



SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 7th	World Communion Sunday
October 14th	Dr. David Whiteman will preach
October 21st	Dr. Howell will preach a sermon from Ecclesiastes
October 28th	Reformation Sunday (Wear Red!)

**DR. MICHAEL BLACKWELL
and
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Due to Hurricane Florence, Dr. Blackwell's visit had to be postponed. The new date for his visit is November 18th.

Our church has a long and dedicated history with Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Dr. Michael C. Blackwell is celebrating his 35th year as President of BCHNC: a remarkable legacy! We are privileged to have Dr. Blackwell visit our church on Sunday, November 18th. We'll also have two very special guests from the past!

To honor Dr. Blackwell for his outstanding service, we want to receive a special offering for the Children's Home. Kennedy Home was damaged by the floods, so this offering will meet a critical need. Please make checks payable to the church designated for Baptist Children's Homes.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 7th is World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate with communion during the morning service.

ANNIVERSARY

This month, Jean Ashley will celebrate 35 years with the Martha Best Children's Center. We are grateful for her faithful service to the MBCC and First Baptist Church.

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time, once again, to begin collecting items for the annual Shoebox Project. This year the boxes are already folded with a brochure inside giving full instructions for packing. Shoeboxes are available in the Fellowship Hall, the Church Office and the Vestibule. Deadline for turning them in is Wednesday, November 14th. If you have questions or need help packing, contact Barbara Epley at 336-249-1331.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
PROCESSING OPPORTUNITY**

For many years, members of our church have gone to the Charlotte Processing Center in the fall to help organize the shoeboxes of goodies that arrive there from all over the U.S. The shoeboxes are then sent to countries throughout the world to be distributed to needy children. In 2017, we were disappointed that the Center completed its work before we could get there to help. This year we have another opportunity to do this work in Charlotte. We are limited to 17 participants, so we urge you to sign up for this activity right away. If there are more than 17 who want to work, we will start a waiting list in case someone has to drop out.

Charlotte Processing Center

Friday, December 7th

Leave our bus parking lot at noon.

(Eat before you come)

Work from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m..

Eat dinner in Charlotte, returning around 8:00 p.m.

Limited to 17 people

Sign up with Judy LeCroy, 336-249-3766 or

jlecroy@triad.rr.com

EXTENDED SESSION

DATE	BED BABIES	2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
Oct 7	M/M Brian Lancaster (336) 238-3046	M/M Dale Lambeth (336) 752-2083
Oct 14	Libby Foster (336) 238-1441 Courtney Foster	M/M Thomas Jolly (336) 746-5034
Oct 21	M/M Don Watson (336) 237-1293	M/M Dave Thornhill (336) 249-2115
Oct 28	M/M Richard Baxley(336) 243-1856	M/M Zak Young(336) 746-4451
Nov 4	Donna Routh (336) 249-2350 Wendy Walker (336) 236-6301	Wendy Skotthy (336) 224-0035 Alyson Honeycutt (704) 433-0656 Grace Upton

FINANCIAL UPDATE

August

Budget Received: \$51,505.16

Expenses: \$ 51,738.27

Deficit: \$ 233.11

Year to Date

2018 Projected Budget: \$717,837.00

Budget Received: \$ 382,858.61

Expenses: \$ 408,131.32

Shortage: \$ 25,272.71

Weekly Budget Required: \$17,567.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE

This month, the Budget Committee is meeting to formulate the 2019 church operating budget. Please be in prayer for them as they work on this important task.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

The BackPack Program continues to need your support. As of September 25th, we have identified 32 students with food insecurity. These children arrive to school each morning truly hungry. They gobble their breakfast and lunch and ask for more. The bag of food these children take home each weekend helps insure they will have food over the weekend. My office continues to receive referrals each week. Please support these children with monetary gifts and the following food items: canned pasta with protein, chicken noodle soup, Raman Noodles, applesauce cups, fruit cups, pudding cups and pop tarts. I am grateful for each donation.

Fondly,
Julia Dunn

INTIMATIONS IN THE NIGHT: THE SOUL'S CALL TO RETURN HOME

Dr. Michael Conforti, founder of the Assisi Institute, will be speaking at Grace Episcopal Church November 9th and 10th. Contact Grace Episcopal Church for more information and tickets.

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