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I am always proud to say that I am the pastor of Augusta Road Baptist Church. During the month of June I have been as proud as ever to say that I serve alongside a congregation that feels called to the mission of God

and responds in impactful ways. Take just a moment to think about the things our congregation has done throughout this past month, and see if you do not agree.

Our congregation was asked to support the work of Pendleton Place for Children and Families, an organization serving members of our community in foster care situations trying to carve out a different path and a brighter future. This month they will officially launch a new initiative, the Youth Resource Center. On June 9 we heard from Jed Dews, Pendleton Place's Executive Director, as he talked about how important this center will be for supporting homeless teenagers in our community. They are often overlooked and forgotten. They need a safe and secure place to come, rest, receive supportive services, and be pointed in the right direction. Since they are homeless they also need a place to wash their clothes and themselves. We did what we could at this point. We collected towels, washcloths, laundry detergent, bleach, and dryer sheets. Our break room has smelled fresh the entire time we have been collecting these items, as they have spilled out into the main office area. I cannot wait to make the delivery trip to Pendleton Place. Your support will go farther than you can imagine.

While we were collecting material goods to support Pendleton Place, we were also collecting a missions offering to support our summer mission trip to Appalachia. We needed money to offer scholarships to some of our participants to ensure they could join us. We also needed your support in collecting money for the supplies we will need to complete the project we have been assigned. You gave generously, and within a few short weeks we were able to meet our goals. That is something to be celebrated. I know that many of you are unable to go on the mission trip, but wish you could. Your financial support will ensure we are able to have an impact beyond our city, even if we cannot all be together in one place. Please add your prayers to the gifts you have already given to support our mission trip participants. They will need them as they prepare to share the love of Christ to those who need it.

Finally, I was most proud of your willingness to step out on faith to take our VBS down the road to Shemwood Crossing Apartments. I remember how excited Bridget and I were at the prospect of a missional VBS, and the opportunity to partner with Pastor Alfred Johnson and Greenville Church Without Walls to serve an under resourced neighborhood in our community. It was different, and doing something different is always risky. It was more than worth the risk. The community invited us in and embraced us. We shared the stories of our faith in word and action. The children with whom we worked responded with kindness, and lifted us with their sense of joy and boundless energy. Our eyes were opened. Our fears were put to rest. We were exposed to people with whom we do not normally interact. We learned and grew together. We got even more out of it than we gave. That is what is so great about these missional experiences. As we partner with one another and the Holy Spirit we grow beyond anything we thought imaginable.

JUNE CALENDAR

3 WEDNESDAY -Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:00 am) -Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)

7 SUNDAY -Coffee & Donuts (9:30 am)

10 WEDNESDAY -Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)

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

14 SUNDAY
-Deacons Meeting (9:15 am)
-Coordinating Council (12:15 pm)

15 MONDAY-Administrative Team Meeting (5:30 pm)

16 TUESDAY -Children to Camp Prism

17 WEDNESDAY -Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm) -Choir Rehearsal (7:15 pm)

22 MONDAY -Youth to Unidiversity

24 WEDNESDAY -Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)

31 WEDNESDAY -Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)

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



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



It is our tradition at this time of the year to collect school supplies for students in the Greenville community.

Suggested items:

loose leaf notebook paper, pencils, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, marble composition notebooks, 1-inch binders, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, crayons, glue sticks, ziploc bags, white copy paper, and backpacks

Donations can be dropped off in the church office. We will collect items during the entire month of July.

The ARBC Summer Camp kicked off at the beginning of June with an awesome group of campers! The group has gone on several field trips including Table Rock, Big Air, and the Greenville and Riverbanks Zoo. We are praying for each child and leader of this awesome program within our ARBC family. Here's to continuing a great summer!



News from our Minister to Families

This month we had a special opportunity to host Vacation Bible School in partnership with Greenville Church Without Walls in the Shemwood Crossing Apartment complex. It was a really good week. We had over eighty children join us as we played games, did crafts, explored science, and focused on Isaiah 43:2: When you walk through the waters, I will be with you.

