

The Proclaimer

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May, 2018

Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

There are several things that I want to highlight as we prepare for what God has in store for us during the month of May.

First of all, May 3rd is the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is **Pray for Unity in America**. The Scripture verse for this year is Ephesians 4:3; *"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."* As you know, our nation is deeply divided. But, we have been divided before, and God can bring us back together when we pray. Our local event will be held at noon at the Crossing Paths Park in Indian Trail. Please join us if you are able.

Secondly, our annual youth fish fry will be held this year on May 4th. This is not only an important event for our youth, it is an important event for our church and community. It is yet another opportunity for you to invite your friends to come to our church building and get to know us in an informal setting. Please pray that God will use this event for HIS glory.

Thirdly, on May 26th, seventeen of our churches will be coming together for a community event at Wingate Park. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS DAY.** We are responsible for the first aide booth. We need medically trained volunteers to help with this. We also need help staffing our Philadelphia Baptist booth. Please sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board.

Finally, on May 22nd, I will celebrate my 17th year as your pastor. When other pastors ask me how I have managed to stay in one place for so long, I always respond by saying, "It is a tribute to God's grace, and the patience of my congregation." I am so honored that our Father has allowed us to labor together for so many years, and I am hopeful that we will accomplish much more for HIS glory in the years to come. I am grateful to God for bringing us together, and I am grateful to you for your labor and your love.

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you.

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CASWELL YOUTH WEEK

July 16th-21st, 2018

The 2018 theme is “**RE-IMAGINE**” based on the teachings of Jesus that challenge us to re-imagine the kingdom of God.

Theme verse: Psalm 78:1-2

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old.

Cost \$150.00. See Jenks for details.

UNION COUNTY CHURCHES UNITED

DATE: May 26th **TIME:** Noon – 6:00 PM

Come out and worship together in song and praise.

Everything is FREE.

Gospel Singing, Food, Bouncy houses for children, games, and more!

Invite your friends!

17+ churches will be holding a community event at the Wingate Park from Noon until 6 PM. Volunteers are needed. **We especially need folks who can volunteer in the First Aid tent.** Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Sunday School office.

Golden Age

Everyone enjoyed a delicious hot breakfast at Beth's in Pageland on Tuesday, April 10th at 8:30 AM. We had 24 to attend our meeting.

Our devotion was on the folded napkin in Jesus' tomb. Scripture was in the gospel of John explaining the importance of the neatly folded napkin.

Prayer requests were mentioned and Kay Haigler led the group in prayer. We talked of our June meeting, touring the Billy Graham Library, Tuesday, June 12th, 2018. **Anyone in the church interested in going with our group, please feel free to join us for the trip.** Tony will drive our bus and I'm sure it will be a great time together. Please let me know if you'd like to join us!

Seniors, thank you for being faithful to our meetings! Teresa Eudy



Wake Forest Baptist Health
Mother's Day Offering
Week of Prayer ~ May 6-13

100% of gifts are a witness to Christ's love, helping patients with special needs pay their hospital bills. www.mothersdayoffering.org

Holly Beasley's story

While most high school seniors were enjoying their last weeks in school before graduation, Holly Beasley was struggling to breathe in Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. What had happened only two times in her life as a person with cystic fibrosis was now happening two to three times a year: hospitalizations for recurrent lung infections.

It was not a good time for more bills for the family, with Holly starting college, major home and vehicle repairs, and her father just getting back to work after two years. "My dad has always had to work overtime, and now he works out of town, so, I don't get to see him much," she explained. "I felt bad that it was because of me that they had to spend all that money on my hospitalization." "We felt defeated as parents," Holly's mother Vickie said. "Holly worked so hard, she did her part. We felt like we had failed her. Even with the disease, she got up at 5:30 a.m. to do her treatments, she made the grades, and we didn't have the money. We were frantic. We didn't have a clue what we were going to do."

Then the family received good news from the Mother's Day Offering. "Paying off that bill was huge," said Vickie. "When we got the call, I felt so thankful. I could feel the financial burden rolling off." Today, Holly is in college and focused on completing her studies and getting better. "Sometimes when you have a chronic illness, you can feel alone," she said. "This uplifted me and made me feel people are there for me." That's the real power of the Mother's Day Offering, Vickie believes. "Sometimes when you are in the depths of despair, you think nobody cares—even God. But He always shows up on time. Here we were wiped out, and He shows up through this offering and says, you don't have to do anything, I'll handle it. Things like this remind us what we are here to do. We are here to help each other, love each other and support each other."



