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Warrenton Baptist Newsletter

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“Get off your CELL PHONE and drive!”

I spend a lot of time on the road serving North Carolina Baptist Churches, representing the North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. During that time, I have the opportunity to read whatever is in my line of vision.



One afternoon last month, I was following an older model RV (campervan). Seizing the opportunity to share messages, the driver had an attached triangular sign that read “Veteran on Board.” On the other side, the branch of service was designated, “US Army Veteran.” I can’t be sure, but based on my experience, I have a hunch that the driver was a drill sergeant. The clue comes from another message attached to the window of the left rear door of the camper – **“Get off you CELL PHONE and drive!”**

It is not a bad message. Studies reveal that many accidents are caused by the distraction of cell phone use. Many laws are in place to make cell phone use unlawful while operating a motor vehicle. Regardless of your feelings on that issue, no doubt we all want the drivers around us to be focused on what they are doing.

“Get off you CELL PHONE and drive!” In a way, it’s not a bad mandate for the Warrenton Baptist Church family. It reminds me of Paul’s letter to the Philippians, chapter three, verses thirteen and fourteen: *“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do; forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

Paul wanted to be as much like Christ, as he possibly could – no distractions. I can’t think of a better goal for any of us.

With gratitude and deep affection for you,

Richard Childress

Dr. A. Richard Childress

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

During worship on April 23, we will celebrate 174 years of ministry as the Warrenton Baptist Church, with former pastor Dr. Jody C. Wright preaching. We look forward to the gathering of our church family and friends for worship at 11:00 a.m, and the catered lunch to follow.

Please pass the word and invitation for this time of celebration and notify the church office of your plan to be present for the meal. A **sign-up sheet** will be available on the counter in the **church office**, or you may notify by leaving a message on the church voice mail at **252-257-3130**, or by email at warrentonbaptistchurch1849@gmail.com or by U. S. Mail at **226 N. Main Street, Warrenton, NC 27589**.

Please give your name and the number of persons attending, including yourself, and notify by Sunday, **April 2**.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

On each Wednesday during Lent, area churches are coming together for a time of devotion at 11:30 a.m., followed by bring-your-own lunch, with the host church providing beverage. At this time, the following churches have volunteered to host the services: Warrenton Baptist, March 1; Warrenton Missionary Baptist, March 8; Warrenton Presbyterian, March 15. Announcement will be made as other parts of the schedule are filled. The community is invited.

Missions and Ministry Committee Message

In February, the committee focused on hunger in Warren County and the surrounding area with donations as follows:

- \$500 to Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina
- \$500 to Loaves and Fishes
- \$500 to Warrenton Presbyterian Church for Blessings in a Bag

In addition, funds were used to pay the electric bill for an area resident.

The church expressed its love and concern to members of our extended church family with the following gifts:

- Flower arrangement to Susan Creed
- \$200 for travel expenses to Ashley McCullen
- Harry and David fruit box to Brooks, Hayes, and Wells McCullen, great-grandchildren of Selma Tharrington

Susan Creed sent her thanks for the flowers on the night she received them. The McCullens have not received their gifts at the time of this report.

There are Lenten devotional materials on the credenza in the vestibule. Please pick up one for yourself and one for a friend.

Thanks for your support of the committee's work on behalf of the church!

2023 March Lectionary

2023 March Calendar of Events

- 3-5 Second Sunday in Lent**
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 121
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 John 3:1-7 or Matthew 17:1-9
- 3-12 Third Sunday in Lent**
 Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42
- 3-19 Fourth Sunday in Lent**
 1 Samuel 6:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41
- 3-26 Fifth Sunday in Lent**
 Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

- 3-1 Ecumenical Lenten Service**
 11:30 AM Warrenton Baptist
- 3-5 Second Sunday in Lent**
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship/Communion
- 3-12 Third Sunday in Lent**
 7:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
Deacons' Meeting following worship
- 3-19 Fourth Sunday in Lent**
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
- 3-26 Fifth Sunday in Lent**
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship

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.

