



The Proclaimer

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250 Years For Christ

HOMECOMING

Sunday, August 13th

10:00 AM

Lunch in Family Life Center following worship.

Bring a well filled basket ☺.

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REVIVAL

Sunday, August 13th - Wednesday, August 16th

7:00 PM



Dear Family God of Philadelphia,

The year was 1773. Down in Charlestown, South Carolina they were celebrating the opening of the first public museum in the North American colonies. Up North, Jeanne Baptiste Pointe Du Sable founded a little settlement that we now know as the city of Chicago. Over in England, Parliament passed the Tea Act, which later that year led to the Boston Tea Party. In Virginia, a great man was born. His parents named him William Henry Harrison. He would one day serve as the 9th United States President. Although he only served for 31 days. And just a few miles from where I now live, a wealthy landowner had a desire to worship God with his family, and those who served them. Initially, they met on the front porch of his home. But soon, a brush arbor was built, and a church was born. For soon to be 250 years, the Word of God has been preached, missions have been supported, faith has been passed on to the next generation, the saved have been baptized, the lost have been sought out, and Philadelphia Baptist Church has been a beacon of hope to those in our community.

It has been said that life is best when we look at it like looking through a car windshield. Most of the time, we are focused on what is before us. Only once in a while we take a look in the rearview mirror to see what is behind us. I believe that is good advice not only for living our personal lives, but also for how we view the life of the church. However, this month, on our 250th anniversary, we are going to spend one full day looking back, because it has also been said that “You can’t know where you are going unless you know where you have been.” We have a rich heritage of PBC family who have served faithfully, given generously, and prayed fervently so that you and I can reap the harvest during our time. On Homecoming, we will honor them and remember them. We will also spend some time looking forward. What would God have us to do during our time? What can we do so that those who come behind us will say that we were faithful? Each generation will decide if a healthy Philadelphia Baptist Church is worth working for, giving for, and sacrificing for. As we are looking back, let’s also commit ourselves to looking forward to those who will come after us.

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



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10:00 AM

(9:30 AM Abbreviated Sunday School)

Please bring a covered dish and join us for lunch immediately following worship.

REVIVAL

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7:00 PM



**Rev. Todd Unzicker, Homecoming Speaker
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina,
Executive Director-Treasurer**

With a passion for the local church and the Great Commission, Todd Unzicker's vision for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is focused on rallying North Carolina Baptists to be a movement of churches on mission together.

Unzicker was elected executive director-treasurer on May 22, 2021, during a special called meeting of the state convention. Prior to his election, he served in a variety of roles in local church ministry, as the leader of a local Baptist association, and as an international missionary.

Immediately prior to leading the work of the state convention, Unzicker served on staff at The Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham from 2012 to 2021. He has also served as a director of missions in Florida and as a missionary in Central America.

While at The Summit Church, Unzicker served in a variety of roles, which included chief of staff, pastor of sending and campus pastor. The Summit became the top missions-sending church in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and the top Cooperative Program giving church in North Carolina during Unzicker's tenure as pastor of sending. During that time, The Summit also ranked among the leading churches in the state in total number of baptisms each year.

Unzicker also worked closely with The Summit's lead pastor, J.D. Greear, during Greear's tenure as president of the SBC. Through that work, Unzicker played a key role in mobilizing churches around SBC strategies such as the "Who's Your One?" evangelism initiative, the "Go2" collegiate missions initiative and the "Caring Well" initiative to help churches prevent sex abuse and care for victims.

Before joining the staff of The Summit Church, Unzicker served as the director of missions for the Holmes Baptist Association in Bonifay, Florida, from 2007 to 2012 before the title was renamed associational mission strategist. While serving in Florida, he worked to bring mostly small, rural churches with bivocational pastors together for church planting and international missions. He also served for two years as a missionary in Central America.

Unzicker earned his bachelor's degree from the Baptist Bible College of Florida and his master of divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary. Prior to his salvation and his call to ministry, Unzicker worked as a sports reporter covering the nationally ranked University of Georgia football program.

A native of Fairfax, Virginia, outside of Washington, D.C., Unzicker has been married to his wife, Ashley, since 2007. The Unzickers have three children and reside in Wake Forest.

