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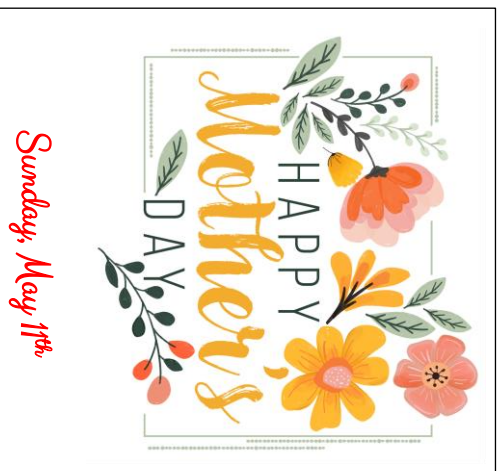
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May Blessing Bags

Adult & Children's Toothbrushes.

Please drop off in the vestibule. Thank you!

PBC has served meals at the Community Shelter, Union County for numerous years! Many have served over the years. We would like to heartily thank Nellie and Ray Moore for cooking, organizing 10+ years with Young Adult II class and other church classes. Kelly and Todd Rorie for 2 years for cooking large amounts of food and planning meals. Jesus Seekers class and church volunteers assisted. Susan and Nicky Lee have now taken this project. If you or your class would like to help in any way and volunteer, please contact our new leaders.

David and Patsy Ann Autry
Community Shelter Volunteers

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

After 24 years, this month will be my last month to serve as your pastor. As I was looking over May's very full calendar, I began to get excited about our last days together.

On **May 1st** at 6 p.m. the people of faith in our county will gather at the Monroe Courthouse to pray on the **National Day of Prayer**. Although very few of our PBC folks have participated in this in the past, I have some deep relationships with the other pastors who will be there. And I always love hanging out with God's people who are willing to show up to pray on a Thursday night. I hope you will join us on that night as well.

On **May 3rd**, I will be married in our PBC church sanctuary. And while our wedding will be an intimate family affair, Dianne and I would like to invite everyone to celebrate with us at the reception from 2 – 4 p.m. in the FLC. You supported me so well in my grief, and I am hopeful that you will join me now celebrating a God who heals and restores.

On **May 8th**, our men will go have dinner together at Golden Corral. The men who will be around the table that night have been a tremendous blessing to me over the past two decades. We have laughed together, cried together, prayed together, and made memories that will forever be etched on my soul.

On **May 16th – 18th**, I will join a very special group of men at Fort Caswell for a weekend of "guy stuff." Fort Caswell is one of my favorite places on earth, and I never grow tired of experiencing God in this place that was built for war, but God changed into a place of peace. Any and all men are invited to join us for this special weekend.

Finally, while my last Sunday as your pastor will be on May 25th, on **May 18th** we will have an opportunity to celebrate what God has done in and through all of us over the past 24 years. While in some ways, you will honor and bless me on that Sunday, God should get all the glory for any good I have done in my life. HE alone is worthy of our praise. Had HE not saved, changed, blessed, guided, taught and loved me, my life would have been a complete and total waste. And I will forever be grateful to HIM for HIS grace.

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



DATE: Thursday, May 8th
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: Golden Corral, Monroe



DATE: Tuesday, May 20th
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Beth's Restaurant



DATE: Sundays
TIME:
Following Children's Sermon
PLACE: Fellowship Hall
Ages 7 to 11

May Children's Church Workers

4th: Kim Outen & Lisa Stutts
11th: No Children's Church
18th: Michelle Query & Valerie Weaver
25th: Jeff & Mindy Jenkins

May Nursery Workers

4th: Skyla Anderson & Kristy Hagler
11th: No Nursery
18th: Lisa Stutts & Kelsi Brock
25th: Deanna & Taylor

Mission Friends

May 7th: FLC Lisa
(Mother's Day Craft);
Snack: Lisa
May 14th: Karoline & Lisa
Snack: Karoline
May 21st: Michelle & Lisa
Snack: Luisa
May 28th: Amanda & Lisa
Snack: Amanda



AWANA Club

Sundays at 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
May 4th: AWANA Book Completion;
Clubber Appreciation Night
May 11th: Mother's Day-No AWANA
May 18th: AWANA Closing Ceremony

MARY BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP

\$250.00 per semester for Fall and Spring semesters at Wingate University for the Freshman year. Nonrenewable after the Freshman year.

