



The Proclaimer

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A Beacon of Hope for Our Community

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Dear Family God of Philadelphia,

Many years ago, a challenge was issued to Ernest Hemingway to write a six-word story. His response: "For sale: baby shoes, never worn." Years later, inspired by Hemingway's answer, an online magazine posed this question: "If you had to summarize your life in six words, what would they be?"

The magazine was flooded with answers which they turned into a book entitled, "Not Quite What I Was Planning." Here are a few of the responses:

- "One tooth. One cavity. Life's cruel."
- "Cursed with Cancer. Blessed with friends." (By the way, this response came from a nine-year-old boy with thyroid cancer.)
- "Thought I would have more impact."
- "Couldn't save him. Thought I could."
- "We were roadkill on love's highway."
- "Not a good Christian, but trying."

In John Ortberg's book entitled, "All the Places to Go", he wonders how certain Bible characters might respond...

- Abraham: "Left Ur. Had Baby. Still laughing."
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: "King was hot. Furnace was not."
- Esther: "Eye candy. Mordecai handy. Israel dandy."
- Prodigal Son: "Bad. Sad. Dad glad. Brother mad."
- Good Samaritan: "I came. I saw. I stopped."

I began to think about how I might sum up my life in six words, or better yet, how I want my life to be summed up. Here are some of the things I came up with:

- "People needed love. I loved them."
- "Jesus saved me. I told everyone."
- "Jesus first. Others second. Me last."
- "Life's hard. But God is good."
- "Well done. Good and faithful servant."

I hope I am able to have my life summed up in these ways, especially that last one. Please pray that I will always be the servant God has called me to be.

May our Father bless you today. (Six words)

It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA



Men's Retreat at Blowing Rock

September 29th – October 1st

See Pastor Carroll for details.

Ladies Retreat 2024

"The Importance of Words"

March 8th -10th

Ft. Caswell/Cost \$120

Contact Luisa Price at 980-248-0024



DATE: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

We need volunteers for hay rides, dessert donations, cake walk/cotton candy attendants, candy donations, and trunks!

😊 **Please leave candy donations in the vestibule. Thank you!**

UBA 169th Annual Session

Philadelphia Baptist Church

Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 PM

Annual Sermon: Rev. Quintell Hill

Impact Stories

Each year, First Baptist Church of York has an OMC night. (Organized Mass Chaos) Each child gets a card with a task they need to complete. At random times, water balloons come across the yard. There is lots of shaving cream, toilet paper, and crazy things going on. Each completed task earns points for the team. This is an excellent opportunity to work directly with the children to help form relationships and help them feel like they BELONG. In the end, everyone sits in a huddle as the awards are passed out. At one of the trainings, we talked about how to share your testimony. One of the leaders shared about being a child of a single parent. They moved constantly, but her mom let her go to church if the bus came and got her. A bus ministry changed her life. Praise God for those who are faithful to drive the buses.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, October 17th

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Beth's Restaurant

Men's Dinner

DATE: Thursday, October 5th

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Chili's Restaurant



Donna Pittman Toy Store

The 2023 Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store will be held at the UBA on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 8:00 AM till 6:00 PM. **If you would like to refer a family, please contact Sheri in the church office. A form will need to be filled out and turned into the church office by Sunday, October 8th.**

If you would like to donate toys, our collection dates are Sunday, October 1st through Sunday, November 26th. Or toys can be delivered to the UBA from November 27th through December 6th. Also, leave the price on each toy.

We will also need counselors to share the gospel with each client before/after they shop. ***If you would like to sign up to be a counselor, please call Bessie at the UBA at 704-283-8383.***

AWANA NEWS Kathy & Randy Brock | Summer 2023

Dear Philadelphia Baptist,

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry. God has blessed us so much by providing ministry partners who continue to pray for our ministry and provide resources that enable us to travel to new and existing Awana churches. You are an essential part of our ministry, and I'm so thankful that God sent you to us.

I am attaching our Summer Newsletter. We had a very busy summer and look forward to all the training events this month. Pray for the Awana Ministry Conference **on Saturday, September 16th**. Also, please pray for safe travels as I drive to Franklin, TN, for the Awana Child Discipleship Forum.

I have also attached a copy of the September Calendar. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to let me know if I can help in any way.