Mrs. Lisa needs your help in Mission Friends 😊

Mrs. Lisa is in class every week so you'll never be by yourself. She needs snack volunteers, teacher/assistant volunteers and people willing to fill in, if needed. She tries hard to only use volunteers once a month. Please contact her if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Thank You

Sincere thank you to everyone for your love shown, flowers sent, food, phone calls, cards and especially your prayers during our loss. All was much appreciated. Please continue to pray for the family in the days to come.

Carol Courtney Family

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, August 22

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Beth's Restaurant

**We will resume watching
"The Chosen" in September.**

Girlfriends in Christ

Wednesday Nights • 7:00 PM

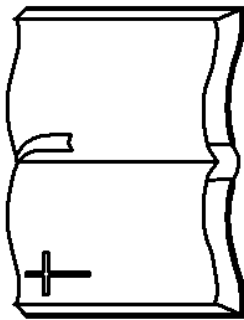
In the Conference Room

Men's Dinner

DATE: Thursday, August 3rd

PLACE: Quincy's in Monroe

TIME: 6:30 PM



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

About the Bible Anagram

Word List:

authors, Bible, books, chapters, promises, stories, teaching, testaments, truth, verses

hrttu

bbeil

eiorss

eimoprss

aceghint

aeemnssttt

eerssv

bkoos

ahorstu

acehprst



**Rev. Dr. Eric Cook, Union Baptist Association
Sunday Night Revival Speaker**

Rev. Dr. Eric Cook, 56, has served as the director of the Union Baptist Association since January 2016.

He earned a BS in Criminal Justice from Western Carolina University, and received his Masters of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Cook previously pastored Midway Baptist Church in Wingate, North Carolina for more than 16 years. For the last 22 years, he has volunteered

with the NC Baptist Men in various roles of disaster relief and recovery efforts and has been a speaker at men's conferences, revival services and sportsmanship banquets.

He also gives his time to H.E.L.P. Crisis Pregnancy Center, Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse and Operation Reach-Out.

Rev. Cook and his wife, Anna, live in Marshville, NC. They have three sons, Matthew, 25, Issac, 22, and Conner, 21. Matthew is married to Hannah and they have a 1 ½ year old daughter, Emma, and are expecting another girl in September.



**Dr. Christopher Baucom,
Benton's Crossroads Baptist Church
Monday Night Revival Speaker**

Dr. Chris Baucom has been married to the love of his life, Deanna for 34 years. Together they have three children and 5 grandchildren. Pastor Chris has served Benton's Cross Roads Baptist Church for the past 13 years. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the NC Baptist Convention and the Executive Committee. He chairs the Committee on Special Relations working with the Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Hospital, Biblical Recorder, and the Baptist Foundation. In his

spare time, he enjoys thrift shopping with his wife and is always a fan of a good meal.

Dr. Baucom's favorite verse in the Bible is Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God!"



**Rev. Marty Griffin, New Hope Baptist Church
Tuesday Night Revival Speaker**

Pastor Marty was born & raised in Union County. He has 7 brothers & sisters. He is married to wife Kenda and has 2 sons, 2 God given daughters & 5 grandchildren. He pastored his first church in 2012 until God called him to New Hope in 2014.

Pastor Marty loves his family and this church but his greatest love is for his Savior Jesus Christ. That love shines through with the way he cares for and leads this church. His greatest desire is that NONE would perish. His favorite verse is:

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God”. 1 Corinthians 1:18



**Rev. John Miller, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Revival Speaker**

Pastor Miller was born and raised in Ionia, Michigan. He gave his life to Christ at the age of 15 while attending Lincoln Lake Baptist Youth Camp. God totally transformed his life and he surrendered to the call of God to ministry as a sophomore in High School. He has a passion for teaching and preaching the Word of God.

Prior to coming to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, he served as Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist in Concord, NC; as Minister of Youth and Music at Memorial Baptist in Kannapolis, NC; and Minister of Youth and Music at Falling Water Baptist in Hixson, TN.

He earned his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; his Bachelor's from Tennessee Temple University; and he is a graduate of Word of Life Bible Institute. He was called to be the Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in 2010.

