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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

Each year, we look forward with great anticipation to September as first month of our new church year. People usually begin new ministry positions of leadership and service. We are challenged by a new budget. And we reflect on what has happened during the past year and promise to make this year better than the last.

But this year feels different. 2020 began with worries about killer hornets. Little did we know that they would be the least of our troubles. We moved from there into the COVID crisis, which has caused us to rethink how we do church life and our everyday life as well. While dealing with this, there were justifiable cries for racial justice that soon led to unjustifiable riots in the streets of several of our country's largest cities. As if that were not enough, then the natural disasters began. We had an earthquake, and as I write this, two hurricanes are set to give New Orleans a "left hook, then a right hook of trouble." In my 63 years of living, I have never seen a year quite like this one.

In the middle of it all, God has been faithful. And I am confident that *the* church and *our* church will come out of this stronger than before. These unprecedented events have caused us to learn new ways of doing ministry that will help us to reach people we might not have reached otherwise. I believe they have given us a newfound hunger for fellowship and Bible study that for too long had grown stale and unappreciated. And oh, what it has done for our prayer life! With the additional time away from work and school, and the uncertainty of the times, we have discovered that we are more dependent upon God than ever before.

So, where do we go from here? I am hopeful that soon we will gradually begin to add back our normal activities. We need to be in Sunday School. Our children need to be in AWANA, RA's, GA's and Mission Friends. We need the "shot in the arm" that Wednesday night Bible study gives. We long for the bonds of fellowship that are united around the church family table. But, we must do this in a way that will not imperil our most vulnerable members.

There are two events this month that I believe will help us begin this process. The first is on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Comedian Scott Davis will be here for a night of laughter and fellowship. If you feel comfortable doing so, please join us in the FLC for this event. Also, September 20<sup>th</sup> will be "Back to Church" Sunday. Please commit to being on the property that day, whether you attend in person, livestream in your car, or listen in the parking lot through the FM radio. These small steps will hopefully help us return to our "new normal."

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



***The Scott Davis Comedy Tour  
will be visiting us at PBC on  
September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.  
Please join us for a night of  
laughter and desserts.  
For more information about  
Scott Davis, please visit  
[www.ScottDavis.com](http://www.ScottDavis.com).  
A love offering will be received.***

Scott Davis received Christ at the age of sixteen on July 10, 1979. He is a graduate of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia where he attended on a full scholarship for traveling with the Light Singers. While working toward his degree in cross-cultural studies, Scott traveled across the U.S. and to ten foreign countries. Scott's ministry has continued in the U.S. and abroad since his graduation in 1984. He has taken the gospel of Christ personally and via television to hundreds of thousands of people. He has appeared on Mark Lowry's videos and has written comedy for Mark while under contract with Word Records. For a year, Scott appeared weekly on the national television show, "The Mark & Kathy Show," with Mark Lowry and Kathy Troccoli. Along with his weekly appearances, he has been a guest on numerous religious and secular radio and television broadcasts, including an appearance with comedian Dennis Swanberg on "Swan's Place." Today, Scott conducts "GET REAL" national conferences with the nations top speakers and musicians. He also presents music and comedy concert events called "Hope Through Hilarity," which are extremely conducive to inviting the lost and unchurched. Among others, the ministry of Scott Davis is recommended by Dr. Charles Stanley, Mike Tait of dcTalk, Mark Hall of Casting Crowns, comedian Mark Lowry, and Phil Newberry of Bellevue Church in Memphis.

# Backpack BUDDIES

*Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.*

## **Backpack Buddies Breakfast Items**

Our church's responsibility is to provide breakfast items (individual boxes of cereal, grits and pop-tarts) for 20 backpacks every week. Please drop off in the FLC while we are meeting there, Sanctuary vestibule (when we begin meeting in there again) or in Pastor Carroll's office. Thank you.

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**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**September 20, 2020**



## **AWANA 2020 – 2021**

It is that time again to start thinking about our AWANA Club nights. The leaders are in the planning stages to prepare for this unusual year.

**AWANA LEADERS:** Awana Ministry Conference is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. This is a virtual event. Watch your bulletin for more details. Please let Jill or Jana know if you plan to attend.

