

THE VOICE

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APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP

Our 2019 Appalachia Mission Trip is planned for August 3-9, 2019. We have partnered with Praying Pelicans Missions to help facilitate our experience and are excited for a meaningful week of service together. All ages are invited to participate in this trip! We will be working in a town somewhere in the Appalachia (destination will be decided based upon the abilities of our workers and the type of work that we will be doing). It is our goal to keep the trip below \$250 per person, while the anticipated cost will be around \$450 per person. There will be fundraising opportunities in which participants will be asked to attend/work. In addition to this, we hope to offer scholarships/financial assistance as needed.

If you missed the first informational meeting, interest and commitment forms are available in the church office. Please turn in the forms and pay the \$50 deposit ASAP if you plan to go.



CHILI COOK-OFF AND DESSERT BAKE-OFF



Mark your calendars for our first **mission trip fundraiser!** On Sunday, January 27 we are having a chili cook-off and dessert bake-off. Enter your famous chili recipe or one of your amazing desserts, and help us raise money for our Appalachia Mission Trip. Anyone can enter! You will have the chance to vote for your favorite chili and dessert, and prizes will be awarded to the chefs who receive the most votes.

Let the church office know if you would like to enter.

JANUARY CALENDAR

6 SUNDAY

- Coffee & Donuts (9:30 am)
- Youth Group (3:00 pm)

9 WEDNESDAY

- Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)
- Handbell Rehearsal (4:45 pm)
- Wednesday Dinner (5:30 pm)
- ARBC at Play (6:15 pm)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:15 pm)

10 THURSDAY

- Friendly Neighbors (11:30 am)
- Finance Team (5:00 pm)

13 SUNDAY

- Deacons Meeting (9:45 am)
- Coordinating Council (12:15 pm)
- Youth Group (3:00 pm)

16 WEDNESDAY

- Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)
- Handbell Rehearsal (4:45 pm)
- ARBC On Mission (6:15 pm)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:15 pm)

17 THURSDAY

- Administrative Team (5:30 pm)

20 SUNDAY

- Youth Group (3:00 pm)

23 WEDNESDAY

- Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)
- Handbell Rehearsal (4:45 pm)
- ARBC Around the Table (6:00 pm)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:15 pm)

27 SUNDAY

- Youth Group (3:00 pm)
- Mission Trip Fundraiser (5:30 pm)

30 WEDNESDAY

- Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)
- Handbell Rehearsal (4:45 pm)
- Wednesday Dinner (5:30 pm)
- ARBC In Formation (6:15 pm)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:15 pm)

For a full listing of ARBC news and events, please visit our website at www.arbc.com or **download our church app.**

Please remember in prayer...

- Floride Carter, recovering from time in ICU at Greenville Memorial
- John Wheeler, son of Harry and Shirley Wheeler, recovering at home after retina surgery
- Cindy Hammett, Ellen League's daughter, malignant tumor on her liver
- Mary Frances Johnson, complications from knee replacement surgery
 - Anna Henderson, fractured pelvis

Ongoing Concerns:

- Jim Imbrogno, Michele Durham's brother-in-law, continued heart problems associated with dialysis
 - Barbara Flowers' brother, congestive heart failure
 - Richard, Teddy Gault's son, has a spot on his lung
 - Russell Gabala, Mary Gabala's brother, heart issues
- Matthew Fletcher, Mary Dell Fletcher's husband, military service

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RESUME JANUARY, 9

JANUARY 9: ARBC AT PLAY
FELLOWSHIP EVENT, DINNER PROVIDED

JANUARY 16: ARBC ON MISSION
OUT IN THE COMMUNITY; BRING DINNER OR EAT BEFOREHAND

JANUARY 23: ARBC AROUND THE TABLE
DINNER OUT

JANUARY 30: ARBC IN FORMATION
FAITH TALKS/BIBLE STUDY; DINNER PROVIDED



Want to set an intention in 2019 of being more dedicated to reading the scriptures? Try the daily readings that come from the Revised Common Lectionary. This is a three-year cycle with readings assigned for each day that compliment the passages used in many churches on Sundays throughout the liturgical church year. Each day comes with at least three readings. You can read them all at once, or spread them out throughout the day to keep your spiritual focus. Readings from Thursday-Saturday help prepare the reader for what will be read and preached the following Sunday. Readings from Monday-Wednesday help the reader reflect on what they heard in worship. You will now be able to receive notifications each morning for that day's readings. A link will be provided to these readings that comes as a generous service of Vanderbilt Divinity School. May you be blessed throughout the year with a deeply enriching study of the scriptures.

