

# SEPTEMBER

## 2021



In the September 15 business meeting, please come prepared to elect one member to serve as deacon to fill a vacant spot for the 2021-2022 church year.

Also, messengers will be elected in the September business meeting to attend the annual CBA meeting October 19 at Bethel Baptist Church in Hertford. Anyone wishing to volunteer as messenger should contact the church prior to September 15. We are entitled to 6 messengers.

The NC Baptist State Convention annual meeting will be on November 8-9 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. We are entitled to six messengers. This meeting is open to all NC Baptists, but voting will be limited to registered messengers in attendance who have been elected by their churches. If you would like to volunteer as messenger, please contact the church office prior to the October 20 business meeting.

### Edenton Chowan Food Pantry Collection

Twice this month my backseat and trunk were stuffed to the brim with food pantry donations from our church family. Hearts are full of compassion for others in need. We have a new and different focus for **SEPTEMBER: PASTA SAUCE**

Families serving families in His name. Thank you,  
-Becky McArthur, food pantry representative

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MBC Office Hours  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Senior Pastor.....Chris Gravning  
Associate Pastor of Families.....Chris Lindsey  
Deacon Chairman.....Mathew Simons  
Co-Music Directors.....Carolyn Smithwick & Phil Huey  
Secretary.....Rachel Gregory  
Custodian.....Joyce Jack

We welcome new  
members to MBC!  
Elizabeth Huey and Evan  
Layton who joined 8-1-21  
by profession of faith.



One of the most encouraging things that I have been able to witness and be a part of this year is the baptism of some of our children and teenagers. I want to spend some time telling you the significance of such an event in the life of the church.

Sometimes in church life, we often think of salvations and baptisms as more exciting if they come from "outside" of the church. And of course, those are very exciting times, to see our neighbors, friends, and co-workers come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior, to see someone in the throes of destructive sin to be graciously saved. But one of the most beautiful things in God's kingdom is watching boys and girls grow up in their families and learn of Jesus through the discipling of their parents and the local church. This is evidence that the family is doing as God called them to do, raising their children in the admonition of the Lord and making sure they are involved in the church, eventually becoming a part of the body of Christ themselves. Though it may not be "turned away from a really bad lifestyle" conversion, it is still just as important and wonderful. Because whether we are lost in the destructive patterns of major sin or deceiving ourselves to believe that my little sins don't deserve the wrath of God, it's God's working on the heart of every person to show that *every person needs salvation, regardless of background and regardless of what kind of sin it is*. These children and teenagers needed Jesus just as much as anyone else, just as much as one caught up in drugs, alcohol, or criminal activity.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* – **Romans 3:23**

So, let's continue to celebrate these wonderful moments in the church, and may it continue to inspire us to carry out that Great Commission to *go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*. Your kids, grandchildren, and great grandchildren need the Gospel, so let it be preached and lived in our homes. It should also continue in the church body and through our ministries. And let us be the church outside the walls of the building we meet in. We are called to reach **all people**, regardless of background and sin, with the Gospel!

- Pastor Chris



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### MBC Family wishes HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who were born in September!

1 Becky McArthur 2 Bill Bond, Daniel Jones  
3 Nikki Hall 4 Andrew Bass, Wade Byrum, Dawn Farmer, Eddy Goodwin, Robert Young  
5 Curtis Byrum Sr. 6 Dot Berryman 10 Ruth Lane 11 Jeremy Forehand  
12 Jean Hollowell 17 Joyce Ann Tarkenton 18 Madison Griffin, Dallas Hufton  
19 Emily Griffin, Megan White Jones, Tammy Woodley 20 Gary Farmer, Jr.  
21 Emma Ainsley, Blake Holmes 22 Stefanie Norman 23 Kristen Jones, Kirsten J. Taylor  
26 Jackie Dixon, Lori Goodwin (Eddy's wife), Kristy Jack 27 Lynn Forehand, Mackenzie Belch Smith, Sarah Williams 28 Brandon Griffin, Dot Titus 30 Cooper Forehand



**Sept. 12** - Discipleship Training Classes start—Sundays at 6:00 pm, Deacons Meeting 7:15 pm

**Sept. 15** - Helen Mitchell Bible Study at MBC at 1:00 pm, Business Meeting 7:30 pm

**Sept. 18** - MBC's Men's Ministry Serve Saturday at Camp Cale 8:00 am. CBA Association Training Day at Berea Baptist Church, Elizabeth City 9:00 am–1:00 pm

**Sept. 20** - Discovery Bible Study Widows Dinner. October Newsletter information due.

## Thank You

We would like to thank you for the cards, calls, texts, and prayers during Jim's surgery. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as he still faces some issues. **Thank you, Jim & Janet Resesp**

Thank you for sharing in the celebration of mom's life. Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and prayers have carried us through this difficult time. **-Family of Sarah Waff - 2 Corinthians 1:2-4**

Dear Church Family, Words cannot express our gratitude for the love and support we have received during Megan's illness. Thank you for the meals, gift cards, cards, calls, and prayers. Your prayers mean so much as we travel this journey. May God Richly Bless each of you. **-Love, Lonnie & Cindy Coker & Family**

**We will resume Church Council Meetings on a regular quarterly basis as outlined in our by-laws. These meetings will be on the second Sunday of each new quarter (unless otherwise stated) at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary beginning on Sunday, October 10 2021.**

**Who is on the Church Council?** Pastor, officers (deacons or deacon representatives, clerk, and treasurer), program directors (Youth Director, CIA Director, Children's Church director, Sunday School Director, Music Director) and committee chairmen.

*In celebration of the upcoming wedding ceremony between Kayli Thomas and Kaz Goodwin, you are cordially invited to meet and "shower" the couple on October 3, 2021 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.*

*The couple is registered at Byrum's Gift Shop and online at theknot.com.*

Sunday Evening Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed! We are in need of at least two volunteers who would be willing to be helpers in our children's ministries on Sunday nights. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this capacity within the church body. Remember, every person is called to serve the Lord as a member of the body of Christ, and this may be exactly where God is calling you to serve! Please see Rana Layton, Pastor Chris Lindsey, or Pastor Chris Gravning if you are willing to serve.

**MBC Men's Ministry Serve Saturday** We invite the men and any of our teenage boys to join us on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Camp Cale in Hertford for an opportunity to serve one of our great ministries of the Chowan Baptist Association by helping them clear some areas of land at the camp. We will meet at Camp Cale and enjoy a quick breakfast and devotion together, and then get to work! If you would like to catch a ride to the camp and not have to drive, please meet at the church promptly by no later than 7:15am. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the offices or in the vestibule so we can have a good idea of numbers to expect. Also, if you have a chainsaw, please bring that with you as it will be needed to work on the tree trunks. Any other tools you may have to help with brush and trees will also be very helpful.

The Discovery Bible Study Group would like to invite all widows in our church to join us for dinner and a time of fellowship on Monday, Sept. 20. If you would like to go, please contact Terry Hardison by Sunday, September 12. We will pick you up and take you home. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you.

### Deacons of the Week:

3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Goodwin  
Matthew Simons

10<sup>th</sup> Phil Huey  
(To Be Determined)

17<sup>th</sup> Tom Bass  
Heath Hughes

24<sup>th</sup> Elmer Overton  
Joey Byrum

31<sup>st</sup> G. Mike Jones  
Mike Layton