We plan to start our AWANA Club on Sunday, September 13, 2020. If our start to the year will be in a virtual set up, we will provide each student with their materials prior to or on that date and will provide Parents with resources.

In planning for virtual AWANA Club, there is a wonderful resource for students to get their lessons at home. Awana+ has already recorded the teaching portion of each lesson.

We are still in need of leaders, especially when we can begin meeting in person. Please pray about how you can share in the lives and faith of our children. We are in need of:

2 Cubbies Leaders

1 Sparks Director

1 Sparks Leader

1 T&T Leader

1 Game Director

Substitute teachers who can fill in on short notice

An I.T. Consultant.

Please see Jill or Jana about your interest. Thank you.



# North Carolina Missions Offering September 1 - 30, 2020

Week of Prayer for NC Missions Offering August 30 - September 6, 2020

Ingathering: Sunday, September 6, 2020

(We will receive throughout the month of September.)



North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries. The theme for 2020 is “compelled by love” and the offering goal is \$2.1 million. The theme verse is 2 Corinthians 5:14, “For Christ’s love compels us, since we have reached this conclusion: If One died for all, then all died.”



*Ladies Prayer Breakfast*  
*Tuesday, September 15*  
*9:00 AM*  
*Beth's Restaurant in*  
*Pageland, SC*



**DATE: Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLACE: Basement level, room beside food pantry.**



Thank you so much for being part of my support team. God has a plan for each of you as prayer partners and financial partners. As part of this team, I encourage you to fill out the enclosed card. While I continue to look for additional partners for our team, it is crucial that I contact more people. By providing names of people you know, you enable me to start working directly with churches and sharing God's message.

When I think of summer, I think of sitting on the beach digging my toes in the sand and listening as the waves crash in on the beach and roll across the sand. I think of the hot sunny days and the cooler nights. I am reminded that this is exactly what God had in mind when he told Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands on the sea shore.

We know that there is no way to count all the grains of sand on even the shores of a small island. That is how many descendants there are of Abraham. We want to think that all the descendants of Abraham readily have full knowledge of and trust Jesus immediately as their Lord and Savior.

It would be great to have that knowledge born into you. Some families raise their children to know, love & serve the Lord from infancy. Others may leave the educating to their churches and Sunday school teachers.



Ocracoke Island

In the Carolinas, there are 3.5 million children. The good news is there are 828 churches in the Carolinas that use Awana to disciple the children of their churches and in their neighborhoods. Awana missionaries are working with churches to encourage, educate, & empower pastors, Awana ministry directors, and leaders as they work hands on with the children of their churches and in their neighborhoods. The goal is always to reach one more child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the hopes that all children will come to love, know & serve the Lord.

Sincerely,

Kathy & Randy Brock  
Awana Carolinas



# Praises & Prayers

Thankful we had a chance to go to Lake Lure in the mountains for a quick visit with my daughter Tiffany and her family.

Praise God for another birthday coming up soon,

Thankful for the opportunities God has sent to me for people who needed comforting.

Praying for parents as they choose how their children will be educated in the coming year.

Praying God will heal our land from the violence and disease that is everywhere.

Thankful God has provided tools that enable us to continue ministry in Zoom meetings,

Facebook, Google, through cards and emails.

Pray for Randy's mom as she is in the nursing home and we have not been able to visit.

Thankful she is safe.



Randy is teaching the boys how to fish.

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven,  
and as the sand which is upon the sea shore .

Genesis 22:17A

Hi Everyone,

Thank you for being faithful with your prayers and financial gifts. Below the right is a "card" I need your help with. Please put down names and numbers that God brings to mind and email, text a picture of or mail the card back to me. I always need more people to contact.

Thanks again,

Kathy Brock, Awana Missionary  
Appointee, [843-672-8408](tel:843-672-8408)

Donate at:

<http://www.Awana.org/missionary/kathy-brock>



Do you know people who would like to see more kids reached with the gospel? Maybe folks who may want to be involved in ministry through prayer and finances? Why not give them a chance to hear about our ministry as Awana Missionaries?

1. **Church Members:** Friends in your Small group,  
Sunday School class etc.