If the Sunday you wish to reserve falls during Lent, please reserve it and we welcome your flowers in place of greenery.

Date	Communion	Name	Name	Name	Name
Feb	5-Communion	12-Bettie Jean Davis	19-Bettie Jean Davis	26-Lent/Greenery Bettie Jean Davis	
Mar	5-Communion - Lent/Greenery	12-Lent/Greenery Cathy Gardner	19-Lent/Greenery Cathy Gardner	26-Lent/Greenery	
Apr	2-Communion - Palm Sunday (palms)	9-Easter Sunday (lilies)	16- Christy Serls	23- Christy Serls	30- Christy Serls (3)
May	7-Communion	14- Lea Hamilton	21- Walter Gardner	28- Walter Gardner	

Note: (3) Designates 3rd Sunday of use, for which flowers can be placed to the side of sanctuary, as desired by donor.

Also designates potential opening for a new donor. Please address questions to Michelle Bugg, 252-213-2075.

Remember In Prayer & Ministry

Last Update 2-28-2023



In Town and Near By:

Jimmy Allen, 637 Robinson Ferry Road, Macon, NC 27551
Leah Anderson, 580 MLK Blvd.
Mike Aycock, 1971 US Hwy 401 S
William Brannock, 672 Limertown Rd.
Joy Burnside, Robert Burnside's mother, 128 Battle Ave
Megan Burrows, 302 S Main St.
Margie Clayton, Coventry House Inn Rm 4, 20 Medical Court, Henderson, NC 27536
Matthew Gardner, 990 Hughes St, Henderson, NC 27536
Tom Hardy, 222 Fairview St
Katherine Hawks, 120 Marshall St.
Karla Hehl, 210 N. Bragg St.
Cynthia Jenkins, 534 Eaton Ave.
Phyllis and Earl King, 118 Dogwood Acres Rd
Victoria Limer, Warren Hills, Room 106, US Hwy 158, PO Box 616
Larry Lynch, 420 Rodwell St
Luke McCullough, 316 N Main St.
Ethan Neal, 218 Anderson Creek Rd, Henderson, NC 27536
Norma and Dennis Retzlaff, 109 Battle Ave.
Mark Schumacher, Val's husband, 202 Ridgeway St.
Harrison West, 351 Hwy 4, Littleton, NC 27850
Ann Duncan Wilson, PO Box 8, Macon, NC 27551
Donald Wimbrow, PO Box 533, Norlina, NC 27563

Out Of Area:

Bryan B. Burnside, Robert Burnside's father, Rice, VA
Susan Creed, David Gardner's sister, 7 Granada Ct, Greensboro, NC 27407
Elsa Guckian, daughter of Lisa Harris and Eric Guckian, 1103 9th St., Durham, NC 27705
Wayne Jenkins, 3064 NC Hwy. 35, Woodland, NC 27897
Emily Johnson, Dogwood Village, West Wing Rm 20, 120 Dogwood Lane, Orange, VA 22960
Jillian Lorek, Cathy and David Gardner's daughter-in-law, 836 Ruth Cir., Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
Seth McCullen, Shepherd Center 2020 Peachtree Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30309
Myra Johnson Powell, 4616 Pinehurst Dr, Wilson, NC 27896
Jason Taylor, 12184 Taylor Store Rd, Nashville, NC 27856
Keith Tharrington, Selma's son, 455 Buggs Island Rd., Boydton, VA 23917
Mary Lillian White, 25351 Settlers Mill, Magnolia, TX 77355

Happy Birthday

Robert Neal, Jr.	2
Sears Bugg	3
Kenan Gardner	3
Hallie Gardner	6
Emily Johnson	9
Meredith Kelly	9
Ruth Clayton	11
Megan Burrows	12
Claude Burrows	16
Jessica Flynn	17
Mildred Stewart Johnson	19
Sharon Bartholomew	22
Laura Buttram	25
Christy Serls	26
Randy Clipp	27
Joel Bartholomew	31
Sam Bickett	31



Flower Calendar

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.

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