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ON THE JOURNEY...

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As I am writing this, my oldest granddaughter is starting her first day of second grade and my wife is welcoming her 22nd class of second graders into her classroom. As I reflect on the challenges of educators everywhere in this present generation, and as we consider the social and economic and cultural and physical climate of our times, we might wonder that anyone would take up the task of teaching in these days.

Some of my own former professors have said, education is not the field it once was. Career paths are strewn with the outcomes and hazards of sub-standard budgets, political minefields, unreasonable parent and student demands, decaying buildings, unfunded legislated mandates, and unsympathetic taxpayers.

And yet, it seems we understand that education is the one opportunity that when utilized and exercised and provided conscientiously, enables countless individuals to sustain themselves and their families through employment and the ability to read and write and calculate and supply goods and services to the community of which they are a part.

We should understand the importance of education every time we get the correct change from a purchase, or see a physician for an ailment, or want to verify an accurate accounting at the bank. Education is a blessing to anyone who receives it. Jesus told his disciples to "Follow me." Today we who follow Jesus bear witness to the world of the things he has taught us.

We usually value the outcomes of education, without always showing appreciation for the investment made by those who provide it.

Today, I encourage you to say thank you to someone who helped with your own educational process. Whether it be a former teacher, principal, administrator, lunchroom worker, bus driver, or the parent who made sure you were the recipient of a good education – thank them for what they did to help you on your journey.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for all those who teach. And help each of us to learn well the lessons you would have us to learn for our daily blessing and joy. Help us all to continue to ask, and to seek, and to find in accordance with your instruction and guidance each day, that the world may know You and the gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

AMEN

Fall 2017 Discipleship

Fall discipleship courses will meet beginning September 10 through October 22 from 5:30pm-7:00pm each Sunday evening. Courses are also available for preschoolers-youth.



Courses are:

- ◆ *The Marriage You've Always Wanted* led by Mike Cox
 - ◆ *The Daniel Prayer* led by Faith Boehmer
- ◆ A Biblical Study of *Isaiah* led by Dr. Ron Hinson

W Worship

Celebration Choir

Rehearsals

September 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 6:30pm

Worship Preparation: Praise Team &

Instruments

Rehearsals

September 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 7:45 pm

e Equipping

Fall discipleship runs from September 10 - October 22 from 5:30-7pm. Our three adults courses are highlighted on the front page. The Daniel Prayer and The Marriage You've Always Wanted both require a class book for \$9 each. Our course on Isaiah requires you to bring your Bible. Preschoolers will meet in B136 with Heather Zoch and Sammie Carson. First-sixth graders will meet upstairs in U205-207 with April Coleman and Cayce Carson, and youth will meet upstairs in U210-212 with Steve. See April with questions about discipleship. Hope you can join us!

e Evangelism

Don't despair if you missed the Testimony 101 class in July because you can still get this great training. There is now a flexible schedule testimony class open to you. Just call Mike Harrison directly at (910) 977-6866 or call the church (910) 425-1306 to sign up now. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your schedule.

While considering classes it's a great time to invite your friends or neighbors to sign up for one of the three discipleship classes starting September 10th. A Marriage class, a Prayer class and an Isaiah Bible study; something for everyone and you don't have to be a member to attend.

Romans 10:14-15 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Music and Worship Ministry Update

Fall is a wonderful time to join choir! On Wednesday, September 13th, we will have an Open Choir Night. You can join choir at anytime, but this night is especially devoted to welcoming new/ returning choir members.

We begin at 6:30 pm and there will be food! This is a great night to come get a taste of what choir is all about. You can commit to choir for a season or forever! Choir members should love Jesus, the church, and music as well as be able to match pitch. You do not need to sound like a rock star and you don't have to know how to read music!

If you want to join choir, but have something standing in your way, feel free to talk to me about that in case we can help. If you know someone who you think would love to be in choir, please let me know so I can send them an invitation.

Singing in a choir has been one of the most formative, positive experiences of my life. Leading choir at LBC has been one of my greatest joys and I would love for all whom God has called/gifted to this kind of ministry to join us!