I see God's hand at work all around us with all the training we did and club visits, we got to be a part of. It is inspiring to hear how God is moving through the churches we visit each week. More churches are excited to disciple their children through the Awana program this year. I look forward to seeing the hand of God in all the visits and church ministries this year. **Thank you so much for helping us raise up the next generation of resilient disciples!**



Ministry and Equipping Highlights

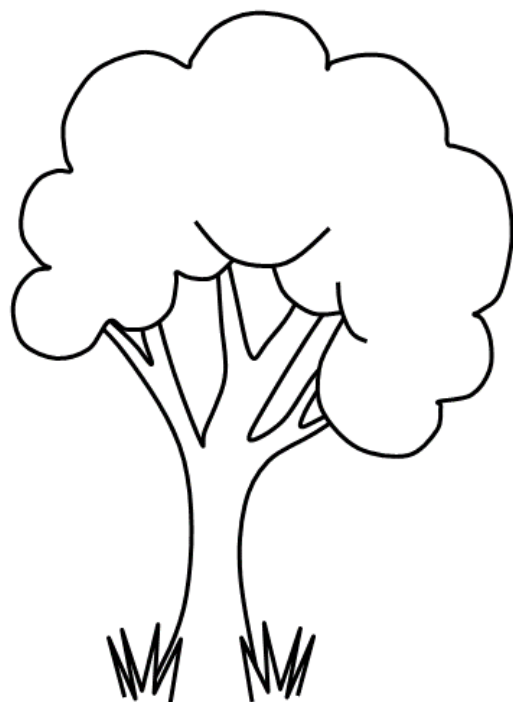
We had an opportunity to meet with leaders during the summer in Basic Trainings and Connect meetings. It is so encouraging to see how devoted the leaders are to discipling their children to BECOME Resilient Disciples. During the summer, I had the privilege to be a counselor at MaxOut Discipleship Camp. It was amazing being with the children for the week and helping them to BELIEVE as they grew in the Lord through devotionals, chapel time, and all the memory verses they memorized. East Campus Baptist Church in Marshville will be starting Awana this year. I have had the opportunity to speak to them many times and am encouraged by how hard they are working to be prepared for the first day of Awana.

Zacchaeus Word Search

E M G S F K V I R S R A E W G
F L O C Y N C O R H E W V Q W
R H P N F C T A Y O N S A T E
J B O O E C A Y B R N W S C L
H O U S E Y S M T T I G H I C
I R Y L S P H W O M S E L B O
S A L V A T I O N R A M M K M
F O T S O L P A Y T E I E S E
C S U O H C I R E J L E F D D
L A U B X C I D L C S C Q G X

CHEATED
CLIMB
COLLECTOR
FOUR
HOUSE
JERICHO
LOST
MONEY

PEOPLE
SALVATION
SAVE
SEEK
SHORT
SINNER
SYCAMORE
WELCOMED





Chuck Newland	October 2	Brad Baker	October 17
Ginger Patterson	October 3	Evan Keith	October 17
Ma'Liyah Austin	October 4	Chris Jenkins	October 19
Kim Chewning	October 4	Cole Lowery	October 19
Morgan Farthing	October 4	Liam Tucker	October 19
Kyle Strawn	October 4	Meredith Helgersen	October 20
Grant Bailey	October 7	Dylan Medlin	October 20
Charlie Craig	October 7	Ginger Nance	October 20
Annette Forester	October 7	Ritchie Simpson	October 21
Donnie Hagler	October 7	Brian Helms	October 22
Andrea Helms	October 7	Kelly Ratliff	October 22
Brandon Mills	October 9	Natalie Pressley	October 23
Michael Bailey	October 11	JJ Clay	October 24
Christopher Glidewell	October 11	Ryan Mabe	October 24
Rick Pressley	October 12	Kerstyn Helms	October 25
Katelynn Rapp	October 12	Mitchell Lowery	October 25
Charlotte Bailey	October 13	Joshua Wallace	October 25
Dallas Forester	October 13	Jace Jenkins	October 26
Lydia Medlin	October 13	John Ashcraft, Jr.	October 27
Chelsea Autry	October 14	Leighton Nash	October 27
Bruce Aldridge	October 15	Debbie Pressley	October 27
Sherrie Anthony	October 15	Matthew Hinson	October 28
Jenna Jenkins	October 15	Rita Jenkins	October 29
Deann Jenkins	October 15	Joshua Stegall	October 29
Pamela Lowery	October 15	Karen Lowery	October 30
		Rodney Strawn	October 30
		Scott Stutts	October 30

Birthdays First Week in November.

