeremiah 29:10).

- 1) Around 6,000 Jews made it to the Promised Land to rebuild.

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Birthdays

Sept. 1 - Jessica Grzywacz
 Sept. 3 - Tamara Kerr
 Sept. 6 - Danny Lowe
 Sept. 8 - Hilda Overbee
 Sept. 9 - Margaret Baker
 Nelle Coor
 Jean Crocker
 Sept. 11 - Johnny Woodard, Jr.
 Ashton Casey
 Brett Casey
 Sept. 17 - Kathy Pittman
 Sept. 19 - Brittany Kurczek
 Chason Stevens
 Jay Pittman
 Chrystal Turner
 Sept. 21 - Wayne Stuckey
 Sept. 22 - Natalie Berent
 Sept. 23 - Beth Thomas
 Emma Turner
 Melissa Dentel
 Sept. 24 - Michael Renfrow
 Sept. 26 - Colton Moore
 Sept. 27 - Sherry Holt
 Sept. 28 - Trae Corbett

Nursery Schedule

Sunday School Hour -

Debbie Strickland / Terry Pope

Church Hour - Nursery Toddler Room

Sept. 3 - Carla Johnson / Denise Godwin
 Sept. 10 - Melissa Byrd / Debbie Strickland
 Sept. 17 - Terry Pope / Amanda Murray
 Sept. 24 - Cathy Edwards / Sherry Holloman

**Church Office
 Will Be Closed
 Monday,
 September 4
 For Labor Day**

Deacon News

This message is taken from the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians. The Galatians, having launched their Christian experience by faith, seem content to leave their voyage of faith and chart a new course based on works - a course Paul finds disturbing. His letter to the Galatians is a vigorous attack against the gospel of works and a defense of the gospel of faith.

"This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by

the hearing of faith?"
Galatians 3:2

Christians believe that entrance into Heaven is not gained through acts of good or by keeping commandments (Law of Moses). Instead, when you make the decision to believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins, the Holy Spirit enters your heart. This decision gives you eternal life. Have you received the message about Christ?

Jody Edwards
 Deacon of the Month

From the Pastor (Continued)

2) There were @ 125,000 Jewish Exiles in Babylon after the 70 years of captivity. So, 119,000 stayed or went to the four corners of the Earth.

Lesson to learn: Do not always follow the majority.

For those who follow Christ, we can not always play it safe...we must go with God as He leads us. Thankfully, God gives us His promises through Scripture:

Promise for the Sojourners
 Isaiah 40:31

31 "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they

shall walk, and not faint.
 Where are you today?

Mount up with eagle's wings—Time of Blessing—Soaring High with God.

Run and not be weary—working steady...but bearing good fruit—blessings and set backs, but all good.

Walk and not faint—life is a struggle, many hardships but God is faithful.

Blessings,
 Todd

New Baby!



THE
 LORD
 BLESS
 YOU
 AND
 KEEP
 YOU.

NUMBERS 6:24

Congratulations to Bo and Suzanne Walker on the birth of their son, Bennett Dawls Walker. He was born on August 29, 2017, weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz. Proud Grandparents are Mike and Caroline Renfrow and Bob and Lynn Walker.

Congratulations to all!!

Fall Senior Adult Rally

Thursday,
 September 28
 Middlesex Baptist
 Church
 10 am
 \$10 Per Person

New Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Wayne, Sharon and their daughters Jessica and Lindsey. They reside in Princeton.

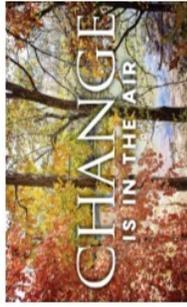
We look forward to sharing many years of service and fellowship together.

Schedule of Events - September



4-10	NC Baptist Missions Emphasis	20	Choir Practice @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm Church Council @ 8 pm
4	Labor Day		
6	Choir Practice @ 6 pm Called Business @7pm Bible Study @ 7 pm Deacon / Trustees Meeting @ 8 pm	22	First Day of Fall
		24	Brotherhood Breakfast @ 8 am Children's Program @ 4 - 5 pm
10	Church Directory Delivery (Before And After Services @ Fellowship Hall) Ingathering of NC Baptist Missions Our Goal: 1,500.00 Children's Program 4-5 pm	27	Choir Practice @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm
		28	Senior Adult Rally @ Middlesex Baptist @ 10 am - \$10 per person
12	WMU Meeting @ 7 pm		
13	Choir Practice @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm		
17	Church Directory Delivery (Before And After Services outside Fellowship Hall) Children's Program 4-5 pm		





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*Our Church Desires to
 Serve God and People*

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 September 1-3 Continued Week of Prayer for NC Missions	2
3	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5	6 Choir Practice @ 6 pm Called Business @ 7 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm Deacon/Trustees @ 8	7	8	9
10 Gathering for NC Baptist Missions Children's Program 4-5 pm Directory Pickup before and after	11	12 WMU Meeting @ 7 pm	13 Choir Practice @ 6 pm. Bible Study @ 7 pm	14	15	16
17 Children's Program 4-5 pm Directory Pickup Before and after church.	18	19	20 Choir Practice @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm Church Council @ 8 pm	21	22 First Day of Fall	23
24 Brotherhood Breakfast @ 8 am. Children's Program 4-5 pm	25	26	27 Choir Practice @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm	28 Senior Adult Rally @ Middlesex Baptist @ 10 am. Cost \$10/person	29	30

Come Learn About God's Love Through Fun, Fellowship and Missions

Who?

