

The Current

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Keith's Korner...

Walmart and the Early Church

When I was pastor at First Baptist Rural Hall (north of Winston-Salem), Walmart would often come up in casual conversation and work its way into sermon illustrations from time to time. The church was a couple of miles up the road from the store, so seeing other church family there was a common occurrence. When Walmart worked its way into a sermon, the illustration would resonate with those in the congregation. I may have preached a sermon on anger and spoke about controlling your temper in the parking lot, or I may have been preaching on prayer and referenced prayer concerns shared with me while shopping in the frozen food section. Whether a Walmart in Winston or Shelby, shopping there can certainly create a story or two to share with others; shopping late at night has really proven to be an interesting experience.

Imagine with me for a moment a church where its members and its leaders are a lot like those in Walmart. Let me explain. If you go to Walmart you've seen people who look, live and speak very differently from one another. Some who come in are very educated, and others struggle to read signs and labels on the products they are buying. A few are dressed nicely, most are dressed comfortably and some you may wonder why they are wearing that in a public place. A number come with friends and family and seem to enjoy the experience, while others come by themselves and really do not like the thought of being around so many people. We have those from different parts of town, different economic levels, various cultural backgrounds, and all come with a different perspective and view on politics and life.

Now, can you imagine taking this diverse group of several hundred people and have them work together on a very important project that does not have a plan B if they fail? I envision some conflict, frustration, and a whole lot of misunderstandings. One good word to describe this would be chaos!! If this group functioned as a team, it would be bumpy and very brief.

As we have been looking at Acts on Sunday mornings and studying more about the first century church, how did several hundred (then 3,000 - 5,000) radically different people accomplish the complicated and time-consuming project of taking Jesus' story into all the world? What kept them going? What did they do when hard times hit? What is it that those first Christians had that seems to be lacking in many believers today? Peter, Paul and a handful of other spiritual giants are mentioned throughout Acts but let us not forget that a whole lot of ordinary people, filled with the Holy Spirit, took the message of Christ to the "ends of the earth."

As we continue with our **Empowered** sermon series on Acts, remember that God is still taking remarkably ordinary individuals and working in and through them to advance the Kingdom. I/we have much to learn from Acts and I hope you will be with us on Sundays as we continue to learn and grow together.

Charles Swindoll writes, "No other book in the Bible underscores the richness of the history of the church better than Acts. And no other book affirms more clearly its God given power to persevere. Although the church may be comparatively small in number, no remnant was ever more sure of its destiny."

Special thanks to Julie Daves, Allana Bryson and all our VBS teachers and workers for another great VBS!



*"But you shall receive power
when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you;
and you shall be
my witnesses in Jerusalem
and in all Judea and
Samaria and to the
end of the earth."
Acts 1:8*



Pastor Keith's July Sermon Topics:

- July 2 - Civil Disobedience,**
Acts 4:13-22
- July 9 - Strength to Face
Difficult Situations,**
Acts 6 & 7
selected verses
- July 16 - Scattered Church,**
Acts 8
selected verses
- July 23 - Youth Sunday**
- July 30 - An Amazing
U-Turn,**
Acts 9
selected verses

*You're Welcome to
Join Us!*

ALL INVITED!

We are taking a trip to view the

RON RASH EXHIBIT: *More Than a Southern Author*

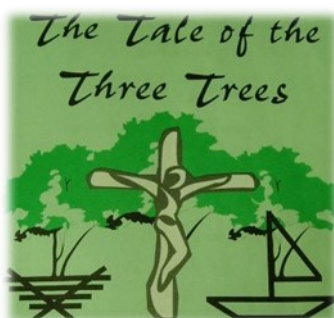
at USC, Columbia on Thursday, July 20.

Ron was raised in our area and is the son of Sue Rash.



Church Bus Drivers Needed:

If you have a Class B or C CDL license with passenger endorsement, or you are willing to obtain this to assist in driving the church bus please let Pastor Keith or one of our staff know ASAP.



M A D Camp Music - Art - Drama Children Grades 1-6

August 7-10, 2017

9:00-1:00pm

Concert: August 13

During Morning Worship of Children's Day

This year's M.A.D. Camp will revolve around the production of the musical "The Tale of the Three Trees."

We will incorporate music, art and drama each day as we prepare to perform the musical in worship on Sunday, August 13, as a part of Children's Day.

