

DEACON SELECTION Sunday, April 7

Below are the names of the members who have been nominated to serve as active deacons for the next two years. **Deacon Selection will take place on Sunday, April 7th** at the close of the morning worship service. Please prayerfully consider these individuals as deacons who "serve with the pastors and staff in performing pastoral ministries." These persons have been nominated by members, acquainted with the requirements, and have agreed to serve. Any "write in" nominees have to do the same. You can find more information about requirements, duties and the deacon nomination process at:

hominybaptist.com/deacon-nomination

If you will be unable to attend on Sunday April 7 and would like to participate in the selection of deacons, you must request an absentee ballot from the church office and return in a sealed envelope by 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 4.

Currently serving deacons, term ending 2025:

Jeff Church, Terry Clark, Ron Honeycutt, Greg Hughes, Phil Martin, Donna McCulloch

Deacons rotating off June 30, 2024:

Julia Clark, Katie Kestner, Katy Pless, Earl Shelton, Patsy Trantham, Doug Williams, Cheryl Wolfe

Our Deacon Nominees for the term of 2024-2026 are as follows;



Causby, Jim



Lewis, Corinna



Cupples, Tonya



Taylor, Lavaun (Bud)



Joyner, Kody



Trexler, Gloria



Kirby, Charles

Hominy Welcomes Everyone

We are a unique family of faith who loves people for who they are and where they are. We value love over labels and community over categories. None of us are perfect, God extends grace to us all. Because of what Christ has done for us, we see no need to pretend to be anything other than who we are. You see, as it turns out, Hominy is not a place. We are a people who belong to God. In God's name, we welcome you.

Join us on Sundays

9:45 am Bible Study for all ages.

Children (Grade K-6) ~Located in the Children's Hall

Youth (Grades 7-12) ~Located in the Youth Room

Adult 1: Piercy-Ready Class ~Located in the Bennett Assembly

Adult 2: Paul and Melissa's Class ~Located in the FFLC Classroom

11:00 am Worship Service

Nursery is provided during Bible Study and Worship for ages 0 to Pre-Kindergarten ~Located in the Children's Hall

STRONGER TOGETHER

 WNCB FELLOWSHIP
 WNCBF.ORG

Spring Gathering 2024

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
 FBC FOREST CITY
 \$20 per person
 including dinner
 (taco salad bar, drink, dessert)
Register by April 24 at wncbf.org

Celebrating Women In Ministry In WNC
 with guest Rev. Dr. Ka'thy Gore Chappell
 (Executive Director, Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina) and panel of female ministers

An offering will be taken in memory of Suellen C. Leonard from FBC Morehead City to be given to Baptist Women In Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 22-24, 2024

Women's Retreat
 @ Lutheridge
 OCTOBER 12, 2024

SAVE THE DATES

ABCCM JAIL MINISTRY PRAYER TIME @ HOMINY--MAY 4 @ 9:00 AM

Transformation Village Dinner Wednesday, April 3

If you'd like to help with the meal by preparing a food item and/or serving dinner for the folks at Transformation Village (TrV), please contact Charles or Pat Kirby.

Email: cdkirby@hotmail.com **Phone:** 828-674-8644

If you'd like to help with the activities for the women, please contact Julie Ball at juliecball@gmail.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



Women's Ministry

Friday, April 12 at 6:30 pm

Monthly Birthday Party & Bingo



FOOD:

Taco/Burrito/Nacho Bar -- Sign up on Facebook for what you'd like to bring for tacos, burritos, and nachos. You can also sign up to bring a dessert!

ACTIVITY:

We will be playing BINGO. Win prizes and have lots of fun!

FREecycle NIGHT: Bring something you want to give away, and take something someone else is giving away. Bring books, household items, perfume, Bath & Body products, kitchen items, etc. If you bring something that doesn't get taken by someone else, please plan to take it back home with you.



Spring HYMN JAM

Bring a chair or blanket

BYOI (bring your own instrument and join in!)

Sunday, May 5, 5:00 pm

Hominy Baptist Church front lawn



Starnes-Grogan Women's Circle

Monday, April 8 at noon.

Location to be announced.
Lunch will be provided.

