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National Day of PRAYER



**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

**The 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL
DAY OF PRAYER**

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

Florence Baptist Church 12:00 Noon



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Saturday, May 4, 2024
LEC Dining Room
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Glenda Hermansen
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Weekend Minister On Call

Daniel Selman - April 28-29
Tonya Garrison - May 4-5
John Harris - May 11-12

Deacon on Call:

Wednesday, Security 04/24;
Sunday, 04/28; **Brad Teague**

Wednesday, Security 05/01;
Sunday, 05/05;
John Mark Bennett

A Pioneer's Calling

See, I have given you this land go in and take possession of the Land the LORD swore he would give to your fathers – to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – and to their descendants after them. Deuteronomy 1:8

Pioneers are a special breed of people. They are born with an adventuring spirit. They want to discover new territory and expand our understanding of what can be done. But a pioneer's life is not easy. It is filled with danger and failure, for nothing is ever really gained without great risk. The story is told of the pioneer days in our country. A man was making his way west when he came to the Missouri River. It was winter and the ice covered the river from bank to bank. But how could the man be sure it would hold his weight? He knew people often drowned in that river when the ice broke. Yet, he had to cross. He walked out a little way, then gripped with fear he crawled on his hands and knees. He looked back and saw how far the bank was now behind him, and knew he would drown if the ice broke and the frigid water swallowed him up. To spread his weight even more, he lay out flat on his belly and slowly drew himself sliding across the river a few inches at time. All of a sudden from behind him he heard whistling. He whipped his head around and there he saw a big man, a farmer, walking across the ice leading a team of horses drawing a heavy wooden sleigh full of hay. He was smiling and whistling and tipped his hat. The timid man stood and brushed off the ice crystals and managed a sheepish smile. That old farmer had crossed the ice many times and knew it could be trusted.

Christians are a special breed of people. We are reborn with the power of the Holy Spirit calling us forward, into new territory. Our new territory is to take spiritual land – to expand our hearts – as we take the Gospel and our church to new lands. We are to be a people on mission for the good news was never meant to stay in the four walls of our church. We are Christian pioneers. One way you can be a Christian pioneer is to invite someone to church. On May 5, we will be holding an outreach event for our congregation where we will host a special guest, Billy Salyers from Redeemed Steel Ministries and Yellow Rose Forge. He will be in both services and have a special presentation that evening at 6:00 PM. Use this as an opportunity to invite someone to church who may not know the Lord.

SUNDAY, April 14, 2023

General Fund	\$12,860.50
LightShine / Bldg. Fund	\$1,357.50
Backpack	\$457.50
Annie Armstrong	\$200.00
Lottie Moon	\$30.00

IN MEMORY

Max Champion

Patsy Champion

Boyce Grindstaff

Patsy Champion, Shirley Hudson

IN HONOR

Susie Dycus

Helping Hands Class

Visitation Team

We are currently starting a visitation team to regularly visit our Homebound members and other sick members in our Florence family. We will be doing most of our visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact: Trudy Holland 828-429-1248 or Claudia Wilkins 828-289-4556.



As we welcome Ben & Erica Stogner and their family on May 5, 2024, we invite you to bring a card on Sunday morning to place in a basket to welcome them. If you would like, to place a gift in the card to help them get started in their new location. I'm sure they will be appreciate your kindness.



We would like to thank Florence Baptist Church for the wonderful hospitality and work to make this past weekend's NC Baptist on Mission training a success.



- 04/30 Emily Garrison, Alex Owens, Carl Parton
- 05/01 David Butler, Brandy Toms
- 05/02 Megan Bumgarner, Todd Norville, Bud Peyton, Landon Smith, Steele Walker
- 05/03 Andy Cobb, Payton James, Doris Jones
- 05/04 Carlee Arrowood, Harmon Fleetwood, Anthony Lynch



- 05/03 Shannon & Lyndi Forrest
- 05/04 Wes & Angie Smith

On the way home Sunday night, I wondered at the beautiful sky. The moon met me first shyly venturing out while the blue and pink cotton candy looking clouds floated all around. These blue and pink hues lingered on the right hand side of Bostic Sunshine Hwy yet golden hues of yellow and orange brilliantly lit the sky on the left hand side. Have you ever chased a sunset in hopes to catch it before it beds for the night? I do this often. Afraid I would miss it if I went all the way home, I cut over some streets to the left toward the sun. I couldn't catch the full view again but did happen upon the fog settling in.

I say all of this in total fascination of the beauty and design of God's handiwork. I am also thinking about chasing the sun.... Maybe we should chase the SON every day. Anticipating the beauty of each day and awaiting the wonder of His power in all settings.

Take time to soak in God's beautiful creation. Smell the roses, fly the kites, gaze at the budding green trees and grass, and look in the mirror at one of the most beautiful things He created: YOU.

Tonya

Your Invited
FLORENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 5TH 8:45 AM - 6:00 PM

BILLY SALYERS
 REDEEMED STEEL & YELLOW ROSE FORGE

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Important Meetings:

Camp Information

Sunday night April 28th is the next camp meeting. You will get important information and forms that your students will need to attend camp.

There will also be a meeting on June 2nd from 6:00-7:00 PM to ensure we have all of our paperwork done and are ready to go to camp on June 10th.

Graduate Sunday is May 19th!

If you have a student who is graduating and you want them recognized, please let John know as soon as you can so he can provide you with the information you will need.

Also, we need some folks to volunteer and help provide breakfast for all our students that Sunday as that is a celebratory day in the life of our student ministry. Please let John know if you would be willing to provide some breakfast items! We are still desperately looking for folks willing to help feed our group!

Camp Items we need donated:

During the month of May, we will be collecting:

- Bagged individual chips.
- Granola bars
- Pop tarts
- Breakfast bars
- Canned drinks (please no water bottles)
- Cups (disposable)
- Plates (dinner size only)

If you would like to donate any of these items, no matter the amount, please drop them off in the Loft!

Sunday Night Schedule

- April 28th- Camp 2024 meeting (if you came to the first, you don't need to attend this meeting)
- May 5th- Redeemed Steel Event
- May 12th- No church that night (Mother's Day)
- May 19th- Scoops!!!!
- May 26th- No Church (Memorial Day)
- June 2nd- Final Camp Meeting



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Or Current Resident

Church Activities

SUNDAY:

8:45 - First Light Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 - Bible Study for All ages
11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 PM G.L.O.W.
5:00 PM JR Glow, Youth Praise Band, Adult Handbells
5:45 PM Children and Youth Snack Supper
Adult Bible Study: Disciple University
6:00 PM Children, Youth Ministry Gatherings,

TUESDAY:

10:30 AM Bible Journaling

WEDNESDAY:

4:30 - Senior Adult Choir
5:00 - Staff Fellowship Supper Serving Time
5:15 - Choir Helpers Fellowship Supper Serving Time
5:30 - Fellowship Supper Serving Time
6:15 - 7:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Church Conference
6:30 - Youth Discipleship
7:00 - Children's Mission Groups
7:30 - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Nursery Volunteers

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:45 AM

Christy & Peyton Teague, Caleb & Caroline King
John & Emily Sain

11:00 AM

Josh & Sarah Harwood

5:45 PM

Gina Greene, Rosemari Holland, Ashton Owens,
Jamie Harris, Kaley Spurlin, Katie Squires



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