From our Associate Pastor for Music & Adults... Candy Wilson

Dear Friends,

As I write this article I am making preparations to attend Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska in the beautiful WNC mountains (aka my growing-up stomping grounds). Attending this week of worship, music-making, and absorbing the beauty of God's creation is always a highlight of my summer. It gives me a chance to refresh, re-group, and renew. As a result, I hope to be charged with energy and enthusiasm to make plans for the Fall and the upcoming church year for the Music Ministry of Boiling Springs Baptist Church. There will be daily worship services, rehearsals, seminars, reading sessions, and concerts. It is a week not to be missed by those serving in music ministry!

I believe it is imperative for ministers to have regular opportunities for continuing education and I so appreciate that BSBC supports that and is willing to grant me the opportunity to attend this and other times of continuing education. Thank you for all the love, support, encouragement, and friendship that you have already extended to Dick and me. Next time you see me, feel free to ask me about the week I spent at Lake Junaluska. I promise I will try not to talk about it ad infinitum....

In God's service with you,
Candy



Preschool and Children...

"Praise the Lord, everything He has created, everywhere in His Kingdom. As for me—I, too will praise the Lord. Psalm 103:22

God in his goodness does so many things that we often take for granted. One thing we might not think about is how the world looks to a two or three-year-old child. "Messy" night was a time that showed just how much fun and excitement a young child can experience. Watching the children's sense of fun and wonderment makes one want to use a childlike word---WOW! Could the marvelous feeling I felt watching and listening to the children be anything like God feels when he creates a child!

God is so gracious to give us these children, our children, and the many children who grace our church not just on Sunday but every day of the week. These children look to us for direction and love! Take a moment and hug one, say hello, and they will give their love back! Our church is blessed with children whose hearts are open for our love!

In the Bible, God promises to give us everything we need. Thank you, God, for the blessings you have given us.

Miss Ellen



Pre-K Pals in July:

JULY 6 "The Three Little Pigs" 10:30am in LEC (floor seating) In conjunction with Ruby C. Hunt YMCA

JULY 11 Pedaling Power 5:00-6:30pm in the LEC Bring your Big Wheels and let's race and play!

Grades 1-6 Activities:

JULY 6 Live Production of "The Three Little Pigs" with Ruby C. Hunt YMCA. Play starts: 10:30am in LEC (floor seating) BSBC Children Gr. 1-6 go to eat lunch after and return to church at 2:00

JULY 12 9:00-2:00pm Praise! Paint! Pizza! Activities at Picnic Shelter, then on to Jamin' J's for lunch

A Message from Our Youth Minister...

Summer is in full swing. Many of you may be frequent visitors of the beach, mountains, or some sort of vacation destination for the next month or so. With summer comes a lot of travelling for vacation, mission trips, camps, or family visits. Travelling can be a fun and busy part of our summer. If you don't travel much, you will probably have a lot more free time than usual, especially for you students and teachers. Regardless of either of these summer lifestyles, you may have a lot more down-time in the month of July, whether it's in the car, on vacation, or in the comfort of your home. What we choose to do with our down-time is so important.

I will admit that I'm not the most active or productive person in the world, especially when school is out. I enjoy my down-time and I enjoy relaxation, therefore, I am in no way encouraging you to not relax or enjoy your summer. However, with more free time, comes more possibilities to spend time with God. Perhaps we can talk more with God, read more, or simply reflect on our relationship with Him. My challenge for all of us is that we may be people who have a desire for God during the summer and in every season of our lives.

Here are a few events and dates to be aware of for our youth:

July 1: Youth trip to Carowinds. The youth are heading to Carowinds on Saturday July 1. We will be leaving the church at 9 AM. We will pack lunches to eat in the park and be home before dinner around 6 PM. We need chaperones and youth to go! If you're interested, please let Alan or Mary know.

July 17-22: Camp Caswell. The youth will be going to Oak Island, NC to Camp Caswell for this week. We leave Monday morning and arrive back home on Saturday afternoon. We are currently taking 34 youth and 7 adult chaperones to camp this year. Please be in prayer for the whole group as we seek God's Spirit and seek to grow closer as a group. **We are accepting donations of snacks and water! We can never have too much of that stuff!** Donations can be mailed to the office or items left in the lobby outside of the sanctuary or outside/inside of Alan's office.