A gift to our community
**FERGUSON FAMILY
LIFE CENTER**

\$24 annual user fee

To use the Fitness Center or Gym please
request an orientation/key fob at

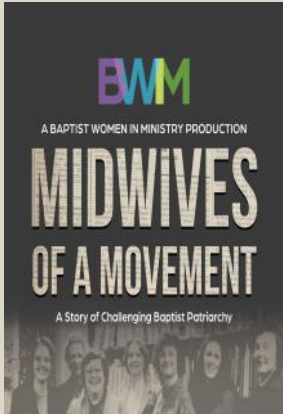
hominybaptist.com/ferguson-family-life-center

FITNESS
CENTER

WALKING

PICKLEBALL

BASKETBALL



Baptist Women in Ministry
Documentary Screening
Sunday, April 24
4:00-6:00 p.m.
FBC Asheville Chapel
bwim.info/documentary



FREE Women's
Exercise Class
for all ages & fitness levels

**Mondays and Wednesdays
5:30 PM**

Hominy Baptist Church Youth Room
Led by certified trainer Melissa Hutcherson

Donations accepted for the cost if you're able to do so.



SAVE THE DATE!

DayStay's BLUEGRASS & BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024

3:00 pm -- 7:00 pm

Tickets on sale soon!

coffee break
BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays at 10:00 am
in the Welcome Center**

Bring your Bible (and your
caffeine of choice) and break
up your week with time in
fellowship & Scripture.

Hospital

John Brooks—Mission
Jodi Kortman—Mission
Kelly Rose—Mission
Robert DeLeau—Mission
Baby Lilly—NICU in SC (cousin of Katy Pless)

Recovering/Treatment

Pat Trimnal Corinne Yelton
Donna Trimnal Ron Honeycutt
Judy Mashburn Walter Russell
Linda Foster

Surgery

4/3 Joe Yelton
4/10 Terra Pittman
4/24 Anna Joyner

Members

Alvin Hall
Blyn Vidock Maggie Almand
Carolyn Morris Mary Clark
Carolyn Ferguson Mary Helderman
Carolyn Ivey Matthew Ferguson
Don Hancock Nancy Shook
Earl Pegram Pat Stillwell
Emily Stewart Polly Bryson
Ernestine Moody Ricky Lockhart
Gloria Drown Sandra Johnson
Greg West Sheila Hand
Iva Lee Elingburg Steve Morgan
Jan Alexander Jeff Cupples

Family and Friends

Amy Osborne (Kourtney Yelton's SIL)
Angie Leisey (Allison Thrash's sister)
Anne Boyd—Hospice (Brittany Heitz's mom)
Barbara Kirby (Charles Kirby's mother)
Bobby Honeycutt (Heather Honeycutt's husband)
Christi Gobble (1st Cousin of Melissa Hughes)
Christine Joyner (Robert Joyner's mother)
Cindy Hotchkiss (Kody Joyner's aunt)
Colt Plemmons (son of Lisa Plemmons)
Cora Shelton (Pauline Powell's sister)
Dale King (Friend of Janice Squire)
David Yelton—cancer treatment (Joe Yelton's brother)
Donna Raybon—(Paul's sister-in-law)
Jack Shuler (friend of Kevin McDaniel)
Jan Kidwell (Gloria Trexler's sister)
Jason Bennett (Carolyn Ferguson's grandson)
Jennifer Ferguson (Kathy Hoglen's daughter)

Family and Friends continued

Jim Arida (friend of Bud & Pat Taylor)
John Brooks (Larry Brook's son)
Josh & Bree Sitton—Pray for a healthy pregnancy
Joyce Rogers—(friend of Robert Joyner)
Judy Dills (friend of Lisa Bryson)
Keith Shepherd (Joe Yelton's brother-in-law)
Lora Freeman (Kourtney Yelton's sister)
Margaret (sister of Gloria Trexler)
Mary Hudgins (Penny Benson's mother)
Nancy Baker (Donna Trimnal's mother)
Phyllis Hardin (Earl Shelton's sister)
Ray Hall (Carolyn Ferguson's brother)
Ri Bryant (friend/neighbor of Joe Yelton)
Robert Shelton (Pauline Powell's nephew)
Roy Brackett (friend of Brandon Long)
Sally Clark (Terry Clark's mother)
Sean Deines (son of Jeff and Tonya Cupples)
Shelby Ferguson (Kathy Hoglen's granddaughter)
Sylvia Truitt (Melissa Hughes' aunt)
Tim Clark (brother of Terry Clark)
Tricia Veller (Paul Raybon's sister)
Wayne Dorlan (Georgia Shackelford's brother)

Adult Care Facilities

Greentree/Weaverville: Gene Hall
Harmony at Reynolds Mtn: Phyllis Roberts
Pisgah Villas: Mary Clark, Norma Barfield
Silver Bluff: Bill Stewart

