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Summer Camp

BY MARY DELL FLETCHER

Summer Camp 2017 is quickly coming to an end and we have had a great time! This summer we had 165 children enrolled and 75 to 80 children on campus each week. Vacation Bible School was a blast and all the kids loved learning that God made each of them with a purpose. Our field trips have been all over the upstate of South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina. We visited Table Rock, had camp Olympics, and even

celebrated Harry Potter's birthday. One of our favorite trips this summer was tubing in Helen, Georgia. As always, we look forward to our Summer Camp Prom, and the last few days of camp before summer ends.

We can't thank the church enough for all their prayers, words of encouragement, and support. After School is just around the corner and the

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August Calendar

6 SUNDAY

- ARBC CHILDREN: SKY ZONE (1:30-3:30)
- YOUTH GROUP (4:00)

9 WEDNESDAY

- BLUEGRASS & BBQ (6:00)

10 THURSDAY

- FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (5:00)

13 SUNDAY

- BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
- DEACONS MEETING (12:15)
- COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING (1:15)

17 THURSDAY

- ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETING (5:30)

20 SUNDAY

- PROMOTION SUNDAY
- BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
- YOUTH GROUP (4:00)

25 FRIDAY

- YOUTH COLOR WARS & LOCK-IN (6 PM-8 AM)

27 SUNDAY

- YOUTH GROUP (4:00)

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Those invested in the life of the church are constantly asking if there is any hope for its future. While some see nothing but decay, I am convinced that there are actually signs of life and hope for the future of the church all around us. The church is fueled by the Spirit of the Living God, who continues to breathe the breath of life into new experiences and expressions of the church every day. With that as our faith, there is always hope for the church's future.

When I had the opportunity to travel to Atlanta to take part in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's annual General Assembly, I was uplifted to see twenty-five young professionals featured during one of the morning sessions. Throughout the past year, CBF had identified twenty-five young professionals who were part of CBF partner churches, and who were making a difference in their community. It is part of their ongoing initiative to foster relationships and celebrate God's work among an emerging network of young Baptists.

The most uplifting part of the experience was recognizing that not one of these twenty-five young Baptists was a minister. That may sound strange coming from a pastor who is always concerned about whether or not new generations of clergy are being trained to lead our churches into a new day. It was uplifting because one of the most difficult challenges the church has always had is instilling a sense of vocation, not only in the clergy, but within every believer.

We recognize that those who preach, teach, counsel, and lead missions organizations as professional ministers are called out and equipped by the Holy Spirit for service. Too often, however, we forget the fact that the job of the members of the clergy is not to do the ministry of the church on behalf of the congregation, but to work alongside the Holy Spirit to equip the members of the church family to join in God's ministry wherever they find themselves every day. It was refreshing to see twenty-five young Baptists who have recognized the fact that their faith has an impact on every aspect of their lives, including their career.

I wonder if we at ARBC have done a good enough job of ensuring that everyone within our family of faith not only feels a deep sense of God's Spirit continuing the work of redemption, but also senses God's leadership in every aspect of their lives. I think of our teenagers who just came through an incredible Camp Unidiversity experience and the impact it will have on them as they prepare to start a new school year and remember that God is present in the classroom and in their studies. I think of our college students who are asking questions about what career field they might be interested in, and whether or not God can guide them to a place of fulfillment and impact for the good of the world. I think of those of all ages who may be in the midst of a career transition, or continuing to live out their lives beyond a career.

Have we done enough to support each other in listening for God's voice calling us to live into a sense of purpose and vocation for the good of God's world? It is one of the most crucial callings of our church. Let's work for it together.

Peace,

Rev. W. Mattison King

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cool weather along with the new season will be greeted with a smile. We look forward to connecting children with Mrs. Bridget and the youth to keep the fun times going.

A special thanks to my summer staff, Pastor Matt, Mrs. Bridget, Mrs. Brenda, Miss Laura, and Mr. Cordell. You all make things so much better! God bless!