To receive the daily scripture reading notification:

1. Tap the MORE tab on the home screen at the bottom (iOS) or top (Android) and select Choose Your Notifications. 2. Check the option for 'Daily Scripture Reading'.

Happy New Year!

Many of us have made New Year's Resolutions or set goals. It's a natural time for us to think about change and personal growth. If you are in worship with us this Sunday you will even receive a Star Word (a special word that you will be given to focus on in the upcoming year). If you and your family cannot be with us and would like a word, you can still get one by contacting me. As we look ahead to the 2019 year, what are your goals for your family's faith formation? What are ways that ARBC can help assist your family on this journey? If you have specific needs or interests, please let us know. It's going to be an exciting year ahead at ARBC.

I recently heard about a wonderful tradition that I'd love to invite you to participate in, a memory jar. If you are anything like me, you might find yourself forgetting some of the wonderful things that happen in your family throughout the course of the year. A memory jar is a simple container that you place somewhere in your home that is easy to access. When something happens that you want to remember (maybe it is an exciting achievement, or a funny moment, or a special time on vacation), write it down on a slip of paper and put it in the jar. On December 31, 2019 take some time as a family to sit down and relive the special moments together. Even if children cannot write, they can let you know when they want to add a memory to the jar and you can record it for them. Maybe this will become a tradition that your family does every year that helps foster great conversations and gratefulness for the many wonderful things that can happen over the course of a year.

Grace and Peace,
Bridget

YOUTH

Youth Group Dates for January

January 6, January 13, January 20, January 27

We now meet at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoons

CHILDREN

We are excited about the changes we are making to our Wednesday night activities. Children and their families are invited to join us!

1/9 ARBC At Play

1/16 ARBC On Mission

1/23 ARBC Around the Table

1/30 ARBC In Formation

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the letters of support and encouragement written by the children of Augusta Road to our church congregation. We appreciate all your prayers and support. Many of our families in our congregation and in our community are still recovering and repairing from Hurricane Florence. Thank you for sharing His love...especially this season.

-Kelly Brinson

Director of Children at FBC New Bern, NC

Thank you to everyone who participated, attended, and volunteered their time and talents at our Live Nativity and One Starry Night event! It was a great night opening our campus to the community and welcoming our After School families to ARBC.

You can watch the Live Nativity performance on our church app, YouTube channel, or on the ARBC website.



I was recently thinking about the opportunities that come with the beginning of another year. I was thinking about how much I love to set goals, and how difficult it is to focus on goals that are not only attainable, but that will actually help me to live the entire year to the fullest. In the midst of those thoughts I came across this prayer that had been adapted from one offered by the renowned eighteenth century preacher, Jonathan Edwards.

Lord God Almighty, I understand that I am unable to do anything without your help, so I ask you to enable me by your grace to fulfill your will.

Give me grace to do whatever brings most glory and honor to you, pleasure and profit to me, and life and love to others.

Help me to number my days, spending my time wisely, living my life with all my might while I still have breath.

Humble me in the knowledge that I am chief of sinners; when I hear of the sins of others, help me to not look upon them with pride, but to look upon myself with shame, confessing my own sins to you.

When I go through difficulties and trials, remind me of the pains of hell from which you have already delivered me.

Place people in my path who need my help, and give me a compassionate and generous spirit.

Fill my heart with such love that I would never do anything out of a spirit of revenge, nor lose my temper with those around me. Hold my tongue when I am tempted to speak evil of others.

Thank you for the gospel and for the hope of glory. Help me to live in light of these truths every day of my life, so that when the time of my death arrives, I will rest assuredly in you, and you will be most glorified in me.

*In Christ's name... **Amen.****

I can't think of a more appropriate prayer for you at the beginning of 2019. My prayer is that you would start the year with the goal of living each day to the fullest. But as you do, strive not for the cheap and easy instant gratification that leads to deeper greed and selfishness. Strive for the things that will give you the truest and longest lasting sense of fulfillment and the greatest sense of abundance in Christ.

As encompassed in the prayer above, may each day bring you new understanding of God's presence and action in your life. May God's will for you be undeniably clear. May you work as hard as you can to bring God glory by bringing life to others.