ELIGIBILITY: 1. Membership in a church affiliated with the Union Baptist Association, which cooperates with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

2. High school graduate.

3. Plans to enroll in Wingate University as a Freshman in the fall of 2025.

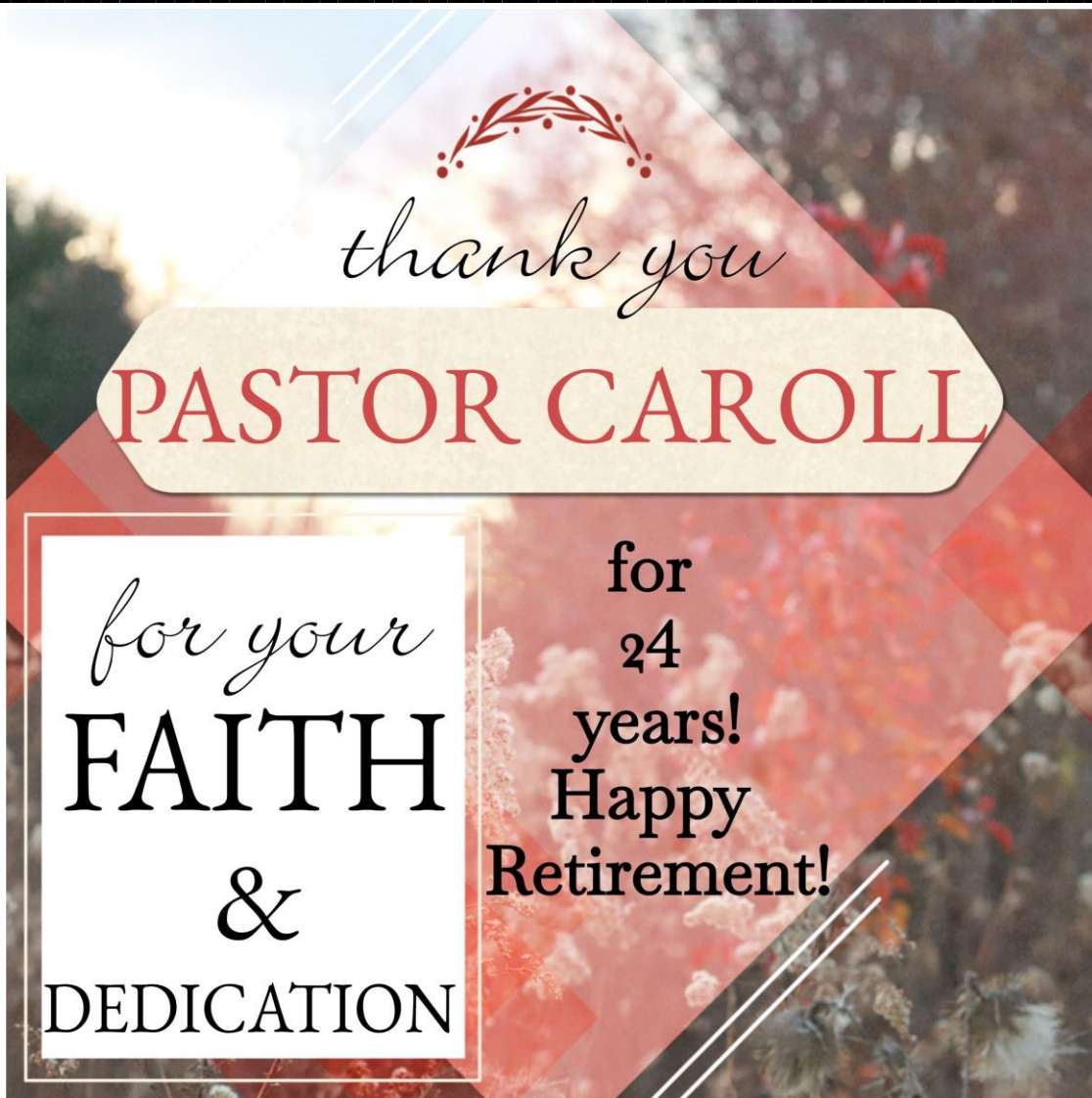
APPLICATION FORMS:

1. Application forms must be filled out in entirety.

2. Application and all recommendations must be post marked by **May 16, 2025**.

3. Send to: **Mrs. Juanita McClain, 5511 Wallace Branch Road, Marshville NC 28103**

Please contact Sheri in the church office at 704-624-5121 for an application.





Monday, May 26th

Dear Philadelphia Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts to my ministry. I appreciate all you do to reach children with the Gospel of Christ. Sometimes, things happen that are beyond our control. During this time, we decide whether to continue discipling the children entrusted to our care or do we give up and wait until the following year to start over. When Robert faced this decision in the face of a challenge, he did not give up. Instead, he continued his Awana ministry from his truck.

The Awana Ministry Director at Waxhaw Bible Church, Robert Wildermuth, faced a big dilemma last year. In previous years, the Awana club used three buildings for eight classrooms, storage space, offices, and meeting rooms. Removal of the three buildings occurred during the summer. Robert had seen the Awana videos highlighting how second and third-world countries hold Awana Clubs with little more than a dirt patch and a nearby shelter. Robert was encouraged to run Waxhaw Bible Church's Awana club in a 50-foot-by-100-foot room. Through it all, God is providing!

The Cubbies moved to the nursery. With a couple of tables, the lobby became the office for the secretaries. Robert and his team taped down another game square so the Sparks and T&T clubbers could run games simultaneously. When the Sparks and T&T clubbers completed their games, the youth strategically moved the partitions, tables, and carts of surplus chairs to form six classrooms from the two game squares for Small Group Time. Another shift of the tables, and they held Large Group in the same space. Children went to the stage for songs and interaction time during the transition. The youth also helped by listening to verses and assisting during game time. After Awana, the teens are dismissed and participate in their Bible Study.

Oh, and ministry out of his truck? Throughout the entire Awana year, the back of Robert's pickup served as the storage supply area. The youth also assisted in unloading and reloading the truck every Awana Club night. The benefit was for the teens who could **Become** while living out their faith and seeing God in action.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting our ministry. Your prayers and financial gifts of \$150.00 per month enable us to witness youth reaching their full potential and **Becoming** true, resilient disciples of God. Your gifts allow us to continue reaching out to spread the message of Child Discipleship. May God richly bless you, Kathy Brock Awana Carolinas

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12th Annual Youth Fish Fry

Friday, May 9th

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$15.00 per plate Dine In; \$13.00 To Go/Lunch plates

Delivery to businesses with 10 or more orders.

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

If you work for a company that will be purchasing 10 or more plates for **LUNCH**, please contact **Lauren Davis** at **704-309-9895** by **Wednesday, May 7th**. Thank you.

75 Plus May 2025 Newsletter

April was a beautiful month; however, the pollen was not good for our allergies. This month we had a group of 27 people attend our meeting. We share laughter, food and friendship. We were all created to be a large family. Our senior group has been very active and anxious to talk, laugh and share a meal together. Thanks to everyone that came brought great food and desserts. We miss you when you're not with us. Take care! God loves you and so do I.

Our next meeting is May 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in our Family Life Center. Hope to see you then. Bonnie Oster

May 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 National Day of Prayer 6 p.m. Monroe Courthouse	2	3 Pastor Carroll's wedding reception 2 – 4 p.m. FLC
4 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:30-6:30 p.m. AWANA Book Completion; Clubber Appreciation Night	5	6	7 LUNCH DELIVERY FISH PLATE ORDERS DUE. Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GA, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	8 Men's Dinner at Golden Corral 6:30 p.m.	9 FISH FRY in FLC 5-7:30 p.m.	10
11 Mother's Day. Baptismal Service. Mother's Day Offering 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Church Conference No AWANA Today	12	13 75 Plus meeting in FLC at 11 a.m.	14 7:00 PM: NO Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA in FLC, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	15	16 16 th – 18 th Men's Retreat at Fort Caswell	17 Men's Retreat at Fort Caswell