Grateful for all of you,

Melanie

LBC Grandparents' Party

Friday, September 8th

6:30-8pm LBC Fellowship Hall



Heart Health Fair

Saturday, October 21 9am - 1pm

LBC Fellowship Hall

Plans are being made for LBC to host a Heart Health Fair in October. This event will be open to the community and will include: free Blood Pressure Checks, Hands-Only CPR Training, information and assistance with Advance Directives, Mended Hearts support group information, Blood Mobile Donation Center and more! That day we are going to provide training for interested LBC members in the use of AED units. An anonymous donor has provided an AED unit that will be placed in the church. Hopefully, we will never have to use it. But, if it is needed we certainly want to have folks trained to use it. We will be signing persons up to receive this training.

Preschool and Children's Ministries

Our big event this September is our Grandparents Party on Friday, September 8 from 6:30-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. This celebration includes dinner, crafts, and some fun oldies music for dancing. We are asking that you sign up to attend by Sunday, September 3. We are so very thankful for the role grandparents play in the lives of our children!

In the coming weeks, our first-sixth graders will have the opportunity to sign up for Children's Mission Day on Saturday, November 4. This event is sponsored through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC. It is an all-day event that speaks to our children about ways they can be on mission for God. Our day includes lunch, recreation, and a special gift. Sign-ups will run during the last two weeks of September.

Our Family Connections class meets every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for families to learn together. We work on our Bible skills, have a devotional and prayer time, make crafts for church members, play, and learn. Even if you cannot be with us each week, it would be a great thing to do as a family as your schedule allows.

Finally, we are greatly anticipating the start of fall discipleship on Sunday, September 10. While the adult courses are meeting, our babies-Kindergarteners are welcomed to join Mrs. Heather and Ms. Sammie for Preschool Explorers in room B136. Our first-sixth graders will experience Kid Zone in U205/207 with Mrs. April and Ms. Cayce. Both of these classes include Biblical learning, tons of fun, and of course, a delicious snack! We would love to have your whole family with us on Sunday evenings.

Sincerely, April

Coming Events from the Adult Deacon Team

*The Adult Deacon Ministry Team will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast at LBC for veterans** of all branches of service and their immediate family members. We would also like to invite spouses of our deceased veterans. The event will be **November 11, 2017 from 8:00am to 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are a veteran that has started attending LBC since 2015, we are looking for photos of you in uniform to be added to a presentation. Photos will be returned to you. Please have photos to Scott Boehmer **by Sunday, October 15, 2017**.

***Adult Day Trip to Myrtle Beach for The Carolina Opry Christmas Special, Shopping & Dinner—Saturday, December 2.** The cost is \$50 per person which includes travel and show ticket. You will need to bring extra spending money for shopping and dinner at *Broadway at the Beach* as well as any snacks or drinks you would like to purchase at the show. The plan is to meet at LBC at 9:30am that morning to head down to Myrtle Beach for the early afternoon show of The Carolina Opry Christmas Special. Following the performance, there will be roughly three hours for shopping and dinner at the *Broadway at the Beach* shopping center. The group will plan to be back at LBC by 9:30pm. Please see Brian Shreve with questions. **Payment is due by Sunday, October 29.**

Nurture *M*

WEECare

Teacher Workday - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday;
September 5, 6, 7

WEECare Begins - Monday, September 11

Sr. Adult

On Thursday, September 7th the Keenagers will have a guest speaker from Waste Management who will share about items related to our household garbage and recycling and special provisions related to seniors in our community. The meeting will be followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **LBC Prayer Shawl** is looking for new members. If you already know how to crochet or would like to learn, this group would love to teach you. Their handiwork is given to cancer patients in our area. If you are interested contact Cindy Handley or the church office.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday Mornings at 6:30am at the **K&W Cafeteria**.

