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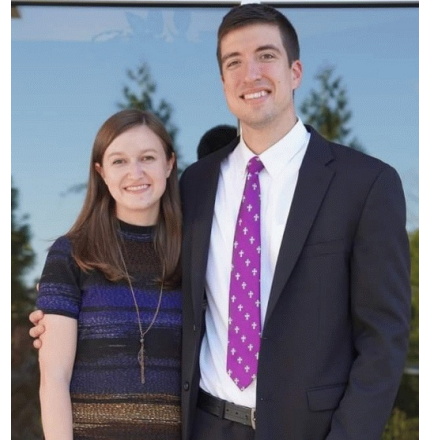
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A Word From Our New Pastor

It was a wonderful day of worship and fellowship on September 24th as I began my ministry as pastor of Warrenton Baptist Church. Thank you to everyone who was there and to everyone who helped to make it possible. I am looking forward to many more Sundays ahead as your pastor. It has been clear that there is great energy and excitement in the church and community, and that is very humbling for me.

On a personal note, I want to let you know that Sarah and I have purchased a home in Henderson. We closed on this new home on September 28th and we are hoping to physically move in the coming weeks. The house needs a bit of work before it is ready for us to move in, but once that is completed we will be able to relocate. We are excited for this move and we feel like it will allow us to be more present in the church and community of Warrenton. We ask for grace and patience as we make this transition in the coming weeks.



I also want to remind you about the upcoming Growing Young workshop at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh on October 16-17. This workshop is being sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina and the Fuller Youth Institute. While there are no silver bullets that will automatically bring young people back into churches, this workshop will offer churches ideas and strategies to engage younger generations and bring life and energy to their congregations. Registration is online through the Fuller Youth Institute website and you can use the code CBFNC60 to receive a discounted rate. If you have questions or need help registering, please feel free to ask me.

For my devotional thought this month, I want to talk about joy. Joy is one of the things listed by Paul with the "Fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5, and it is clearly something that Christ wants his followers to have. Psalm 149:3-5 says, "Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory. Let his faithful people rejoice in his honor and sing for joy on their beds."

Our world is full of seriousness. In many cases, there is good reason for that. There are serious matters in life such as sickness, death, poverty, and brokenness, among other things. Christians should take these things seriously and work to alleviate and rectify them as we are able.

The verses from the Psalms, however, remind us that God also wants us to be joyful. The difficult work we have to do to make our world a better place and our joyful praise of God are not mutually exclusive. We need the psalmist's reminder that God delights in us and in the work we do for God. Joy can motivate our work in the world.

Can you think of times when you have gathered with your church community and truly felt full of joy? What was happening? As Psalm 149 reminds us, "Let his faithful people rejoice in his honor and sing for joy on their beds."

My prayer is that Warrenton Baptist Church would be a faith community that is known for the joy that we have and spread in our community. And may that joy motivate our work in the world around us.

Blessings,
Chris Wilson

WELCOME TO CHRIS AND SARAH WILSON

With much gratitude and enthusiasm, we welcomed our new pastor, the Rev. Chris Wilson, and his wife Sarah into The Warrenton Baptist Church family on Sunday, September 24. Worship included a Litany of Installation and Blessing for Pastor led by Claude Burrows, chair of the Pastor Search Committee. Chris and Sarah also asked for a transfer of their membership from Rolesville Baptist Church, where he has served most recently as Minister of Children and Youth.

GROWING YOUNG WORKSHOP

Our new pastor, Rev. Chris Wilson, has shared information regarding a two-day workshop entitled, "Growing Young," scheduled for October 16-17, 2023, at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh. "All churches grow old . . . but strategic churches are growing young," the promotional material states. Chris and his wife Sarah plan to attend the workshop, and interest has been expressed among members of the congregation. To access information about the workshop and register, visit cbfnc.org website; click on "Upcoming Events" and then the "Growing Young" link. Registration with the stated discount code of CBFNC60 is \$115.60. Deacons have agreed that those attending would be reimbursed for cost of registration.

PREPARING FOR A NEW CHURCH YEAR

The Nominating Committee is meeting and making contacts to engage officers and committees for the new church year which begins January 1, 2024. Please be in prayer for this process and for how you may serve in the coming year. Serving on the committee are Kenny Clayton, Theresa Clifton, Barbara Manning, Butch Meek, and Mary Catherine Harris, chair. The report of the committee will be presented at the annual church conference following worship on October 15.

Also at the October 15th meeting, we will elect one new deacon for a three-year term. Please give your nominations to Jimmy Harris, diaconate chair, by October 14, after asking your nominee about willingness to serve.

Deacons who are ending their term this year are Claude Burrows, Jimmy Harris, and Butch Meek. Those with terms ending in 2024 are Susan Blaylock, Michelle Bugg, and Kenny Clayton. Mishew Gardner and Mary Catherine Harris are serving through 2025.