July 23: This will be youth Sunday. The youth will be leading in worship service that morning and sharing about their week at camp as well as our mission trip in June. We hope you will join us for this special Sunday!

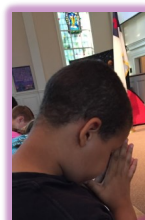
Special Fundraiser: The youth have started a special fundraiser on Sunday, June 25, that will last through Wednesday July 12. We are selling discount cards for local businesses in the Boiling Springs and Shelby area. The cards are \$20 each and the money raised goes towards the youth trip to Caswell or any trip the rest of the year. If you would like to purchase a card, you can call the church office or let Alan or Mary know. You can also speak with a youth and they will sell them to you. Thank you for your help!

We appreciate your prayers and support of our youth ministry in a busy summer!

With love,
Mary and Alan Newcomb



CONGRATULATIONS to our
Youth Softball Team!
They are the 2017 Dover Foundation
YMCA Youth Church Softball
CHAMPIONS



THANK YOU



VBS FUN!



**...to all who
made it possible!**

Notes...

Congratulations to Jay & Jamie Washburn on the May 31 birth of a daughter, Claire Jayne Washburn. Congratulations to big sister, Ella, to grandparents, Harry & Sherwin Washburn and to great-grandparents, Eugene & Betty Washburn.

Congratulations to Ben & Allison Stroud Faulkenberry on the June 20 birth of a daughter, Isabelle "Izzi" Grace Faulkenberry. Congratulations to grandparents Sherri Stroud and Allen Stroud.

I want to thank everyone for the cards, text messages, phone calls and food during my recovery from back surgery.

To be a part of a loving church family means the world to me. I love all of you and just want to thank you for your concerns.
Lynn Sarratt

Dear Church Members,

Words are totally inadequate to express my gratitude for all the love and support I have received over the past two plus years of Bud's declining health and his death. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring body of Christ.

I find great comfort in knowing Bud is now whole again, and he now knows me. Not only does he now sit at the feet of Jesus, but he sits there with Heather.

What a comfort!

Lovingly,
Barbara Greene

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your "Family Life Center" for our "Empty Tummy" food ministry fundraiser.

Thanks for giving to the Lord. Thank you for being so kind to a sister church.

May God Bless,
Joy Turner
"Empty Tummy" - Calvary Baptist



New books have arrived for children and teens and are ready for check-out!

Children will enjoy; GOOD GOOD FATHER / Tomlin, ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL / Alexander, YOU ARE SPECIAL / Lucado, THE LORD'S PRAYER / Warren. Four Veggie Tales DVD's are; Jonah, Esther, The story of the prodigal son, and Sheerluck holmes. Teens will enjoy; TIM TEBOW, THROUGH MY EYES, LET'S BE REAL / Bure, JESUS SPEAKS TO TEENS / Bethany House, E-MAILS FROM GOD / Cloninger. DVD's are; 1000 to 1 (story of basketball star Cory Weissman) and For the glory (story of Olympic soccer star Kurt Kuykendall.)

Dear Keith & Members,

Thank you so much for all you did for Barbara and our family during this celebration time for Bud. The prayers, visits, food, flowers, memorials and hugs were all a true gift to us. You truly are the hands and feet of Jesus.

As many of you know, I live in MS and am not able to be there with her but I want to thank you in advance for helping her as she finds a new normal. She will have hard days ahead but I rest in knowing that God has put each of you in her life for such a time as this! For this I am very thankful.

Blessings, Linda Melton

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the warm welcome, the kind words and generous support you showered on me this past Sunday. Your faithful prayers and support of my ministry in Shelby are always a source of encouragement.

God is using our partnership to transform young lives and I'm looking forward to seeing additional fruit in the years to come.

God bless you abundantly.

Cecelia Beck

The church family is invited to a "Baby Boy" Shower For Eric & Brittany Lail on July 9, 2017 from 2:00-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Babies R Us.