18 Baby Dedication forms due and June Newsletter Articles Due 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Church Conference Pastor Carroll's Farewell Luncheon 6:00 p.m. AWANA Closing Ceremony in sanctuary	19	20 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast @ Beth's at 9 a.m.	21 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	May 2025, continued		
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25 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship-Pastor Carroll's last Sunday.	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 Deacons' Meeting 7 p.m.	28 7:00 PM: NO Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	29	30	31



We need more volunteers for Children's Church.
Please contact Ava Strawn if you are willing to help out. Thank you.

To Our Church Family and Friends,

I'm writing to remind everyone of the coming events this month.

May 11th is Mother's Day and we have a special gift for each mother in attendance that morning. I encourage each one that still has their mom to spend as much time with them as possible. Mothers are a precious commodity whose value is not fully recognized until they're gone.

May 18th We will be taking a love offering for Pastor Carroll. I know everyone has a special memory of how he has been involved in your lives. I ask that you give generously. Also, on that day we will be having lunch in the FLC after morning worship to honor our Rev. Carroll Anthony for the 24 years of unwavering, faithful and loving service to us, our community, our schools, the UBA, and to people around the world.

May 25th I'm not sure how the day will unfold. It is the day we bid farewell to our beloved Pastor as he moves into the next stage of his life. I'm sure that most of our eyes will leak this day but let's not allow this to be a day of sadness. It's also the day that we here at Philadelphia start the next phase of our Church lives as we eagerly anticipate the next Pastor that will fill our pulpit.

I beseech each one of you to be in constant prayer for our Pastor Search Team that GOD will reveal to them the man that is right for PBC. I do believe God is preparing his heart as I pen this letter. I also ask that we pray for each other as a church family. That we will remain steadfast and continue to plant the seeds of Christ and salvation in our community.

I also covet your prayers, that during this transition period, I can serve our church family with integrity and perseverance.

Jeremiah 33:3
Call unto me and I will answer
thee and shew thee great and
mighty things which thou
knowest not.

Jerry Davis, Deacon Chairman



Fort Caswell

Youth Trip: July 7 – 11

Theme: REMAIN

Speaker:
Curtis Andrusko

Cost: \$150

See Jenks for details.



Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 1st

*Baby
Dedication*

Sunday, June 15th

Please sign up by Sunday, May 18th

at:

<https://www.pbcmarshville.org/baby-dedication/>



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

Monday, June 16th – Friday, June 20th

Commencement: Sunday, June 22nd

Mother's Day Offering Frequently Asked Questions

Week of Prayer: May 4th – 10th Ingathering: Sunday, May 11th

How is the Offering used? Every dollar of every gift helps patients pay medical bills at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist. They are a very special group of patients. The Offering helps patients who “fall between the cracks” of assistance. They have a little too much to qualify for government help or the Hospital’s charity care program. However, they do not have enough to pay medical bills they are responsible for. With nowhere to turn for help, they receive a letter from the Hospital that says, “Your medical bill has been paid by compassionate and mission-minded North Carolina Baptists in the name of Jesus Christ and His love.”

How are patients referred for assistance? Hospital financial counselors make most of the referrals. They look for deserving patients who are painfully in need – those who are burdened by medical bills, trying to help themselves, but in need of a helping hand. They carefully screen every referral, taking detailed financial statements to verify needs and rule out any other possible means of assistance. Ministers or others also call Church and Community Relations to refer people whom they know are struggling with their hospital bills.

How are decisions made about providing help? The Baptist Benevolent Committee (six N.C. Baptist ministers and laypersons) receives the referrals and prayerfully evaluates how much assistance to provide. The amount usually averages from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars per patient.

