

**WARNING:  
BLOOD CRISIS**



**NATION'S BLOOD SUPPLY:  
CRITICALLY LOW!**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, July 17  
1:00pm - 6:00pm**

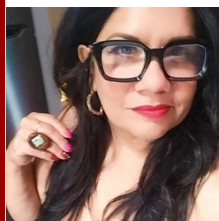
**Ministry Activity Center**

Call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.



**CONVERSATIONS WITH STORYTELLERS**

**Thursday, July 11**



children's book, Mucho Mucho.



Send your prayer requests via email to [joyce@fbcwaynesville.org](mailto:joyce@fbcwaynesville.org)

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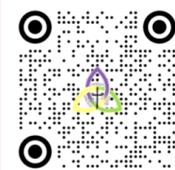
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**MISSION & VISION**

**MISSION** - To make disciples, united in worship and service.  
**VISION** - To embody Christ, loving all people and introducing them to the God we love.

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**July 2024**

*Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5:00pm; Friday - 8:30am - 12:30pm*



**THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!** →

**Hey Kids!**

(4 years old - 5th grade)

Join us on a cosmic quest where you'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. STELLAR Vacation Bible School will rocket you on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.



**WHEN?** Wednesdays - July 10, 17, 24, 31  
**TIME?** 6:00pm - 8:00pm

*We will have an Open House on Sunday, July 7, 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Children & parents can meet group leaders at the Open House. Parents are invited to attend on July 31 for a short program and dinner.*

*MANY volunteers are needed! Please let **Seth** know that you will help out with this HUGE community outreach effort.*



Pastor Chacha & Mary

**Pray for the Mission Trip to Kenya**

Continue to pray for Kenya and our team. Though school is back in session, many are still dealing with the effects of devastating flooding. We are looking forward to seeing our friends again as well as seeing the mighty work of God in Kenya.

**Dates:** August 2-17, 2024

**Team:** Tom and Shirley Smith, Faith Woods, Lisa Fleenor, Johnathan Sumner, Nina Atwood

**Work plans:** Lead and teach churches how to put on VBS. Working with Gauchui Church as well as churches in Pastor Chacha's home region in Southern Kenya.



**From Dr. Prince...**

July promises to be another month of great outreach and mission opportunities! On July 4, we're partnering with Downtown Waynesville in their "Stars and Stripes Celebration." As has become our tradition, we plan to serve free water and ice cream to the families who participate in the Children's Bicycle Parade. Plan to join us that morning to help in this great "For Haywood" opportunity! Watch for details on when to arrive that morning!

Vacation Bible School is always a great activity, and this year we're trying something new. Our sessions will be on four successive Wednesday evenings beginning on July 10. You can do four things to help with VBS this year.

First, **pray**. Pray the Lord will use us to show Christ's love to the children and families of our community.

Second, **volunteer**. We need all kinds of helpers. Contact Seth Wright and let him know how you can help.

Third, **invite**. Invite all children you know to participate.

Fourth, **give**. Give generous financial gifts so we can have the resources to reach families!

In July, we also plan to begin to have discussions about entering the "Helping Churches Thrive" effort. A few weeks ago, Andy Hale from CBFNC shared with us about this emphasis. In this effort, we'll focus on six key characteristics of thriving churches:

- Committed to authentic community.
- Flexible
- Collaborate as partners locally and globally
- Cultivate leaders
- Intergenerational
- Being Formed

To participate in this effort, we'll need to form a team of at least 8 church members that will commit to training at a retreat in September. Team members will need to commit to being part of a video conference once a month with other churches going through the same process. We'll also need to commit to devoting one worship service a month to one of the characteristics listed above, along to having one general church dialog each month.

It's been about 13 years since we had our coaching process with Eddie Hammett, so this would be a good time to think and pray about developing our church's health.

See you Sunday!