Toddlers Ages 2-4
Children Grades K-5th

When?

Every Sunday, Beginning September 10th from 4-5 pm

Where?

The Children's Building

We hope you bring your children to further their love and understanding of God! We will have Bible lessons, puppet/magic shows and the children will participate in an outreach project each month!

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Murray or Carrie Moore

Windows Of Opportunity

Sunday -

9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Morning Worship
11:00 am - Children's Church
(1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays)
4-5 pm - Children's Program

First Wednesday -

6:00 pm - Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Bible Study
8:00 pm - Deacon/Trustees
Meeting

All Other Wednesdays -

6:00 pm - Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Bible Study

2nd Thursday - Van Pilgrims

Altar Flowers

Sept. 3 - Shelvvia McLamb
Sept. 10 - M/M Jeff Holt
Sept. 17 - Mrs. Hilda Pittman
Sept. 24 - M/M Berry Godwin

First Impressions Team

Sept. 3 - Becky Turner / Anne Peedin
Sept. 10 - M/M Danny Casey
Sept. 17 - M/M Richard Durham
Sept. 24 - M/M Berry Godwin

Our Church Directory is Ready for Delivery!

For those who participated in the Photo Session, and submitted a photo for the directory, your copy of the new Church Directory will be ready for pick up on Sunday, September 10th (before and after services) in the fellowship Hall and on September 17th (before and after services) outside the Fellowship Hall.

WMU News

Hello everyone!

Our Mission Emphasis for September is NC Missions. This particular Mission organization started out as NC Baptist Men, but has evolved to include women in many areas. There are 17 different mission ministries that NC Missions is involved in such as church planting, disaster relief, mission camps in Red Springs and Shelby, medical/dental bus that brings volunteer medical professionals to the people who need physical help and hopefully spiritual help to those hurting, and helping all the Baptist Associations in NC, just to name a few. Our church goal is \$1,500.00. The Week of Prayer for NC Mis-

sions is August 27th - Sunday, September 3rd. Due to Labor Day weekend, the ingathering will be Sunday, September 10th. Each and every donation helps!

Our WMU will meet on Tuesday night, September 12th at 7 pm. The meetings always begin at 7 pm and last approximately one hour. The meeting is held in the Lucile Oliver Sunday School classroom. Members who attend will receive the monthly Mission Mosaic magazine. This is an interesting magazine that focuses on different missionaries and how they try and reach the unchurched and bring them to a life filled with Jesus Christ. There is a prayer calendar that is read and afterwards a prayer where we lift the

missionaries who have birthdays up and ask God's blessings on them. You will always be welcomed to our meeting, whether you are a seasoned member or someone just coming for the first time! We would love to have YOU! The more, the merrier!

Always be on the lookout for mission opportunities! If God nudges you to act, please don't hesitate! Your heart will be full knowing that you helped someone.

Sincerely,
Beth Thomas
WMU, Chair

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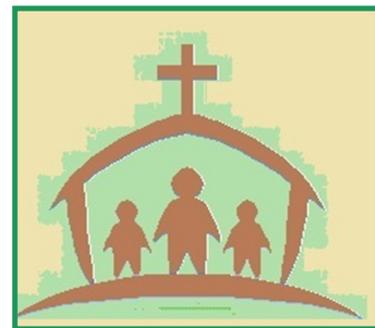
Deacon Chairman: Mike Renfrow
(919-965-3815)

Interim Minister of Music: Rose Hayes (919-201-5110)

Church Secretary: Debbie Teachey
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*PLMBC Members,
Thank you for the delicious lunch you provided Pine Level Elementary Staff on Thursday. We appreciate your support and respect for the profession.*

*Sincerely,
The Third Grade Team*

The earth is full of goodness of the Lord. Psalm 33:5

Dear Church Congregation,

Thank you so much for the delicious lunch you provided for us this week! The opportunity to fellowship with our community is a special treat we look forward to each year. Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to be a blessing to us!

*Love in Christ
PLE Kindergarten Team*

What a blessing to be a part of such a supportive community! Our back-to-school luncheon was another reminder of your continued support of Pine Level Elementary School. Thanks for all you do!

*PLE Staff
2017-2018*

A heart-felt thank you to everyone that donated school supplies to our students. Than kindness and generosity is such a blessing to so many of our students, and our staff is truly grateful to you.

PLE Staff

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank each one of you for the many acts of kindness shown me and my family during my wife Faye's illness and recent passing.

*Sincerely,
Frankie Garner*

Dear PLMBC Members

Thank you so much for all the love, support, food, cards, encouragement and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I definitely feel your prayers as I heal more each day. You are such a blessing to me! I am very grateful to have such a supportive place to work and people I will call my friends for life.

*Love to you all!
Sincerely,
Debbie Teachey*