



# FBCRM *Informer*

Church Family,

In John 14:15-31, Jesus continues to give promises to his children. In these verses he makes it clear that his promises are for those who love him and obey him. The promises for God's people are only intended for those who are living in right relationship with God. In that place, John 14:15-31 reminds us that we have been given another counselor like Christ, union with Christ, and peace from Christ. These promises are given to us on earth, even while we await our eternal home in heaven. May these promises of God's presence, his power, and his peace give comfort to our troubled hearts, and purpose to our hearts, as we pursue God's mission for our lives.

As you prepare for worship on Sunday, take time to read and pray through John 15:1-17.

*Pastor Luke*

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

**BUDGET**  
(THROUGH AUGUST)

\$933,333.36

**GIVING**  
(THROUGH AUGUST)

\$794,110.20

**EXPENSES**  
(THROUGH AUGUST)

\$846,264.06

**BUDGET**  
(WEEKLY)

\$26,923.08

**WEEKLY GIVING**  
(SEPTEMBER 17)

\$10,995.00

Luke Lunceford, Senior Pastor // Andrew Barclift, Associate Pastor  
Bob Britt, Minister to Homebound // Timothy Fraser, Worship Minister // Heath Nunn, Student Minister

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Wednesday Night Meal List:** In order to provide the most accurate number to our kitchen committee, we are going to create a new Wednesday night meal list. If you have been on the permanent list, please contact our church office to confirm that you want to remain. We will use this list for the meal starting Wednesday, September 27. Please contact the church office by Monday, September 25, at noon to confirm.

**Pickleball League:** The next playing times for our pickleball league is floating Thursday, September 21, starting at 4 PM, and Saturday, September 23, starting at 10 AM in the FMC gym!

### Fall Wednesday Schedule:

5:00 PM – Fellowship Meal

5:45 PM – Orchestra Rehearsal

6:00–7:00 PM – Prayer and Discipleship (all ages – see below)

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal (New choir members are welcome!)

### Prayer and Discipleship Classes:

**Kids:** FBCRM Kids meets in room 304 for Bible study using *“The Gospel Project”* curriculum, crafts, music, and games.

**Youth:** FBCRM Youth meets in room 301, where we gather to study the word together, play games, and enjoy fellowship with one another. For the first seven weeks, we will study the role and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives as believers.

**Adults:** Adults will have the following options: Prayer – Intercessory and thematic prayer led by Pastor Luke in the bridal room (now the prayer room) off the foyer of the Sanctuary, and an *Experiencing God Bible Study*, (Men and Women), led by Pastor Andrew, meeting in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a Wednesday morning Women’s Bible study that meets at 10 AM going through the *Experiencing God Bible Study* in room 103.

**Your Choice Resource Center Walk/Run for Life:** Calling all church members, Sunday school classes, and small groups! Participate in Your Choice Resource Center’s 2023 Walk/Run for Life as a team! The event takes place on Saturday, September 30. There will be a prayer walk, an official 5k run, and a Littles for Life toddler trot. Learn more or register online at [friendsofycrc.org/walkrunforlife](http://friendsofycrc.org/walkrunforlife). You can also contact Kay Tyndall. An information table will be in the Narthex over the next several weeks.

**FBC Small Groups:** As we prepare to resume regular small groups in September, you are invited to be a part! If you are interested in participating in a small group, please contact Andrew.

**WMU:** Women on Mission (WMU) meet the first Thursday of every month from 2–3:30 PM, the next one will be on October 5, in the FMC. The goal of WMU is to learn about our IMB and NAMB missionaries and the mission activities of our church and to pray for them as well as to carry out mission services.

**Forever Young Luncheon:** Forever Young will meet on Monday, October 9, at 11:45 AM. The speaker will be from Sleep In Heavenly Peace. This organization supplies beds for children here in the Rocky Mount area who do not have a bed in which to sleep. Lunch will be chicken pot pie and brownies. Sign up by Monday, October 2.

**For the City Festival:** It is our hope on Saturday, October 28, from 12-2 PM, to combine two key annual events in the life of our church: the brunswick stew gathering (Traditionally held at the Boseman's), and our Fall Festival to demonstrate to the city that we are here for them and care for them. In hosting this outreach, we will be able to give away brunswick stew, offer the opportunity for our community to shop on Ripe for Revival's mobile market, as well as enjoy traditional fall festival activities such as trunk-or-treating, a bounce house, and lawn games! Come out and join your church family in a fun afternoon of activities and meet new people in our community!

**Weekly Sunday Morning Prayer Gathering:** Church family, you are invited to join our Deacon and staff leadership for a time of prayer each Sunday morning at 8 AM in the sanctuary before Sunday School!

W I S H I N G   Y O U   A

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**9/20** Becky Gupton, Debbie Stephenson,  
Hunter Stone

**9/22** Garrett Craig, Hayes Hall, Seth Hall,  
Skip Lyons

**9/23** Mary Helen Batten

**9/24** Aaron Cloer, Liz Smallwood

**9/25** Gwen Davis, Nina Winyard

FROM ALL OF US HERE AT FIRST BAPTIST!