Financial Information for June

June 4	\$14,469.00
June 11	\$ 8,295.00
June 18	\$ 6,818.26
June 25	\$ 8,547.00

Basic Weekly Budget Needs
\$11,823.32

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to

...the families of

Charlotte Koch

Rocky Mankins

Husband of
Sandy Hastings Mankins
(Daughter of Betty Hastings)

Ruby C. Hunt

Grandmother of Jim Martin

Leroy (Bud) Leonhardt

Uncle of Pam Nolen

Don Harrison

Husband of Jan, Father of
Jennifer H. Bedford

JULY NURSERY

July 2

Cliff & Gail Hamrick
Ben & Anna McDaniel

July 9

Donny & Catherine Hastings

July 16

Anna Whitaker, Diane Rabon,
June Evans

July 23

Sam & Darlene Hamrick

July 30

Austin & Catie Stitzel

Sanctuary Flowers

JULY

July 2, 16 - Reserved

July 9, 23, 30 - OPEN

WELCOME COMMITTEE JULY

Reginald & Barbara Dawkins
(North side of building)

Tommy & Connie Greene
(South side of building)

Happy Birthday

TO OUR JULY 80's AND OVER

Rose Blackburn.....July 08

Barbara Dawkins.....July 11

Rhea Lamb.....July 14

Bud Hamrick.....July 18

Clyde Bowen..... July 30

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Attendance for June

June 04.....165

June 11.....177

June 18.....156

June 25.....142

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reminders through text,
text BSBC to 95577

Forms are available in
sanctuary vestibule and outside
church office to register to
receive emails and texts from
the church.

Remember

Your July Monthly

Food Closet Donations!!

Summer Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Morning Worship

Tuesday

11:00AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday

5:15 PM C.A.R.E. Teams
5:30 PM Youth Bible Study
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
NO Sanctuary Choir

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Newsletter Information

All information for this monthly publication needs to be submitted by the **20th of each month**. This will give the church office time to both publish and mail the newsletter, with the goal of it arriving in mail boxes before the 1st of each month.

THANK YOU to all who help get the
Current Publication ready for mailing
each month. Your service is greatly
appreciated!

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REGULAR SUNDAY
(*SPECIAL Activities listed on Calendar*)

8:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Prayer in Prayer Room
9:15 Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 Men's Bible Study
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Morning Worship

REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
(*SPECIAL Activities listed on Calendar*)

5:30-7:00 Youth
6:00-7:00 Prayer Meeting in Lighthouse
NO Sanctuary Choir

NO FELLOWSHIP MEALS DURING JULY

<div> <div>REGULAR SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY</div> <div>JULY 2017</div> <div>ACTIVITIES Listed in Sidebar to LEFT</div> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00 Youth to Carowinds
2 REGULAR Sunday Activities	3 9:00 Youth Prayer Breakfast	4 OFFICE CLOSED No Youth Morning Kick-off	5 6:00 Prayer Meeting NO Youth	6 10:30 "The Three Little Pigs" in LEC Grades 1-6 Lunch with "Miss" Ellen 9:00-2:00 Youth Terrific Thursday 5:15 C Team (CARE)	7	8
9 2:00 Youth/Parent Mtg. for Caswell 2:00-3:30 Baby Shower- FH Reserved	10 9:00 Youth Prayer Breakfast 6:00 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Deacons' Mtg	11 9:00 Youth Morning Kick-off 11:00 Staff Meeting 5-6:30 Pre-K Pals: Pedaling Power 5:30 Founders Day Meeting 7:00 Youth/Parent Mtg. for Caswell 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 9-2:00 Grades 1-6 Praise! Paint! Pizza! 5:15 A Team (CARE) 5:30-7 Youth 6:00 Prayer Meeting NO Sanctuary Choir	13 9:00-2:00 Youth Terrific Thursday 10:00 Library Club	14	15
16	17 Youth to Caswell 6:30 Evangelism Cmt.	18 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 5:15 R Team (CARE) 6:00 Prayer Meeting NO Sanctuary Choir	20 Church to visit Ron Rash Exhibit at USC, Columbia	21	22 Youth return from Caswell
23 YOUTH SUNDAY 9:00 Missions Cmt ----- 30	24 9:00 Yth Prayer Brk. ----- 31 9:00 Yth Prayer Brk Pastor Keith to GWU seminar July 31 – Aug. 2.	25 9:00 Yth Moring Kick-off 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 E Team (CARE) 5:30-7 Youth 6:00 Prayer Meeting NO Sanctuary Choir	27 9:00-2:00 Youth Terrific Thursday	28	29

**IT'S SUMMERTIME!!! HAVE FUN!!! COME TO CHURCH WHEN YOU'RE IN TOWN!!
REMEMBER TO GIVE YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS!**