To each volunteer that offered their gifts and their time, we are so thankful! Thank you to our parents who shared their kids with us this week. To ARBC kids who tried something new, practiced being a good neighbor, and helped us to have fun; thank you! We are also very grateful for all those who were not able to join us, but prayed over the week.

Grace and Peace, Bridget



July 22-27 Open to those who've finished 6th-12th grade

Maryville College in Knoxville, TN



July 16-19 Open to those who've finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade

Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC

SAVE THE DATE! Children and Youth



Sunday, August 25 12:00 pm



We need several more volunteers for worship care to serve once every five weeks. Please let Bridget know if you are able to help.



Volunteers who can sew are needed to help make some fabric finger labyrinths for our worship bags. If you would be willing to help with this project, please contact Bridget.

Senior Adults

Weekly Contributions

JUNE 2	\$9,502.00
JUNE 9	\$6,190.20
JUNE 16	\$8,200.40
JUNE 23	\$9,845.93
JUNE 30	\$7,200.00

AVG. WEEKLY GIVING: \$8,187.71 WEEKLY NEED: \$7,723.97 MONTHLY NEED: \$30,927.56

THANK YOU:

Dear ARBC Family

Thank you so much for the drop-in held in my honor on Sunday, June 2.

Thanks to the Hospitality Team for the delicious food and to Ed Zeigler for the beautiful flowers on the tables.

For the cards, gifts, and kind words- I thank *you so much!*

-Phyllis Duchinski



July Birthdays

10	Jimmy	Johnson
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- 10 Billie Pearson
- 16 Layla Kirksey 17 Evan LaCroix
 - 19 Dean Kaufman
- Chip Howard 11
- 12 Brooks Brady
- 12 Al Smith
- 21 Matt Areford
- 15 Jake Dill
- 22 Will Webster
- 13 William LaCroix 26 Shirley Wheeler
 - 31 Erin Eady

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I am truly proud to serve alongside you for the sake of God's kingdom in this world. We are the best church we can be when we take what we have experienced in Christ and share it with the world. Thank you for your willingness to respond in such impactful ways. I sincerely pray that this missional spirit will continue to be the key driving force behind our future ministry together.

Peace,

Rev. W. Mattison King

WELCOME TO ARBC!



We welcome George and Joyce Hunter as the newest members of ARBC! George and Joyce officially joined our church family on Sunday, June 23.

Deacon Recommendations

Deacon Recommendation Forms are now available. Forms will be online and in each Order of Worship for the next few Sundays. Please return paper forms to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Vacation Bible School



Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials and Honorariums for 2nd Quarter April, May, and June

In Memory of Rex Carter Floride Carter

In Honor of Anne Kirby Joann Glenn S.S. Class Tina Milsap

In Honor of Anna Henderson Joann Glenn S.S. Class **In Honor of Linda Lister** Mary McGee

In Honor of Carroll and Anne Kirby Barbara Dill

In Memory of Naomi Ridge Hank and Pat Sutherland

In Memory of Clyde Ellison Tina Milsap Ned and Jean Page Hank and Pat Sutherland Floride Carter Jim McCarter Nurturing Bible Study Class Gene and Sara Massey Wendel Watkins S.S. Class Charles and Catherine Fayssoux Joyce Wright **Janet Holliday** JoAnn Watkins **Royce** Carter Carroll and Clista LeGrand Ed and Susan Zeigler **Teresa Brady**

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HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Wednesday, July 3 (at Panera)





FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS Thursday, July 11

CAMP PRISM (CHILDREN) July 16-19

UNIDIVERSITY (YOUTH) July 22-27

Church Staff

Rev. W. Mattison King, *Senior Pastor* Dr. Barry L. Combs, *Minister of Music* Rev. Bridget Kokolis, *Minister to Families* Laura Walker, *Ministry Assistant* Jane Harrison, *Church Pianist* Rev. Clinton Flowers, *Organist* Cordell Golden, *Custodian*

WCEP Staff

Mandy Anderson, Director *Preschool Education Program*

Mary Dell Fletcher, Director After School Program