Pastor John and his wife Lisa were married in 1988; they met at Bible College in 1986. Lisa serves in church ministry alongside her husband. She holds a Master of Arts in Human Services Counseling: Marriage & Family, and she ministers by offering biblically based counseling for women and teenage girls. She and Pastor John also minister through offering pre-marital counseling.

John & Lisa have two adult daughters and two sons-in-law: Bethany and her husband David, and the blessing of their three children: Naomi, Hope and Isaac, and Rachel and her husband Daniel. John and Lisa's third daughter, Rebekah, went home to be with the Lord in March 2017 at the age of 16.



CHURCHWIDE
CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST
PARTY

Sponsored by our GAs Class

DATE: Wednesday, August 23rd

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Family Life Center

Come join us to celebrate *Christmas In August*.

We are collecting:
school supplies, Kleenex tissues, Clorox wipes,
and Amazon gift cards.

Please bring your favorite Christmas finger foods to share 😊



75 Plus News

July was a busy month in our church, Bible School, youth camp, Awana Camp, choir, Sunday School and preaching along with much more.

Our 75 Plus group met in the FLC. We had 16 people present. We started with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of The United States of America. Our nation has indeed been blessed by God. We should thank him every day.

Our lunch was provided by "Ralph's Garden". It was great as usual; desserts were very good. We always miss some of our folks that were unable to attend.

Our next meeting is August 8, 2023 at 11am in our FLC. Please come if you can. We would love to visit with you for a couple of hours.
Bonnie Oster

Nominating Committee Request

I would like to ask everyone that if you do not plan on staying in your current leadership/volunteer position for the 2023/2024 church year, or if you would like to volunteer in a position, please let me or a member of the Nominating Committee know. We also are in need of a new Nursery Director and Nursery Teachers for the Sunday School hour.

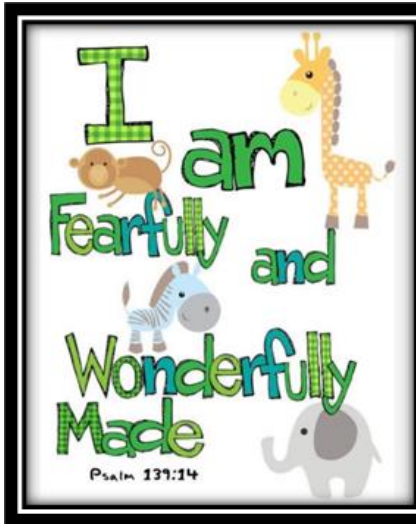
Thank you, Fred Porter and Nominating Committee
Russell Arant, Michael Atkinson, Tony and Teresa Eudy

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Men's Dinner at Quincy's in Monroe 6:30 PM	4	5 Church Work- day 8:00 AM
6 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	7	8 75 <i>Plus</i> meeting in the Family Life Center 11:00 AM	9 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 9:30 AM Sunday School (Abbreviated) 10:00 AM 250th Homecoming Celebration/Lunch, Speaker: Rev. Todd Unzicker; 7:00 PM Revival Service, Speaker: Dr. Eric Cook	14 7:00 PM Revival Service, Speaker: Dr. Chris Baucom	15 7:00 PM Revival Service, Speaker: Rev. Marty Griffin	16 7:00 PM Revival Service, Speaker: Rev. John Miller	17	18	19

August 2023, continued

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
20 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/ Church Conference	21	22 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at Beth's Restaurant 9:00 AM; NC Baptist Men's Rally at New Hope Baptist, Laurinburg, NC	23 7:00 PM: Churchwide Christmas In August in FLC 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 Week of Prayer for NC Missions 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	28	29 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	30 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC; 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	31		



Will You Serve in the Nursery or Children's Church?

Serving in the church Nursery and Children's Church is not childcare – it's certainly not a small thing to hold the future of the church in your arms! Children are never too young to hear the truth of God's love for them, to experience the warmth of the hope of Jesus, and see the joy on our faces that He gives us as His disciples. Every opportunity to hold a baby in our church is an opportunity to speak a blessing over their life and to pray for the future of the church! Thank you to each leader who loves and serves these children! Would you be willing to give an hour to the future of the church by serving in either of these at 10:30 a.m. once every couple of months? Please contact Skyla Anderson, Sheri Bradshaw or one of the 2023 Nominating Committee members, Fred Porter, Michael Atkinson, Russell Arant, Tony or Teresa Eudy. Thank you.