College Students

AB Tech: Kaeddin Dominguez, Garrett Carter, Ty West
Elizabeth City State—Jeremy Martin
Forsyth Tech: Ash Hughes
Guilford Tech: Bentlee Chockley
UNC Asheville: Molly Jackson, Bryanna Johnson
UNC Greensboro: Cassie Pless,
Kaemon Dominguez
UNC Wilmington: Kira Stokoe
UNC Chapel Hill: Elizabeth Anderson,
Meredith Anderson
WCU: Brody Wise, Jonathan Taylor, Erik Berger, Zach Rice

Military Family

Air Force: Colby Alexander, Kayla Stokoe
Army: Jackson Stewart, Tanner Smith, Seth Wright
Coast Guard: Marc Todd
Marine Corps: Tyler Bennett, Levi Vess
National Guard: Karina Padilla, CJ Pryce



It is with shock and sadness that we share news of the death of Larry Brooks from a car accident on March 22. His son John and his daughter Jodi were also in the car. Both John and Jodi are in Mission Hospital. Larry was the epitome of quiet faithfulness and service to the church that he loved.

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are offered to Allison Thrash and her family on the death of her father, David Jaynes. He passed away at home, under Hospice care March 20.

Chris Georgiades, the very first Executive Director of DayStay, passed away March 16. Please be in prayer for his wife, Tondi, his daughter, and grandson as they mourn this great loss.



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Tues, Thurs, & Fri

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

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DayStay Needs:

- * **Decaf Coffee & Tea**
- * **Breakfast Snacks**
- * **Sugar Free Cookies**
- * **Sugar**
- * **Solo Cups**
- * **Surge Protector**
- * **Antenna for TV**
- * **Empty Pringles Cans**

(Collection bin located at the DayStay entrance.)



Meet Our Field Personnel

because presence matters

Scarlette Jasper



Scarlette Jasper serves with Together for Hope, CBF's rural poverty initiative, in the Appalachian foothills of Southern and South Central Kentucky. She is the Director of Olive Branch Ministries, which serves individuals and families in crisis, including: Individuals experiencing homelessness, survivors of domestic violence and families in financial and medical crisis

Lita and Rick Sample

Lita and Rick Sample are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel serving with the international and refugee community in the San Francisco Bay Area of California, being the presence of Christ through relationship building, church starting, evangelism and outreach.



Jessica Hearne



Jessica and her husband Joshua serve with and through Grace and Main Fellowship in Danville, VA. This is, an intentional, ecumenical Christian community devoted to hospitality, simplicity, prayer, nonviolent action and grassroots community development. Here they minister with and among people in Danville who are experiencing homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction, and food and housing insecurity.

Eddie and Macarena Aldape

Eddie and Macarena Aldape are minister to immigrants and students in Albacete, Spain. After serving 13 years in India among the Banjara, the Aldapes arrived in Spain in December 2015 where they are launching Centro de Esperanza (The Hope Center) to assist immigrants through the registration processes, language acquisition, culture simulation and directing them to local organizations that can meet their immediate needs.



APRIL Worship Leaders

Offertory Prayer

7 Greg Hughes

14 Julia Clark

21 Katie Kestner

28 Katy Pless

Ramp Door

7 Greg Hughes

14 Phil Martin

21 Donna McCulloch

28 Julia Clark

Ushers

7 Caleb McCulloch, Ken Camp
Mike, River, and Reece Sexton

14 Jim Causby, Phil Martin,
Ron Honeycutt, Jeff Church

21 Joe Johnson, Jacob Yelton,
Joey & Jackson Reed

28 Caleb McCulloch, Ken Camp
Mike, River, and Reece Sexton

Nursery

7 Gloria Trexler

14 Laura McDaniel

21 Jennalee Sexton

28 Tonya Cupples

Sound Tech

7 Greg Hughes


14 Robert Joyner

21 Kevin McDaniel

28 River Sexton

If you need ministerial assistance during weekends, holidays, and weather closings, please call the Minister On Call at 828-545-8885.

Tithes & Offerings

Date	Received	
Feb 18	3,600.05	
Feb 25	9,835.00	
Mar 3	2,110.00	
Mar 10	5,180.44	
Mar 17	3,785.00	

This is not the official financial report of the church, these are estimates at the time of printing.

Rev Kev's Confessions

Y'all, I have a confession to make. I don't always live into the new life I have in Christ. And if we're being honest, I think most of y'all would agree you're struggling with that as well. As we move out of Lent and celebrate Christ's resurrection at Easter, I want to explore (both in personal study and with our students on Wednesday nights) what resurrection means for us in our everyday lives.