May you know the pleasures of working in partnership with God for the good of the world. May you learn as much as you can this year, but even more than that may you gain deeper wisdom of God's world and ways through the knowledge that you pursue. In a world that constantly judges and snipes at those who are different, may you find compassion for those who need it, because you have recognized compassion's power in your life.

No matter how hard this year gets, may you remember the gift of the grace of Christ, and the promises of salvation. May you always remember that you are not alone, but you have a God and a community of faith that loves you. May you be so filled with love that everything else falls away. May you live in the light of the good news of Christ, sharing it with all those you meet.

Those are worthy prayers for us all as another year begins. They are goals worthy of our time and energy this year. Let's spend the year pursuing them together.

Peace,

Rev. W. Mattison King



Weekly Contributions

DECEMBER 2	\$11,369.20
DECEMBER 9*	-----
DECEMBER 16	\$10,910.00
DECEMBER 23	\$8,666.00
DECEMBER 30	\$12,054.00

*services cancelled due to inclement weather

AVG. WEEKLY GIVING: \$10,749.80

WEEKLY NEED: \$6,913.60

MONTHLY NEED: \$34,583.00

January Birthdays

3 David McCarter	15 Alissa Smith
3 Kristy Rushing	16 Mary Frances Johnson
6 Hunter Coan	17 Jackie Daniel
6 Cameron Coan	18 Helen Carter
7 Dennis Eubanks	18 Anita Collins
7 Sara Massey	23 Kelli Kirksey
10 Sandra Crain	25 Susan Zeigler
11 Austin Eady	26 Sandi Coan
12 Dustin McFalls	28 Emilie Geib
	30 Kate Geib

Memorials and Honorariums for 4th Quarter
October, November, December

In Memory of Billie Clark
Mildred West
Ned and Jean Page
Floride Carter
Robin and Andre LaCroix

In Memory of Evalyn Carter
Mildred West
Royce Carter
Robin and Andre LaCroix

In Memory of Elsie Brown
Mildred West
Ned and Jean Page
Robin and Andre LaCroix

In Memory of Tom Holiday
Mildred West

In Memory of Harold Cox
Mildred West
Ned and Jean Page
Gladys Thompson
Billie Pearson
Floride Carter
Robin and Andre LaCroix

In Memory of Melvin Pearson
Billie Pearson

In Memory of Dale Rogers
Mildred West
Linda Lister
Ned and Jean Page
Joyce Wright
Lou Nell and Craig Eady
Mary McGee
Ed and Susan Zeigler
Mark and Jane Young
Janet Holliday
Sandra Canpbell
Floride Carter
Kay and Ray Patrick
Robin and Andre LaCroix

In Memory of Patti McCarter
Floride Carter
Robin and Andre LaCroix
Gerald and Phyllis
Duchinski
Ed and Susan Zeigler
Mike and Stephanie Taylor
Tina Milsap
Janet Holliday
Sara and Gene Massey
ARBC Choir
Carroll and Clista LeGrand
JoAnn Watkins
Royce Carter
Linda Lister
Barbara Dill
Ned and Jean Page

In Honor of The Kings
Will and Cynthia Webster

In Honor of Harper Griggs
Jane Harrison

In Memory of Carol Gallitzen
Mildred West
Robin and Andre LaCroix

In Honor of ARBC Ministry Team
Hank, Pat, and David
Sutherland

In Memory of Dorothy Kaufman
Mildred West
Floride Carter
Robin and Andre LaCroix

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE @ ARBC

Sundays

9:45 AM - Bible Study for All Ages

11:00 AM - Worship

3:00 PM - Youth Group

Wednesdays

12:00 PM - Noon Bible Study

5:30 PM - Wednesday Night Activities

Stay up to date with events and activities by downloading the ARBC app, available in the Apple and Google Play Store.

Church Staff

Rev. W. Mattison King, *Senior Pastor*

Dr. Barry L. Combs, *Minister of Music*

Rev. Bridget Kokolis, *Minister to Families*

Laura Walker, *Communications Assistant*

Jane Harrison, *Church Pianist*

Rev. Clinton Flowers, *Organist*

Cordell Golden, *Custodian*

WCEP Staff

Phyllis Duchinski, *Director*

Preschool Education Program

Mary Dell Fletcher, *Director*

After School Program

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