

The Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of North East

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Dear church family,
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. These last few months, I have been examining our core beliefs in a sermon series I call "Back to the Basics." On July 16 we began by taking a close look at our church's mission purpose statement in my sermon, "Why Are We Here?"



"The purpose of this church is to cultivate a visible, unified, community of committed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit so that; souls may be saved; saints be edified in the Christian faith and prepared for the service of our Lord; and people everywhere may receive the tidings of God's grace as seen in the shed blood of Calvary—to the ultimate end that God will be glorified (Matthew 28: 19-20; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 4: 12:13).

We must all be working together to these ends. Everything that we do and all of the resources we expend must be in line with these purposes. If it is not, then we need to rethink and change what we are doing or stop doing it. I believe God is pleased when we are careful in these ways. This is the reason, for instance, that we don't conduct bazaars and bake sales, or raffles and bingo.

The next number of sermons looked in depth at our church's articles of faith. We began with the foundational belief in the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God. It is interesting that this even comes before what we believe about God. The reason for that is because if we don't have a reliable source of revelation from God; we can't be sure of anything else.

I spent a number of sermons on our beliefs regarding the trinity. Simply stated, "We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead, but that they are one in substance." I encourage you to go to our church's website (fbcne.org) and listen to any of these sermons you may have missed or want to hear again. We have even included the power point presentations. I especially encourage you to listen to the sermons, "Jesus is Truly God" (June 4, 18, 25). Every Christian should be able to give an answer to anyone who asks concerning the hope that we have (1 Peter 3:15). We also printed up a bulletin insert with the three key reasons we know that Jesus is God, (Cont on pg 2)

UNITED
IN
PRAYER

State Missions Offering

As a church, we joined with many other churches throughout Maryland & Delaware, and participated in the "Week of Prayer" from September 10-17, 2017. That week has concluded, but we're still working towards our church goal.

State Goal: \$150,000

**OUR CHURCH GOAL:
\$1,000**

**Amount received to
date: \$411**





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cal Glace
- 2 Olivia Clough
Zachary Lotman
- 3 Craig Hammond
Kurt Hudler
Michelle Osborne
- 4 Helen Mash
- 5 Evelyn Moore
Tammy Milburn
- 7 Gabriel Lopez
Autumn Orr
- 8 Fred Orr
- 9 Haley Bibey
Ski Sklodowski
- 10 Nancy Brasefield
Ralph Veasey, Jr.
- 11 Paula Johnson
- 12 Addison Blades
Ken Henry
Greg Walker
Julia Weicksel
- 13 Gail Hook
Jimmy Hall
- 14 Abigail Jackson
- 15 Dottie McCleary
- 17 Raymond Barbacano
- 18 Jason Forino
- 19 Elizabeth Barker
Danny Clemons, Jr.
Cory Culver
Nicole Shores
Ryan Wagner
- 22 Robert Hendrix, III
- 25 Gregory Osborne
Nathan Porch
- 26 Sheena Buckland
- 28 Jim Adkins
- 29 Tasha (Lawrence)
Whiteman
- 30 Mary Ramsey



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Garrett & Shelly Preisch
- 6 Ronald & Paula Johnson
- 9 Fred & Autumn Orr
- 19 Jordan & Sunny Grant
Lilburn (Lib) & Iva
Lewis
- 31 Tim & Kathy Glace

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and it is still available at our free literature table in the education wing. Those three reasons are...

1. The names of Christ
2. The works done by Jesus
3. The attributes accorded to Jesus


Also included are the appropriate scripture texts to back up each point.

Most recently we looked at Salvation, the Security of the Believer, The Devil, Miracles, and The Physical Creation. I will be concluding with an examination of The Family. In these days when so many in our society are redefining marriage to suit their sinful desires, we are staying true to God's Word. This particular doctrine is even dividing nearly all of what used to be called "the mainline denominations." As these liberal groups have denied the authority of the Bible, they now sanction homosexual and lesbian relationships in their churches and even in their pulpits! You can write "ICABOD" (the glory has departed), over their doors. God-fearing Christians are making a mass exodus from these groups

to other churches like ours that aren't afraid to stand up for what we believe God says.

If you are interested in joining our fellowship, I will be offering a new members class this fall. We will begin Sunday October 8th during our 9:30 Sunday School hour, in Room 9 near the side entrance of the education wing. The class will go for about a month and I encourage any of you who may be interested to attend.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve 

Pastor Stephen D. Hokuf

**Please note:
The Cecil County
Pregnancy Center's
Annual Banquet has
been postponed until
the spring!**

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An electronic version of our newsletter is available on our website as a pdf file and may be emailed to you upon request. It will be emailed to you instead of a mailed, printed copy.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9:20am: Breakfast Communion Sunday	2	3 10:30am: Ministers' & Wives' fellowship @ Calvary Baptist Church	4	5	6	7
8 9:30am: New Members Class (Rm 9)	9	10	11 6:30pm: Prayer Mtg/Bible study Business Mtg (after prayer mtg.)	12	13	14
15 9:30am: New Members Class (Rm 9)	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30am: New Members Class (Rm 9)	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30am: New Members Class (Rm 9) 6pm: Barbara Sandbeck concert Deacons' Mtg (after 6pm service)	30	31	1	2	3	4

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. ~ Philippians 4:13



It's time to start thinking about and preparing to put together shoeboxes. Our church will once again be a drop off location for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. The dates and times of collection week are as follows:

Monday, November 13th-Saturday, November 18th from 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday, November 19th from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Monday, November 20th from 8:00am-12:00pm



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30a **WORSHIP**
 9:20a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)
 9:30a **Bible Study/Sunday School**
 10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
 6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**
 6p Youth Ministry Mtgs.

Tuesday

11a Worship Committee Mtg. (4th Tues)
 5:30p Praise & Worship Team Practice

Wednesday

6:30-7:30p Kids' Klub—grades 2-6
 6:30-7:30p **Prayer/Bible Study**
 BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday

10a Choir Practice
 11a Ladies' Prayer Time

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
 Weekly Average as of
 9/24/17(39 wks): **\$3,750.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,566.**

Budget Status: **\$7,155.**

PARKING LOT FUND
 received to date: **\$35,740.**

We have 3 revised parking lot
 fund goals: **\$20,000** (PTL);
\$30,000 (Glory to God);
\$47,745 (Hallelujah!).

Audio/Visual Fund: **\$536**
 received to date.

Average morning worship
 attendance: 9/3/17-
 9/24/17: **96**