Lately, I have heard some inspiring stories from ministers about glimpses of resurrection they've witnessed in the lives of their churches and members. But more often, I hear stories from ministers and church members that seem to be missing a sense of hope. What is it that keeps us from fully embracing New Life? Why are we so afraid of structural/institutional changes (or death) when we are resurrection people? These are some topics we'll explore on Wednesday nights starting April 10. I hope your students will join us...and, of course, there'll be food!

~Rev Kev



Youth
Bible Study
and
Fellowship

Wednesdays
@6





Steering Column

Easter will be here any day now.

I just finished watching the drama miniseries "Masters of the Air" about the 100th Bomber Group that flew B-17 bombers over Europe during WWII. It easily earns an MA rating for language, gore violence etc. Even for war movie buffs, it is not for the faint heart or queasy stomach. (I can recommend the shorter, less graphic, documentary "The Bloody Hundredth")

Throughout the series, there are moments when characters, based on real airmen, were certain of only one thing, they were going to die. Whether it was by streaming bullets, bitter cold, fiery explosion, deadly crash, failed parachute, horrific wounds, or capture, imprisonment and execution by the enemy, death was the most likely outcome. Of the original 140 flying officers that arrived in England in 1943 only three could still fly combat missions four months later. They knew when they left home they were "going overseas to die,"

One of the surviving replacement pilots, "Rosie" Rosenberg, had the option of going home after completing 25 missions, he refused, saying "I can't go home, not until the job is done"

So what does that have to do with Easter?

Jesus knew how his earthly ministry would conclude before he turned the first cup of water into wine.

Jesus knew the crowds that followed and cheered him on would shout "crucify him" at the end.

Jesus knew the disciples who walked with him 24/7 for three years would desert him the night of his arrest.

Jesus knew there would be no last minute reprieve by Herod or Pilate.

But Jesus did what he came to do anyway. So that All who trust in him and his way will not come to a bad end, but will have the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony. Jn 3:16 FNV

The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus didn't just die for us. He lives. He defeated death as the boogeyman that frightens us from living the life that God intends.

We can all be certain that we are going to die.

Because of Jesus we can be certain of an entirely different kind of living.

Easter will be here any day now.

What kind of life will you be living?

Take care, Paul

Family Matters

In our women's Lenten study last week the question was asked, "When have you felt truly loved and cherished, what was the occasion, and what made you feel that way?"

Some folks said they felt such love when a child randomly hugged them. Another person said that they felt loved unconditionally by their dog. Still another said that they felt loved by someone who remembered them when they were going through a very difficult time.

Interestingly no one said they felt truly cherished by their spouse in a romantic way. It wasn't because they don't think their significant other loves them, but feeling cherished is something that feels completely separate from romantic love.

Kate Bowler (author of the Lenten study we're doing) said, "If we forget what it feels like to be loved, we may not remember how to be loved by God, too." What would make us forget that we are loved and cherished by God? Life has a way of making us forget that NO MATTER WHAT we do, what we say, or what we think, God never stops loving us. We do something wrong and it FEELS like God is far away and is ashamed of us.

We feel guilty and then we pile shame on ourselves and carry the guilt and shame around until it weighs us down. If we carry those burdens around too long we forget God still loves us. We listen to the voice of the evil one who tells us that we've gone too far, done too much, and we begin to believe that can't be redeemed. During those times in our lives, we have to stop and remember what we know to be true. We have to repeat truth to ourselves so much that we eventually begin to believe it.

The truth of God's love can be found throughout Scripture, but here's one verse you can cling to: *"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."* Jeremiah 31:3. *God's love and kindness NEVER fail and we can never do, or anyone else can do, that will separate us from His love. (Romans 8:31-39).*

I have to tell myself REMEMBER WHAT YOU KNOW TO BE TRUE quite often! It's my mantra when I'm down and when I'm worried. God loves me. God loves you. That will never change!

Blessings, Melissa



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*Loving God, Loving Others, Loving You
with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!*

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A Bling-Tastic Tea Party

Saturday, April 27 at 2:00 PM

Hominy Baptist Church

Cost: \$15.00

Benefits Women's Missions & Ministry of HBC

Child Care will be provided. Please sign-up for child care by calling the church office.

- Wear your fanciest or silliest hat (or don't wear a hat at all)! The best hat will be awarded a very "special" prize.
- Wear lots of "bling" or none at all!
- Order tickets by April 20, by calling the church office, or going to www.hominybaptist.com/teaparty
- If you'd like to decorate a table, please contact Melissa or the church office.



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