CHURCH FORUM SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 8

As in the past, our annual church forum will take place in the evening one week prior to the annual church conference. This informal gathering offers opportunity for discussion and questions regarding all areas of our church's ministry. Please plan to come for the forum in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 8, at 7 p.m.

WHERE WE'RE FROM

As we approach the celebration of our 175th anniversary as Warrenton Baptist Church in April 2024, we are highlighting each month some tidbits of our identity and history – where we're from as church. We invite you to offer your memories for inclusion here.

Where We're From:

Mrs. V. L. Pendleton gave the land on which the current church was built in 1901. She was born Victoria Louis Clark in Pitt County in 1838. She was a student at Warrenton Female Collegiate Institute for several years and later operated a school for girls in the home she had purchased at Ridgeway, Front and Main streets. She was a loyal Baptist and became the long-time teacher of the Philathea Sunday School Class.

2023 October Lectionary

- 10-1 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32
- 10-8 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19
Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
- 10-15 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14
- 10-22 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99
Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- 10-29 Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost**
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

2023 October Calendar of Events

- 10-1 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Communion**
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship/Communion
- 10-8 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
7:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
Deacons' Meeting Following Worship
7:00 PM Church Forum in Sanctuary
- 10-15 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
Annual Church Conference (Deacon Election)
- 10-22 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost**
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
- 10-29 Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost Communion**
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship/Communion
- Every Wednesday**
9:00 AM Lectionary Discussion

2023 Calendar For Sanctuary Flowers

Shown below is the calendar for placing flowers in the sanctuary for worship, with open spaces indicated for reserving a time. You may use the flowers for two Sundays in succession. The flower calendar for 2023 is posted on the bulletin board in the back hallway. If you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary for worship, please sign up or contact Michelle Bugg, 252-213-2075.

Date	Communion	Name	Name	Name	Name
Oct	1-Communion	8- Lea Hamilton	15- Lea Hamilton	22- David Gardner	29- Communion David Gardner
Nov	5 - All Saints Day	12- Walter Gardner	19- Walter Gardner	26- Walter Gardner	
Dec	3 - Communion Hanging of Greens	10- Advent Poinsettias	17- Advent Poinsettias	24 - Advent Poinsettias	31- Poinsettias

FACELIFT FOR CHURCH OFFICES

Thanks to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for coordinating changes in décor for the pastor's study and the church office. Newly painted walls and shelving and general refurbishing have brightened both work spaces.

I want to give special thanks Bob Neal and the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Deacon Board for including these improvements to the church office. Christy Serls

Remember In Prayer & Ministry

Last Update 9-29-2023

In Town and Near By:

Carolyn Adcock, 247 Adcock Dead End Road, Macon, NC 27551
Jimmy Allen, 637 Robinson Ferry Road, Macon, NC 27551
Mike Aycock, 1971 US Hwy. 401 S
Lawrence Boyd, 221 Graham St.
William Brannock, 672 Limertown Rd.
Bryan Burnside, Robert's brother, 326 Hazelwood Rd.
Joy Burnside, Robert Burnside's mother, 128 Battle Ave.
Harry Jackson Carter, 1976 US Hwy. 401 S
Margie Clayton, Coventry House Inn Room 4, 20 Medical Court, Henderson, NC 27536
Tom Flynn, 40 Siltstone Dr., Franklinton, NC 27525
Tom Hardy, 222 Fairview St.
Phyllis and Earl King, 118 Dogwood Acres Rd.
Luke McCullough, 316 N Main St.
Cecile and Randy Renn, 215 Fairview St.
Frances Sondgeroth, 21 East Holly Lane, Henderson, NC 27537
Lee A. Thompson, 926 Black's Rd., Macon, NC 27551
Harrison West, 351 Hwy 4, Littleton, NC 27850
Donald Wimbrow, PO Box 533, Norlina, NC 27563



Out Of Area:

Mary Adams, Kim Burrows' mother, 405 Blythe Ferry Lane, Georgetown, TN 37336
Bryan B. Burnside, Robert Burnside's father, Rice, VA
Wayne Jenkins, 3064 NC Hwy. 35, Woodland, NC 27897
Seth McCullen, Selma's Grandson-in-law, 17 Chanticleer Dr., Greenville, SC 29605
Keith Tharrington, Selma's son, 455 Buggs Island Rd., Boydton, VA 23917
Terry Vaughan, Marie's son, 4205 Weaver Road, Wilson, NC 27893
Mary Lillian White, 25351 Settlers Mill, Magnolia, TX 77355

Happy Birthday

Mary Lillian White	5
Bobby Blaylock	6
Ansley Blackmon	11
Butch Meek	11
Dan Blaylock	13
Janet Harris	13
Walter Gardner	14
Robert Burnside	15
Margie Clayton	15
Theresa Clifton	19
Jay Johnson	20
Cathy Gardner	24
Wally Allen	26
Chris Adcock	31
Lisa Harris Guckian	31



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Anora Rainey, Pianist ♦ Tom Flynn, Organist

Tina & Finley Neal, Custodians