AWANA CLOSING CEREMONY

DATE: Sunday, May 20th

TIME: 7:00 PM

NURSERY WORKERS

6th: Kaylee Duke & Lauren Duke

13th: Michelle Simpson & Emma Simpson

20th: Kaylee Duke and Lauren Duke

27th: Kelly Baker & Brooke Baker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

2 & 3 Year Olds

6th: Mary Katherine & Jenna Jenkins

13th: Tonya & Kerstyn Helms

20th: Jen Myers & Kay Haigler

27th: Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge

4 & 5 Year Olds

6th: Skyla Anderson & Luisa Price

13th: Jennifer & Amber Selby

20th: Mandy Mills & Whitney Jones

27th: Deborah Sullivan & Jenifer Helms

POP FUND

To our PBC Family, as you know, after 50 years of use, our parking lot and sidewalks are in need of repair. We believe this project will cost approximately \$80,000. The fund will be called POP (Pave Our Parking). There will be special envelopes for this project. Please give generously.

2018 Graduates

Please send in your graduate information to us through our church website at:

www.pbcmarshville.org

Click on Forms, then click on Graduate Form. Our Graduate Recognition will be on Sunday, June 10th.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

1-Kaley Fennell	18-Lauren Davis, Billie Lee, Billie Ann M. Lee
2-Jayla Rapp	19-Brooke Parker
3-Hunner Wallace	20-Richard Tucker
4-Esther Medlin, Tiffany Romanello	21-Jerry Atkinson, Melvin Woodward
5-Rick Benton, Caroline & Cora Rushing	22-Tyler McClain
8-Leah Ciucevich, Ralph Pope	23-Courtney Mabe
12-Katie Autry	25-Nellie Moore, Amber Robinson
13-James Knight, Roger Newland, Dallas Stanley	26-Christy Mabe, Mary Vaughn
14-Dillon McClain, Christa Rushing	27-Lisa Stutts
15-Joy Autry, Hunter Strawn	28-Cameron Vaughn
17-Shirley Helms	29-Lenore Day
	30-Jessica Speight



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS: SUNDAY, JUNE 24th - FRIDAY, JUNE 29th

**Get excited for
NEW CLASSES!**

Roger & Kristi Cox will teach the next Discipleship Training Class starting June 3rd.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Morning Worship;
5:30 PM Awana Meal; 6:00 PM AWANA, Youth, Adult Classes;
7:00 PM Evening Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth, GIC
(WMU on 1st Wednesday Night; Adult Bible Study on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
Wednesday Nights)

PBC Youth Group 8th Annual Fish Fry



Friday, May 4, 2018

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Flounder, Fries, Hush Puppies, Slaw
Lunch & Take Out \$8.00; Dine In \$10.00**

****All Proceeds Will Benefit the Youth Summer Events****

Lunch plates available for delivery by pre-order to businesses with an order of 15 or more plates.

Please contact **Lauren Davis** at 704-309-9895 to pre-place your lunch order by Monday, April 30th with a final plate count by Wednesday, May 2nd.



Sunday, May 13th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	2 WMU, Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ 7 PM	3 National Day of Prayer-Crossing Paths Park in Indian Trail	4 Youth FISH FRY 5-8 PM	5 FLC: Reserved
6 Regular Services	7 Ladies Bible Study 7 PM	8 Primary Election Day	9 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GA, RA, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ 7:00 PM	10 Union County Churches United Meeting-Wingate Park	11	12
13 Mother's Day <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> Mother's Day Offering Received No Evening Services	14	15	16 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA in FLC, RA, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ 7:00 PM	17	18 Men's Retreat at Fort Caswell 18 th -20 th	19 Men's Retreat at Fort Caswell 18 th -20 th FLC: Reserved
20 FLC: Reserved Church Conference Men's Retreat at Fort Caswell 18 th -20 th AWANA Closing Ceremony/Awards Night	21	22	16 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA in FLC, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ 7:00 PM	24	25	26 Union County Churches United Event at Wingate Park Noon-6 PM
27 Regular Services FLC: Reserved	28 Memorial Day. Office Closed.	29 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	30 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth in FLC, GIC 7:00 PM	31		

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REMINDER... we need to do
our part for the Backpack
Buddy Program which is Pop
Tarts and individual boxes of
cereal. Thank you!