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Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

October 2020

OCTOBER IS...

Pastor Appreciation Month

We sincerely appreciate our Pastors: Dave Pryor, Cameron Lewis, and Joe Glenn.

*"Our Pastor, You lead our congregation by opening God's Word,
and then you live your life reflecting all we've heard.
You care for others deeply and lift them up in prayer,
and when we face misfortune, we know that you'll be there.
We really love you, Pastor, for everything you do.
And we thank God for giving us a Pastor just like You."*

Anne Peterson

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry begins this month. In a couple of weeks, we'll have the pre-printed cardboard shoeboxes in the foyer for you to pick up and fill with gifts and everyday items.

Until the boxes arrive, you can shop for: toys (balls, dinosaurs, dolls, stuffed animal, etc), shoes (flip flops, sandals), socks, underwear, bandana, school supplies (pencils, backpack, glue stick (no liquid glue), etc.), coloring books, crayons, toiletries and the list goes on.

Go to <https://occ-gift-suggestions-age-and-gender.pdf> for a complete list of gift suggestions. Donations of gifts are also accepted. The Baptist Women will assemble a shoebox for you.



You can also order pre-printed plastic shoeboxes from OCC, 12 boxes for \$18. Great for the kids to keep their gifts and supplies in. Click the shoebox on the left.

Place your filled shoeboxes in the church foyer by Nov. 11th and the Baptist Women will prepare for shipping.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1st!

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night (Oct 31st) before going to bed.

It's also a good time to check or change the batteries in your smoke detectors.





**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

“Who am I?” That is a question that many people in our society are trying to answer. Many want to know who and where they came from, so they pay a company to do a genealogy study of their background. Then they find out their roots. Some people today are confused about their gender. They are trying to figure out if they are male or female. Right now, many people are basing their identity on whether or not they are Republican or Democrat. So, needless to say many people are searching for their identity.

As Christians, our identity is in Christ. Look at what Paul wrote in Ephesians 1:4-5, “He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.” As a Christian, you should

know that God chose you and He has adopted you into His family. When He adopted you, He not only made you a part of His family, but He gave you a new nature. Now that we are His, we are called to “be holy and without blame.” In other words, we are to live like we belong to God and we are in His family. This is who we are! We know the answer to the question “Who am I?”

However, there are many in our community who don’t know the answer to that question. They need us to share the Answer with them. The Answer is Jesus. As God’s children, we are to live “according to the good pleasure of His will.” His will is that we share the Answer with those around us. Satan has done a good job of deceiving people into believing that they are someone they are not. So, let’s share the truth with those in our community and see God change their lives as He adopts them into His family.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

Baptist Women News

• Looking for a wedding gift, a Christmas gift, or ‘just for me’ gift? You can purchase RADA Cutlery products by clicking this link radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946 or use the catalog and order form in the church foyer. These products are proudly made in the USA. Each purchase helps support our mission projects.

• If you are participating in our Secret Sister Program, there is a basket in the church foyer to place cards and gifts to your secret sister. Be sure to check the basket weekly.

• Samaritan’s Purse - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry Shoeboxes will be placed in the foyer in a couple of weeks. Drop off by Nov. 11th.

Foundation Club Outing

Thursday, November 12th

Southern Supreme Fruitcake

Bear Creek, NC

Sign up sheet is in the church foyer.

Leaving the church at 7am, stopping for a biscuit on the way. Returning to the church by 2p, after stopping for lunch.



Missions Night will resume, 2nd Wednesdays, beginning Oct 14th at



7 : 0 0 p m . Please join us! We have lots to catch up on!



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

- ◆ Beth Chambers and her family in the death of her uncle, Emory Clayton
- ◆ Frances Dunman and her family in the death of her half-brother, Henry Meadows
- ◆ Mavis Seagroves and her family in the death of her sister, Diane Denton
- ◆ Cathy Taylor and her family in the death of her sister, Charlotte Dickerson



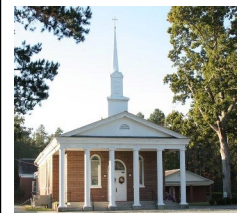
Congratulations to
**Karsyn Ellis
&
Robby Yow**

On their wedding,
Saturday, September
26, 2020

Women of Joy Conference

April 30 - May 2, 2021
Myrtle Beach, SC

\$25 deposit is due Nov. 1, 2020 and balance due March 14, 2021. Please make checks out to RMBC and give to Ashley Crabtree. The cost includes room and conference. Rates per person: \$229/4 per room; \$259/3 per room; \$309/2 per room. More information and a sign up sheet are on the Baptist Women’s table in the foyer. Or you can see Ashley Crabtree or Kim Pearson.