Children's Church

August 6th: Michelle Query & Jenny Taylor

August 13th: Lisa Stutts & Kim Outen

August 20th: Jana Turner & Sheri Bradshaw

August 27th: Jeff & Mindy Jenkins

Nursery

August 6th: Jill Aldridge & Kathy Brock

August 13th: No Nursery – Homecoming

August 20th: Leigha & Jacob Rollins

August 27th: Skyla Anderson & Luisa Price



Mission Friends

August 3rd: Lisa Stutts & Chad Clay; Snack: Lisa

August 9th: Michelle Query & Lisa Stutts; Snack: Luisa Price

August 23rd: Christmas In August

August 30th: Lisa Stutts & Chad Clay; Snacks: Sara Clay

AGE 5th Sunday Lunch, continued





5th Sunday Lunch



Hope y'all enjoy
the pictures! We
had a great picnic
lunch!

Teresa & Kay



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North Carolina
MISSIONS
Offering

Give the gift of

RELIEF FOR TODAY.
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.



2023 GOAL:

\$2.5 Million

Join in the week of prayer
for the NCMO from AUG. 27 to SEPT. 3.
Additional prayer points are available at
ncmissionsoffering.org/pray
Ingathering is Sunday, September 3, 2023

Pray for...

- Disaster relief volunteers with Baptists on Mission
- Church planters and church plants across North Carolina
- Physical and spiritual needs of those served through medical, dental and health screening ministries
- Mission camps in Red Springs and Shelby
- Local Baptist associations across the state
- More individuals and churches to become involved in missions
- Volunteers ministering through national and international partnerships



■ Baptists on Mission Ministries	\$1,417,500
■ Church Planting	\$710,000
■ Associational Missions	\$372,500

 **NC BAPTISTS**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Don Hagler	August 1
Leann Jenkins	August 1
Amy McIntyre	August 1
Darien Autry	August 2
Jimmy Kirkley	August 2
Jenny Taylor	August 2
Nicholas Wallace	August 4
Bentley Aldridge	August 6
Doug Anderson	August 6
Tim Bradshaw	August 6
Rusty Kiker	August 6
Sarah Strawn	August 6
Haley Nash	August 7
Kathryn Brock	August 8
Jesse Lee	August 8
Grant Chewning	August 10
Michael Lee	August 10
Valerie Weaver	August 11
Peggy Baker	August 12
Jennifer Myers	August 12
Russell Arant	August 13
Ray Moore	August 14
Tracy Knight	August 16
Brody Tomberlin	August 17
Robin Aldridge	August 18
Aaron Duke	August 19
Jade Fender	August 19
Ivy Nash	August 19
Virginia Pope	August 19
Reece Rollins	August 19
Billi Starnes	August 20
Rebecca Watson	August 20
Kelly Baker	August 21
Kaylee Duke	August 22
Justin Jenkins	August 23
Caroll Anthony	August 24
Skyla Anderson	August 25
Karen Lefler	August 25
Kristi Cox	August 26
Jacob Flowe	August 26
Donnie McClain	August 26
Jeremy Nash	August 29
Marie Pope	August 29
Amanda Ratliff	August 29
Will Autry	August 30
Silas Beard	August 30
Natalie Mills	August 30
Clayton Bowers	August 31



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, continued

Carol Ross

August 31

First week of September

Reggie Ratliff	September 1
Carter Price	September 2
Katrina Rickard	September 2
Travis Vaughn	September 2
Nadia Jenkins	September 3
Jeffery Cave	September 4
Reagan Thomas	September 4
Teresa Autry	September 5
Emory Lamberth	September 6
Garrett Newland	September 6
Aoife Tucker	September 6
Wilma Parker	September 7
Jonathan Query	September 7
Elizabeth Simpson	September 7

**Please contact Sheri at the church office
to update the Birthday List. Thank you.**