Please Remember in Prayer

- *Wilma Hare and the entire family of Dr. Marion Hare. Dr. Hare passed away on Monday, July 10.*
- *Dorothy Kaufman has been moved to Magnolia Manor. She is being evaluated for rehab and further evaluation.*
 - *Mary Frances Johnson had knee replacement surgery on July 26th at St. Francis Eastside.*
 - *John DeWitt has been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis.*
- *Barbara Dill's daughter-in-law, Stephanie, is having hip replacement surgery; infection in initial replacement, having to remove and re-replace.*
 - *Michael Delaney, Barbara Hawkins' brother had surgery for colon cancer on July 12th.*
 - *Mildred West has a lower back fracture and is still at home, but has a lot of pain.*
- *Carroll Clark, sister of Mary McGee and Johnny Ashmore, has been diagnosed with cancer.*
 - *Melodye Putman is now at home and receiving out-patient therapy.*
 - *Hank Johnson (Floride Carter's son-in-law) fell and broke his hip.*

John Brown (Jean Page's nephew), Florence Brady (Kelby Beezer's mother), Rachel Jackson (Jordon Beasley's grandmother), Katie Farmer (niece of John Brady), Edith Stephens (Jean Page's sister), Gary Romanstine's son-in-law's father (Darrell Cummings)

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for your many acts of love and care during Tom's illness and death. Tom loved ARBC and enjoyed serving alongside his church family. Your prayers, sweet cards and words of encouragement and comfort helped us get through many difficult days. We especially appreciate the Bereavement Team providing our family with a nice dinner. It was exactly what we needed as we gathered together at our home. I am thankful to know that Tom is no longer in pain but is with our Lord and Savior and is now whole. Please continue to pray for our family as we face the days ahead without him.

In Christ,
 Janet Holliday

To ARBC Congregation,
 Thank you for the prayers, cards, and e-mails during the illness and death of my daughter, Dianne Bailey. I am grateful for having such a loving church family. Thank you for all your support.

-Teddie Gault

Bereavement Committee,
 I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each one that was involved in preparing the wonderful meal for my family and friends after my son Jason's service. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

Blessings to all,
 Linda Lister



August Birthdays

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Mark Peebles | 18 Mira Eubanks |
| 3 McClain Beeks | 18 Tate Zeigler |
| 3 Grason Beeks | 19 Tim Johnson |
| 7 Catherine Fayssoux | 21 Mike Taylor |
| 16 John DeWitt | 26 Coy Lewis |
| 16 Clara Kuzma | 28 Marvin Wilkie |
| 17 Emily Meyers | 29 Bill Estes |
| 17 Hunter Phillips | 31 Valerie Kahler |
| 18 Barry Combs | |

Weekly Contributions

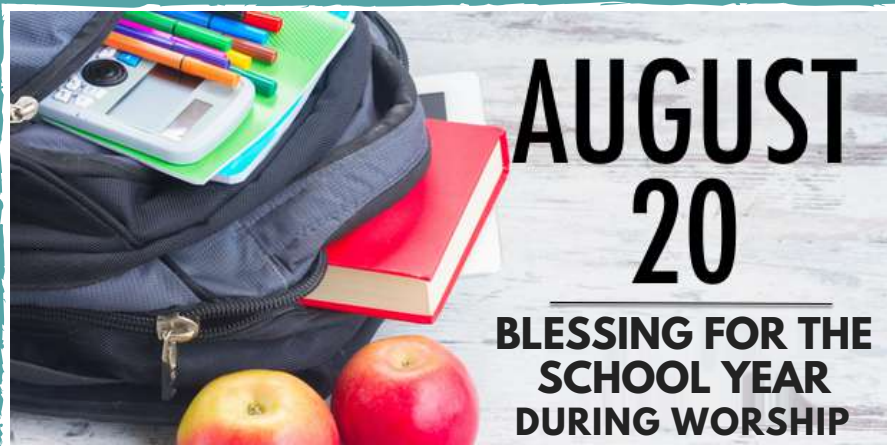
JULY 2	\$14, 633.00
JULY 9	\$10, 297.67
JULY 16	\$7,262.80
JULY 23	\$4, 660.00
JULY 30	\$4, 205.00

AVG. WEEKLY GIVING:
 \$8, 211.69

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 am - 5 pm
Friday
9 am - 12 pm

BLUEGRASS And BBQ

Wednesday, August 9 • 6:00 pm

FREE Admission

LIVE MUSIC • BBQ • HOT DOGS •
INFLATABLES • GAMES