What is the impact? A recent recipient of the Mother's Day Offering wrote to say, "I am sending heartfelt gratitude from myself and my son for the payment of the balance of his medical bill ... This generous gift was an answer to prayer and a great blessing at this time." Another recipient spoke for many when he said, “My faith was growing weak and I thought that God had forgotten all about me. The Mother’s Day Offering strengthened my faith and let me know there was hope, that God was with us.” And another said, “The Mother’s Day Offering saved us and changed our lives. What a powerful way to tell others about the love of Jesus.”

Joshua Baker	May 01
Kaley Fennell	May 01
Jayla Rapp	May 02
Hunner Wallace	May 03
Esther Medlin	May 04
Tiffany Romanello	May 04
Rick Benton	May 05
Kristy Hagler	May 06
Leah Ciucevich	May 08
Ralph Pope	May 08
Liam Clay	May 09
Katie Autry	May 12
James Knight	May 13
Roger Newland	May 13
Dallas Stanley	May 13
Ginny Hargette	May 14
Dillon McClain	May 14
Hunter Strawn	May 15
Gibson Ashcraft Lineback	May 18
Lauren Davis	May 18
Billie Ann M. Lee	May 18
Billie Lee	May 18
Heidi Strawn	May 18
Brooke Lamberth	May 19
Jerry Atkinson	May 21
Melvin Woodward	May 21
Tyler McClain	May 22
Courtney Nelson	May 23
Kathy Farmer	May 25
Nellie Moore	May 25
Amber Robinson	May 25
Christy Mabe	May 26
Mary Vaughn	May 26
Lisa Stutts	May 27
Neely Rutledge	May 28
Cameron Vaughn	May 28
Alyssa Brock	May 29
Lenore Day	May 29
Ashley Severt	May 30
Jessica Speight	May 30
Joshua Tarlton	May 30
Harlann Gainey	May 31
Summer Speight	May 31



HAPPY
Birthday

First Week of June Birthdays

June 01	Finley Farthing
June 01	Leigha Rollins
June 01	Brystal Wallace
June 02	Jenks Jenkins
June 02	Devin Layser
June 03	Chad Forester
June 05	Kole Jenkins
June 05	Henry Rape'
June 06	Jerry Rollins

Before I share my thoughts, I just wanted to remind everyone of our annual Youth Fish Fry. This is one of my favorite days of the year and also one of the longest days as well. It is all worth it to me, regardless of how much \$\$ we raise. We have always tried to charge less than any restaurant in the area while still raising money for our youth. Plus, it is a great way for our youth to serve you guys that night. Honestly, it has never been about the Money to me, it has been the relationships formed and fun we have each day. Thank you to all that have helped in the past. If you are free May 9th, come out and join us . I promise, it will be a day you will not forget. Every year we have a few new people to join in with the work, I mean FUN. See you MAY 9TH.

As we are preparing for that day, this will also be the last month Preacher Carroll will be behind our pulpit at PBC. We are going to miss him in so many ways but at the same time, his presence will still be felt. His effect will still shine through in of our congregation. He has instilled in us so many characteristics that will still be on display here at PBC. I encourage each one of us to keep building on those in the years to come.

As you may know, I have the privilege/responsibility to serve on the search committee for our new Pastor. I know I can't speak for everyone on that committee but I know we all share the same opinion, WE are looking for the LEADER God has in store for our congregation, church and community. While it would be unfair to try and find the next Carroll Anthony, we are looking to find the next Preacher/Pastor God has in store for us. I urge each of you to continue to pray for not only the committee members and their families but our members and community as well.

As I have been looking over different duties and roles of a Pastor/Preacher and many resumes, I came across this quote that stood out to me, "I'm looking forward to being a Fisher of Men more than a Keeper of an Aquarium." I have been thinking on that statement for a while now. While I don't disagree with his statement, I do think both to be very important. What do you think? Find me sometime and tell me what you think of that statement. It was at that moment; this whole process got a lot more real and took on a new meaning.

Jenks





Thank God for Mother's Love



There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.
A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.
When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.
Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above. — Anonymous

Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18 3

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)

16 5

EHLA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)

7 12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

10 17 13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

AMYS (Matthew 2:11)

2

ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)

9 15 4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
 13 8 14 G F F G !
 15 4 16 10 17 3 18