*Robert*

**From "The Loft"...**

*Watch What You Say...*

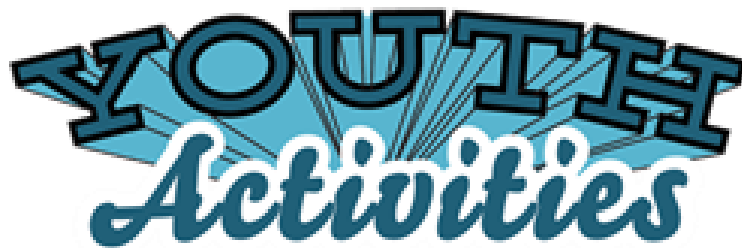
You may have noticed some new language coming from the pulpit on Sundays. Recently, I have made the effort to say, **Please rise in body or in spirit**, at the times when the congregation typically stands. I first heard this invitation at a conference where one of the foci was the church and serving people suffering from any impairment or disability. I was struck by how just a slight change in verbiage opens who is invited to worship. Indeed, all are welcome in worship, but not everyone has the ability to stand on Sundays, and some may not have the emotional strength to rise. Asking them to stand can be insensitive to their needs. Their very presence is worship enough on those days.

Another phrase that I have offered nearly every week is the closing words, **Go in Peace and Serve our Lord**. I heard this every Sunday of my undergraduate career. Spending a lot of time in the Lutheran church during that season, this phrase became a regular part of my worship language. The pastor would always say, **Go in Peace and Serve our Lord**. The Lutheran church reminds their congregations that as they leave their place of worship, they are entering the mission field. As they exit the "safety" of the sanctuary, they are also sent out with the peace that only God and provide. It's subtle, but it is a constant reminder that we do not enter the world alone or without purpose.

Our worship words are meaningful, powerful statements that remind us and the world of who we are and whose we are. A mentor of mine said often, "say what you mean, and mean what you say."

A reminder to the choristers or anyone else interested, that during the month of July our Adult choir will meet at **9:15am on Sundays in the choir room**. This allows us to serve during VBS and maintain our choir during this exciting time of ministry and outreach.

*Johnathan*



**Sunday, July 28  
6:00pm**

*Contact Seth for details.*

**Praying together...**

**OUR RECENT CONCERNS**

**We offer prayers for:**

Those who are grieving...

Those who are ill or have recently been hospitalized and/or have had surgery and other medical treatment...  
*David Eavenson*

Those who have recently given birth...  
*Madison Caldwell (Judah Michael)*

Our pastors, staff, and those in leadership positions...

Our church finances...

Those who are poor and are oppressed, those who are unemployed and those who are destitute, those who are suffering in any way; those in prison and those who are captive, and all those who remember and care for them...

Peace in our lives and the world...  
*especially an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine; an end to the gang violence in Haiti; and a peaceful end to the conflict in the Middle East.*

**Notes of thanks...**

*"Dear FBC Waynesville Church Family, Sending heartfelt thanks to you for your continued love and financial support. These funds help us to provide summer camp in a safe space for working parents, food on tables, and to build a community where everyone is welcome." Thank you, Lin & Pigeon Center Staff*

*"Thank you for your recent financial donation for our 'Where Needed Most'. Through your gift, you have joined us in creating Healthy, Stable, and Hunger-Free communities. You are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Again, thank you for joining in this important work of building thriving communities." Blake Hart Executive Director Haywood Christian Ministry*

*"Thank you all for your acts of kindness during the loss of my mother, Virginia Wallace." Kaye Matthews*

**Deacon of the Week - JULY Financial Report - MAY 2024**

**July 7:** Randi Boone  
**July 14:** Brian Woods  
**July 21:** Stephen Atwood  
**July 28:** Cory Causby

**MINISTRY RESOURCE PLAN (MRP)**

MRP Receipts Needed (YTD): \$258,949.38  
MRP Offering Received (YTD): \$185,591.79  
Total MRP Receipts (YTD): \$192,113.37

Date	Worship	Sunday School
05/05	132	119
05/12	135	89
05/19	142	106
05/26	130	93

*A Gift from Hilda Ryan*



Hilda Ryan recorded a number of her favorite hymn arrangements on our beautiful Steinway with Ben Fleenor's excellent engineering assistance.

She would like to share a CD with you as a GIFT and will have copies out on the table just outside the gym for several weeks.

If you listen to music on STREAMING PLATFORMS there is a card on that table to help you find the music.

Again, she wants you to have a copy as her gift to you. If you want multiple copies, see Hilda.

**Haywood Pathways Center**  
**Monday, July 8 - 4:30pm**  
**Sanctuary Choir**



**Regina Donlin**  
**July 21**



**Judah Michael Caldwell**  
**Born - June 12, 2024**  
7 lbs. 14 oz.  
21½ in.

Proud Parents:  
Madison & Tristan Caldwell



**Joyce Brooks**  
**16 years - July 16**

**Johnathan Sumner**  
**1 year - July 16**