Jeff Forester	November 2
Hailey Turner	November 2
Doris Williams	November 2
Raleigh Hinson	November 3
Jack Rollins	November 3
Brenda Wallace	November 3
Cecil Helms	November 4
Donald Sullivan	November 4
Grayson Helms	November 5
Mitchell Wilson	November 5
Aubrey McGriff	November 6
William Glidewell	November 7

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



Saturday, October 14th

6:00 PM

Family Life Center

Ticket Prices:

Adult \$11.00 + \$1.11

**Child (12 & Under)
\$9.00 + \$1.09**

Purchase tickets at:

<https://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/TheBlind/562291>

75 Plus News

September should be a slow-down month, however at PBC it only gets busier. School starts, Awana, fall projects, Bible study, youth, etc. This is true with senior groups. We were so excited to have eighteen folks come to our 75 Plus Group meeting in September! We had devotion, prayer, food and a lot of enjoyment seeing our group members drive up and see their smiling faces. God is good. We spent two hours talking, laughing, and sharing a great meal together. Thanks to Ralph and Bob along with others that prepared food and helped serve. Everything was good. We even had apple dumplings thanks to Evelyn Keziah.

Our next meeting is October 10, 2023 at 11:00 am in the FLC.
God bless us all. Bonnie Oster



Shoebox Gift Suggestions



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



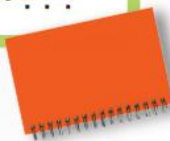
TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



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Please contact
Pastor Carroll
or Sheri in the
church office
to pick up a
shoebox to
fill! 😊
Thank you!



How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift

As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, **and don't forget to make it FUN!**

1

SHOEBOX

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



4

PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



2

"WOW" ITEM

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



5

DONATE \$10 PER BOX

A donation of **\$10** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



3

OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



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DROP OFF

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI.	SATURDAY
1 Men's Retreat at Blowing Rock 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4:30 – 6:30 PM AWANA	2	3	4 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	5 Men's Dinner at Chili's Restaurant 6:30 PM	6	7
8 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Church Conference 4:30 – 6:30 PM AWANA FLC: Mangum	9	10 75 Plus Meeting at 11:00 AM in the FLC	11 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs in FLC, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	12	13	14 <i>The</i> <i>Blind</i> movie. See N/L article for ticket purchase
15 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 4:30 – 6:30 PM AWANA	16	17 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at Beth's Restaurant 9:00 AM	18 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	19	20	21 FLC: Reserved Church

October 2023, continued

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
22 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4:30 – 6:30 PM AWANA	23	24 UBA Annual Session here at Philadel- Phia 6:00 PM	25 6:00 PM GAs Shoebox Shopping; 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC; 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	26	27	28 FLC: Reserved Church
29 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Com munion Building Fund Offering 4:30 – 6:30 PM AWANA	30	31 Deacons' Meeting	November 1 Fall Festival 6:00-8:00 PM			

Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Bars Recipe

Ingredients you will need:

- 1 18 oz. tube refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough
- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg

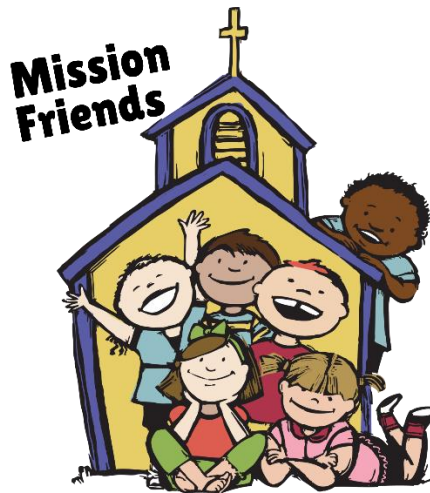
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut 1 18-ounce tube refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough in half.

Press half of cookie dough into the bottom of a greased 8" pan.

In a bowl, beat 8 ounces cream cheese, 1 egg, and 1/2 cup sugar until smooth.

Spread the mixture over the cookie dough crust in the pan. Once mixture is spread, crumble remaining cookie dough over the mixture. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. Serve and enjoy!





Mission Friends

October 4th: Chad Clay & Lisa Stutts (FLC); Snacks: Sara Clay
 October 11th: Deanna Guffey & Lisa Stutts; Snack: Deanna Guffey
 October 18th: Lisa Stutts & Deanna; Snack: Ava Strawn
 October 25th: Fall Party Lisa Stutts & Michelle Query; Snack: Lisa
 November 1st: No class-Churchwide Fall Festival 6:00-9:00 PM



Children's Church

October 1st: Mary Katherine & Joshua Tarlton
 October 8th: Lauren & Chris Davis
 October 15th: Whitney Beard & Leigha Rollins
 October 22nd: Lisa Stutts & Kim Outen
 October 29th: Sheri Bradshaw & Jana Turner
 November 5th: Michelle Query & Jenny Taylor



Nursery

October 1st: Mindy & Lindsey Jenkins
 October 8th: Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge
 October 15th: Lisa Stutts & Sydney Tucker
 October 22nd: Luisa Price & Skyla Anderson
 October 29th: Leigha & Jacob Rollins
 November 5th: Lisa Stutts, Kelsi & Alyssa