2. **Coworkers and school-mates**

3. **Friends and family**

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Email to Kathy Brock at [kathyb@awana.org](mailto:kathyb@awana.org)  
Text picture to: 843-672-8408 or mail to:  
96 Smyrna Church Road, Pageland, SC 29728

## MEETING IN SANCTUARY & SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

This year has taken a toll on all of us and has forced us to change the way we do almost everything, including how we have met for worship. We have learned to attend church online in the comfort of our homes. We have learned to sit in our cars and listen to God's Word via radio. And due to your faithfulness in giving, we have learned to truly make our FLC a true multipurpose building. Thank you for your patience and your faithfulness.

After much prayer and discussion, the deacons and I feel that it is time to begin returning to our other buildings. And, as the State has done with business, we believe the best way to do this is in phases.

Here is our plan: On Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will return to our sanctuary for worship at 10:30 am in much the same way we have worshipped in our FLC. Our sanctuary will have limited seating to allow for social distancing. Online and parking lot church will still be available.

On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will reboot our Sunday School, Children's Church and Nursery. Sunday School will begin at a new time, 9:30 a.m. to allow us to keep our 10:30 a.m. worship time. If all goes well with this reopening, we will look to begin AWANA and our Wednesday activities in October.

To make this reboot successful, it is important that each of us do all we can to protect those most vulnerable to this disease. If you are sick at all, please stay home and take advantage of online church. Wash your hands frequently and take advantage of the hand sanitizer that is available throughout the building. If you are able, wear a face covering when close to others.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your cooperation. Pastor Carroll

# SEPTEMBER 2020

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**MONDAY TUES**

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6 <b>10:30 AM Service in the SANCTUARY; Parking Lot 107.7 FM Watch us on Facebook and our Website; Parking Lot 107.7 FM</b>	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9  Facebook Live Feed on "Caroll Anthony's" Facebook Page 6 PM	10	11	12 Scott Davis Comedy tour in FLC at 7 PM
13 <b>10:30 AM Service in the SANCTUARY; Watch us on Facebook and our Website; Parking Lot 107.7 FM</b>	14 Ladies Bible Study 7 PM in Basement room beside food pantry.	15 Ladies Prayer Breakfast TIME: 9:00 AM PLACE: Beth's Restaurant in Pageland, SC	16 Facebook Live Feed on "Caroll Anthony's" Facebook Page 6 PM	17	18	19
20 <b>9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Service in the SANCTUARY; Watch us on Facebook and our Website Parking Lot 107.7 FM BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY</b>	21	22	23 Facebook Live Feed on "Caroll Anthony's" Facebook Page 6 PM	24	25	26
27 <b>9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Service in the SANCTUARY; Watch us on Facebook and our Website Parking Lot 107.7 FM</b>	28	29 Deacon's Meeting	30			

## September Birthdays

Reggie Ratliff  
 Carter Price  
 Katrina Rickard  
 Hannah Tarlton  
 Travis Vaughn  
 Nadia Jenkins  
 Jeffery Cave  
 Reagan Thomas  
 Teresa Autry  
 Garrett Newland  
 Emory Parker  
 Wilma Parker  
 Jonathan Query  
 Elizabeth Simpson  
 Jill Aldridge  
 Keith Benton  
 Luke Freytag  
 Morgan Booth  
 Sarah Clay  
 Jennifer Helms  
 Jeff Parker  
 Peggy Smith  
 Richard Freytag  
 Dianne Helms  
 Devin Phillips  
 Skip Severt  
 Zach Stanley  
 Deborah Stegall  
 Jeff Taylor  
 Don Taylor  
 Brooklyn Knight  
 Will Aldridge  
 Teresa Eudy  
 Linkin Rorie  
 Mary Taylor  
 Kasey Wallace  
 Kay Haigler  
 Rachel Brooks  
 Richard Taylor  
 Gary Nance  
 Elaine Price  
 Scott Stegall  
 Shelby Lee  
 Suri Beard  
 William Rickard  
 Harlan Krest  
 Crystal Craig

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Happy  
Birthday



## October 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Birthdays

Edward Haigler	October 1
Chuck Newland	October 2
Ginger Patterson	October 3
Kim Chewning	October 4
Morgan Farthing	October 4
Kyle Strawn	October 4
Alexis Chambers	October 7
Charlie Craig	October 7
Annette Forester	October 7
Andrea Helms	October 7