Missions *M*

NC Missions Offerings

September is the month that we promote the NC Missions Offering. This offering is collected in Baptist churches all across the state to support cooperative work of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. A large percentage of the offering goes to support the work of the NC Baptist Men and in particular their ministry through Disaster Relief. NCMO envelopes will be in the pew racks in the Worship Center throughout the month.

You may choose to give an offering to support the work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. CBFNC is involved in a variety of mission and ministry endeavors across our state. Any monies given as an offering to them will go directly to supporting the work of their missionaries. CBF Offering envelopes can be found in the pew racks or you may write CBFNC Offering on the memo line of your check.

September 2017 Calendar

Saturday, September 2: 8:45 am - Youth Sky Zone Trip in Raleigh
 Sunday, September 3: Communion During Morning Worship
 Monday, September 4: Office Closed for Labor Day
 Tuesday, September 5: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, September 6: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Celebration Choir, Youth Midweek Workout, Children's Connections
 Thursday, September 7: 10:00am - Keenagers, 1:30pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Friday, September 8: 6:30pm - Grandparent Party
 Sunday, September 10: 5:30pm - Discipleship
 Tuesday, September 12: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00pm - Evangelism Council Meeting
 Wednesday, September 13: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Open Choir Night, Youth Midweek Workout, Children's Connections
 Saturday, September 16: 2:00pm - Kinstrey and Mabry/Myers SS Class Picnic at Arnette Park
 Sunday, September 17: 2:00pm - Finance Ministry Team Meeting, Maintenance Ministry Team Meeting, Personnel Ministry Team Meeting; 4:00pm - Missions Council Meeting, Worship Council Meeting; 5:30pm - Discipleship
 Tuesday, September 19: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, September 20: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Celebration Choir Youth Midweek Workout, Children's Connections
 Thursday, September 21: 6:30pm - Equipping Council Meeting
 Sunday, September 24: 2:00 pm - Baby Shower for Aubrey Morrison; 5:30 pm - Discipleship
 Tuesday, September 26: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, September 27: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Celebration Choir Youth Midweek Workout, Children's Connections

ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30

Enrollment	331	331	331	331	327
Preschool	14	15	13	16	9
Children	25	23	26	21	25
Youth	15	13	14	16	22
Adult	113	110	129	104	116
Total Sunday School & Bible Study Groups	167	161	182	157	172

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30

Budget Designated	\$14,215.04 \$1,222.00	\$5,887.28 \$245.99	\$11,790.00 \$575.00	\$4,830.35 \$2,621.00	\$7,677.40 \$215.00
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Budget Goal as of July 31, 2017	\$335,992.88
Budget Offering Received as of July 31, 2017:	\$264,353.43

September Birthdays

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Open Choir Night

September 13th, 6:30pm

Come see what the choir is all about.
There will be food, fellowship and singing!

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Church-wide Family Reunion Celebration

Sunday, October 29

Extended Worship Service followed by Fellowship.
We will have a covered dish meal during fellowship.
Watch for details in next month's Messenger!



Keenager Fall Trip

Destination: Savannah, GA



Final details are being set for a Keenager trip to Savannah, GA. The trip is planned for October 2-4 and will be 3days/2 nights. Much of our sightseeing will be done aboard one of the trolleys that operate in the area. Our passes for these will allow us the flexibility to get on & off throughout the day as we find items of interest. The trolley provides a narrated tour of the city.

There are many sights to see in Savannah. Some highlights to look forward to include: a 2-hour dinner and gospel entertainment cruise on the Savannah River, the Savannah History Museum, Old Fort Jackson, the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, and the Owen-Thomas House built in the early 1800's. We are hoping to have lunch at Paula Deen's *Lady & Sons Restaurant*.

There are certainties with any Keenager trip: We will have a great time! The fellowship will be wonderful! We will certainly eat some good food! Steve will have to find a round-a-bout! And, most certainly, we will have ICE CREAM, probably more than once!

Be on the lookout for fliers on the Nurture Board and in your Sunday School classes. Space will be limited to the first 25 who sign-up. The deadline to know who is going is Sunday, September 24th. Deposit and payment info will be on the flier. See Steve if you have questions.