Building Fund Update

Our Goal	\$ 1,002,000
Collected <small>as of Sept 22, 2020</small>	\$ 604,247
Balance	\$ 397,753

OCTOBER 2020

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">Memory Verse</p> <p align="center">“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”</p> <p align="center">Ephesians 1:4</p>				1	2	3
4 Family Worship Service 9am & 11am Deacons Mtg 4p	5	6	7 <i>Tori Turner</i>	8 <i>Colby Proctor</i>	9	10 <i>Dustin Craven Kate Proctor</i>
11 Pastor APPRECIATION DAY Family Worship Service/Lord’s Supper 9a & 11a Business Meeting 5:30p <i>Paul Hall</i>	12 <i>Elyssa Koutsis</i>	13	14 Missions Night 7p <i>Mason Shuler</i>	15 <i>David Glenn</i>	16	17 <i>Kyndall Chambers</i>
18 Family Worship Service 9am & 11am <i>Wesley Davis</i>	19	20	21 <i>Tina Blomberg</i>	22 <i>Sheila Capel Joy Colvard</i>	23 <i>Chris Brack</i>	24 Youth Stew P/U at 11a <i>Kim Jackson</i>
25 Family Worship Service 9am & 11am	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Dwayne Taylor</i>	31  <i>Turn clocks back before going to bed</i>



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God's Treat Has No Tricks

Pastor Mark Jeske

During the month of October, two colors dominate offices and stores—orange and black. In every store you are bombarded by displays of candy and almost any type of costume that you can think of. Whether or not you will put out candy for the superheroes and goblins ringing your doorbell is a matter of personal opinion.

But October 31 is more than just candy and princess costumes; it is also Reformation Day, a day that celebrates the reformation movement that brought to light the authority of Scripture and salvation by God's grace alone, through faith alone. The Bible, the inspired Word of God, tells us: **"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so**

that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9).

For many centuries believers had been held in fear and guilt their whole lives because they had been taught that their relationship with God depended at least in part on their good works. The biblical truth that the reformation movement rediscovered and proclaimed centers on *grace*, the unbelievably good news that Jesus Christ has paid all our debts, forgiven all our sins, and even gives us to the Holy Spirit to help us believe it.

When the little ghosts and witches come to your door, their implied threat is "treat or trick." Because of Jesus Christ, you can enjoy the ultimate treat—forgiveness of your sins and eternal life. No tricks. It's his gift!

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Costume Yourself in God's Armor

Dianne Neal Matthews

Halloween's origins go back to the festival of Samhain, celebrated by the Celts in ancient Britain and Ireland on the evening before All Saints Day.

They believed the souls of the dead returned to visit their earthly homes on November 1. The Celts built bonfires to offer sacrifices, relight hearth fires, and scare away evil spirits. The people sometimes wore masks to keep from being recognized by ghosts.

The Romans conquered the Celts in A.D. 43 and combined Samhain with their two autumn festivals. Although the church later made November 1 a holy day, people retained some old pagan customs.

Early American colonists were mostly forbidden to celebrate Halloween, but large numbers of immigrants from Ireland and Scotland brought Halloween customs with them, and it became a popular holiday by the mid-nineteenth century.

When it comes to evil spirits, we can make one of two serious mistakes. Some people dismiss the existence of supernatural beings as legends left over from a time of ignorance and superstition.



Then there are people who go to the other extreme and see evidence of demons in things better attributed to nature, psychology, or consequences of their own actions.

The Bible shows many examples of evil spirits at work in the world and in people.

In Ephesians 2:2, Paul identifies Satan as:

"the commander of the powers in the unseen world." (NLT)

The Gospels demonstrate that Jesus had control over Satan and his demons, or fallen angels. Luke 4:36* says,

[The people said,] "What authority and power this man's words possess! Even evil spirits obey Him, and they flee at His command!" (NLT)

Paul explains that we need the armor provided by God because we are fighting against

"... evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world" and "evil spirits in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12* NLT).

Halloween may be considered a children's holiday, but evil spirits are real and we need the armor of God every day.

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