# FBCRM *Weekly Prayer List*

## CURRENT:

- **Tony Williams (Wanda Johnson's cousin + Doril Henderson's nephew):** Tony will be having a surgery to put in an LVAD (Left Ventricular Assistive Device) soon which is an answer to prayer! The family asks for continued prayers now for the surgery and for all the doctors and family who will be there.
- **Larry Hoskins:** Larry had both an EMG and nerve conduction done on Thursday at Duke. They are hoping to get the results this week. Please pray this helps the medical team find out what is causing his medical problems.
- **Scot Crowder (Bob + Cindy Crowder's son):** Scot finished his radiation on Tuesday and will begin chemotherapy treatments on Monday, September 25. He has been told that his cancer is aggressive. Please pray that these treatments will work to rid his body of the cancer.
- **Faye Orr:** Faye is now in a step-down room at the hospital and has had a wound VAC put in. Please pray that she continues to improve and for her family as they care for her.
- **Lynn Bradshaw:** Lynn went to Duke on Thursday and was able to get some shots for the pain she had in her hip. Please pray that the shots will work well, as they should, and for her pain to go away.
- **Don + Jean Vick:** Don is supposed to be coming home tomorrow from rehab. Please pray that he will be able to, and that his transition home will be smooth. Jean has also asked that we please pray for the Vick's grandson, McKenzie, that he would come to know God.
- **Janet (Carolyn Banning's daughter):** Janet is in the hospital in Mooresville with a mass on her lung. Please pray for the wisdom of the doctors as they treat her and for Janet as she goes through what can be a scary situation.
- **Carolyn Banning:** Carolyn is waiting to see the heart doctor about her blood pressure issues. Please pray that she will be able to get an appointment soon and that they will be able to help her!
- **Samantha Creekmore:** Her knee is still swollen, and her primary physician says she needs to go to an orthopedic doctor. Please pray that she will find the right doctor to go to, and that God will reveal to them what needs to be done for her knee.
- **Melinda Freeman:** Melinda has been diagnosed with cervical spine stenosis with radiculopathy (nerve related). She will be having an MRI done next week for it, and surgery in October. Please pray that they can schedule the surgery soon and that it is successful, and she is free of pain.
- **Rich Cheney:** Rich is having a kidney removed on September 20. Please pray that the surgery will go well and there will be no complications during or after the operation.
- **Brenda Respass:** Pray for Brenda as she has six more chemo treatments. Pray that she feels good after each treatment and that the treatments do what they are supposed to do. She is feeling good so far but misses all of her church family! Also pray for Larry and Mitch as they care for Brenda.

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## CURRENT:

- **Elijah Archer (Pam + Charles Bodiford's Grandson):** Elijah has been diagnosed with lymphoma. He has a PET scan scheduled for September 21. The first PET scan they did had some areas that were not definitive, and they need to get some additional information before they can make a plan for treatment. Please pray for Elijah and his peace, and that they are able to get the answers they need to make a good treatment for him.

## ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES: MEMBERS

- **Lynn Bradshaw:** Pain in hip
- **Ray Byrum:** Spots on lungs
- **Betty Chandler**
- **Annette Coggins**
- **Peggy Combs**
- **Phil Combs:** Dialysis
- **Anne Dice**
- **Cathy Grisham:** Myoclonic jerking
- **Dean Echols**
- **Carol Edwards**
- **Frank Edwards**
- **Jean Evans**
- **Shelvie Harris**
- **Allen Hinnant:** Cancer
- **Larry Hoskins**
- **Dot Jackson**
- **Judy Knox:** Pain from arthritis
- **John Koger:** Prostate cancer
- **Martha Lee**
- **Jimmy Matthews:** Cancer
- **Shannon Narron:** MS
- **Cathy Oettinger**
- **Brenda Respass:** Cancer
- **Joyce Riley**
- **Carol Sivills:** Severe back and joint pain
- **Pat Snyder**
- **June Thomas**
- **Don Vick:** Heart failure
- **Cooper Vuncannon**

## HEALTH ISSUES: FRIENDS + FAMILY

- **Jessica Davenport** (Randy Vann's sister)
- **Cade Edwards**
- **Michael Freeman** (Larry Freeman's son): Knee replacement
- **Barry Newman** (Charlie Choate's nephew): Needs a kidney transplant
- **Graysen Pridgen** (Elmina Smith's daughter): Concussion from a car wreck
- **Irene Tolan** (Duane Tolan's mom)
- **Walter Urbielewicz** (Ursula Jacob's dad)
- **Sarah Vaughn** (Ann Robbins' sister)
- **Brent Wester** (Betty Capps' son): Recovering from surgery
- **Ann Wilson:** In hospice care

## RECOVERING

- **Susan Britt:** Inflammation in colon
- **Dottie Bryant:** Wrist surgery
- **Kim Council:** Broken + dislocated elbow
- **Gwen Davis:** Knee replacement surgery
- **Janie Weaver** (Cooper Vuncannon's Friend): Stroke
- **Rose Webb:** Eye surgery

## RECENTLY LOST A LOVED ONE

- **Marie Canning Family** (Amy Daniel's cousin's wife)
- **Jane Clark Family**
- **Faye Corey Family** (Charlotte Hoskin's aunt)
- **Gloria Creekmore Family** (David Creekmore's mother)
- **John Grischow Family** (B.J. Bolling's friend)
- **Earline Guel Family** (Luberta Whitaker's mother)
- **Carol Hales Family**
- **Ryan Place Family** (Nicole Place's husband)
- **Gordon McAdams Family**
- **Justin Tant Family** (Cindy Pridgen's nephew)
- **Lois "Bunny" Varnell Family**
- **Betty Workman Family** (Melinda Matthew's mother)

## MISSIONARIES

- **John Cao** (Missionary Baptized at FBC) – John is now eligible for parole. Please pray for his health and well being and for him to be granted parole and returned to his family in the United States.
- **Kristin Collins** – Teacher in Indonesia at Sekolah Pelita Harapan (SPH) in Sentul City. She is teaching grade 3 and building the Special Education program there.
- **Allan & Corazon Fundal** – Church planters in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- **Kathy Gould** (Missionary in Ukraine)
- **Kanoot & Sarah Midkiff** (Missionaries in Ukraine)
- **Ken & Kathy Woods And Family** (Missionaries in Australia)

## ASSISTED LIVING & REHAB

- Abbotswood At Irving Park – 3504 Flint St., Greensboro, NC 27405
  - **Lynn Blaylock**
- Autumn Care – 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856
  - **Roselene Bass** (Kelvin Bass' Mother)
  - **Norman Bass**
  - **Ollie Mae Briggs**
- Brekenridge Retirement Center – 2500 Hunter Hill Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27804
  - **Jo Bailey** (Bonnie Bailey's Mother)
  - **James Matthews** (Jill Jessup's Father)
  - **Edith Skinner** (170)
- Carrolton of Nash – 7369 Hunter Hill Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27804
  - **Nell Austin** (309)
- The Foothills – 205 Bud Nalley Dr., Easley, SC 29642
  - **Ann Rawls**
- The Landings of Rocky Mount Mills – 1365 River Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27804
  - **Janet Poole (Amy Daniel's Mother)** (406)
- Truewood by Merrill – 2701 Amhurst Blvd, New Bern, NC 28562
  - **Liz Smallwood**
- Parkwood Village in Wilson, NC – 1730 Parkwood Blvd W, Wilson, NC 27893
  - **Mary Alice McKithan** (Donna Long's Mother)
- Spring Arbor – 1251 S. Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27803
  - **Hazel Coggins** (Don Coggins' Mother) (301)
  - **Pat Jackson** (312)
- Wilson Rehabilitation and Nursing Center – 1705 Tarboro St SW, Wilson, NC 27893
  - **Don Vick** (R02)
- Independent living facility in SC – 2585 Hwy 179, Unit 206, Little River, SC 29566
  - **Marian Whitehurst**

## SERVING IN ARMED FORCES

- **Andrew Ayers** (Kay Owen's Grandson) – Air Force stationed in Mississippi
- **Trey Ayers** (Kay Owen's Grandson) – Marines
- **Travis Bivins** – Marine Bootcamp, Parris Island, SC
- **Captain Keith Floyd** (Diane Whitehead's Son-In-Law) – Navy in Bangor, Washington
- **Jimmy McKeown** (Larry & Charlotte Hoskins' Grandson) – Marine stationed at Quantico, VA
- **Justin Newcomb** (Dan & Beth Newcomb's Son) – Army
- **Kane Outlaw, Jr.** (Don & Jean Vick's great grandson) – Army in Poland
- **Major Aaron Poll** (Charlie Poll's Son) – Army in USA
- **GySgt. Sean Seidel** (Liz Smallwood's Grandson) – Gunnery Sergeant at the Pentagon
- **Jon Cole** – (Ashley Cole's Husband) – SC National Guard

## CHURCH MINISTRIES

- Sunday School
- Children's Ministry
- Student Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Senior Ministry
- Worship Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Trail Life
- American Heritage Girls



## NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

- Pray for laborers to be sent.
- Pray for resources to be used.
- Pray for the harvest to come.

## UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP

- Gha-Mu people of China – Where many of the 148,000 people have never known the name of Jesus.

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## OUR MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

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### OUR MISSION

**We exist to glorify God and make disciples among our neighbors and the nations.**

- God, help us to give all of our church to bearing fruit that lasts.

### OUR VISION

**By God's grace, we will see disciples sent, churches strengthened, and communities transformed by the power of the gospel.**

- God, as we commit to sending, may you strengthen the souls of the disciples in the churches with whom we partner.

### OUR VALUES

**We believe the gospel.**

- God, help my unbelief when I turn to created things instead of the Creator to sustain.

**We obey the Bible.**

- God, your word is truth. Sanctify me by it!

**We live on mission.**

- God, in the deepest parts of who I am, I pray that your light would shine.