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BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE VENTURES

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Generations calls us to two big ideas as we move toward 2020. Our Stewardship and Finance Team identified two primary goals that we now seek to make reality: (1) A sustainable **Budget** to fuel the annual missions and ministries of the church; and (2) To fully and uniquely understand our identity of our past, present and future of who we are.

Through **Generations**, every member household this fall will be asked to make a commitment.

The first and primary commitment is to regular, systematic generosity through the Budget, the foundation of everything we do. All members are encouraged to give annually or to move toward the tithe or beyond. Through the stewardship pledge card, you can let us know that you're "all in" with support for our mission.

The second ask is to think deeply on the legacy you will leave in this world, and also this church. As you approach key milestones in your life, use them as a reminder to get your will out of the safe and check to see if it needs updates or maybe you need to write your will. You may have been a faithful steward of God's Kingdom Work here on Earth through tithing. Including Emerywood in your will is making a lasting tithe and legacy. We are here today because of those who came before us and have left lasting impressions on this place. No gift is ever too small or too large.

Why "Generations"? We're calling this adventure **Generations** because what we're about is connecting the past, present and future of the church together. We are linking the generations. Put another way, we're celebrating our *roots*. Because of Emerywood's grand heritage, we are able to help the church of tomorrow dig deeper and expand. We do this through innovation, excellence and sharing ourselves with the larger church.

As you consider the ways you and your family are able to give, I hope you take time and reminisce on your experiences of this place. And if you truly believe in the work that is being done and feel we should continue digging deeper and expanding our roots, I hope you give in the best ways you can.

Always know, I love you and thank God for you!

Timothy D. Peoples
senior minister



GENERATIONS: *The Legacy of Giving*

A virtuous person leaves an inheritance to their children's children...

Proverbs 13:22

Please bring pledge cards on
Sunday, November 3 and November 10.

MISSION NEWS

Caleb Foust

Over the months of September and October we had the unique opportunity to host 4 mobile food drops in partnership with 2nd Harvest Food Bank. These were both challenging and eye-opening as they made further introduction into such a massive systemic issue, not just in High Point in the United States as a whole. Please read the following reflection from one of our volunteers Rev. Mary Beth Foust.

God turned the wine back to grapes. Boxes and boxes of grapes.

I showed up yesterday out of my own peaked interest. Out of necessity to “see the operation go down.” To get some work with my hands out of the days of work behind a computer screen or intense mediating relationships between employees, students and supervisors. I knew that a crowd would gather, when I drove into the parking lot it was almost full, and cars were lined up the side of the church. The first car arrived at 5am, the “food drop” as it’s called didn’t begin until 3pm.

The food drop was organized by Second Harvest Food Bank, the largest food distributor to pantries and individuals in the Triad. I was already disturbed by the name of this one-time event. It has the connotation of war time and natural disaster crisis to me. I imagine helicopters buzzing overhead, emergency response dropping water and food where it is needed most. So, how strange to see three simple semi-trailers with food pouring from their truck beds in the back parking lot of my church. My beloved community. A stationary spot, a chronic crisis indeed.

I am a get to work kind of volunteer, and I am also a take stock of the whole and be strategic about process and line and time. Our first task was filling bags: one bag of onions, one bag of carrots, one bag of apples, one bag of oranges. It already seemed like SO much food (more food than my family could potentially consume before it would go bad and turn into waste). But, it was healthy and fresh! (Bonus points here for one who reallllly loathes can food drives, but who also bears the weight of getting others involved in something outside of themselves). I found my place in the assembly line and I assembled. Taking stock of volunteers and moving food.

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When the time came to begin the loading of vehicles, because the people were gathered by what I think of now as an abundant “shore,” I couldn’t shake the idea of looking at someone in the eyes as we greeted them or waved to them goodbye. The first recipient was feeding her seven grandchildren. She had been waiting all day for the food we were about to serve her. Something I couldn’t fathom. What about work? What about life? How selfless—to think beyond her needs and be determined to find ways to affordably provide food for her family. We loaded her up with 4 cases of milk and she moved to the next stop for more food. She was a seasoned customer. She knew what was waiting for her as she progressed.

After the first couple of cases, my spot in line was moved to the end. My spot on the load assembly was just after the boxes of grapes; SO many grapes were given yesterday. I picked up my box of non-perishable food items and played game after game of Tetris attempting to fit it neatly in car after car. After our boxes were in, recipients were done and could go about their day. I began to notice my rhythm of patting the car after I closed the car door. In some, there was evidence of life lived in the backseat; in others young children happily ignorant to what exactly they had waited all day to receive. And so, with each pat I began to say a phrase. May you sleep with full bellies tonight. May you taste and see.

Here in the loading of cars we found some odd kind of communion, an extension of the table prepared for us. The table was full to the brim. And yet people were still hungry. The wine was turned back into grapes for the giving and receiving. And yet, the crowd still gathered.

This system is broken. There is no denying this fact to me anymore. We fundraise in High Point (over 4.7 million dollars for the United Way is expected this year) to keep programs in existence that maintain the system and keep people in poverty. Will this food help at all? I sure hope so. But, I don’t really know. I am paralyzed by the system—and yet, I keep reminding myself that I believe that Jesus would have been at the boxes of grapes, patting the cars AND in the walls of the sanctuary screaming and overturning our comfortable notions.

I think Jesus would be with the prophet Isaiah on this one, “If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people’s sins, if you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out. Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight. I will always show you where to go. I’ll give you life in the emptiest of places—firm muscles, strong bones. You’ll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry. You’ll use old rubble of past lives to build a new, rebuild the foundations from your past. You’ll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again.”

The unfair practices have to be questioned and stopped. Barriers to equality broken down. The gossip and the comparison of sins—what good is this when people are hungry, making decisions between food and electricity? Between medicine costs and nourishing their bodies with the medicine of food? Where is the abundance, the never ending spring in this kind of life? I want to declare the kind of resurrection story that uses the ruins to rebuild a livable and just community—and I don’t want to simply believe some day heaven will hold this life for me, I want to declare that on this earth we have the capacity to build this kingdom for all. To invite everyone to taste and see. To keep turning our wine into grape after grape after belly full of grape.



Beginning Sunday, November 10

11:00 – 11:30 am

(immediately following Worship)

TREBLE MAKERS CHOIR and **CHERUB CHOIR**

will practice for our Christmas production:

“The Christmas Clean-up”



SAVE THE DATE

We will present “The Christmas Clean-Up” on **Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall

Be a child of the Light... 

MUSIC NOTES

Garrett Saake

Upcoming Music Happenings



On **Wednesday, December 4**, you won't want to miss a performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria* performed with orchestra. This will take place at **6:45 pm in the EBC Sanctuary**. *Gloria* is an uplifting work from the Baroque period and is a text extrapolated from the Ordinary Mass.

On **Sunday, December 15 during the 10 am worship**, the choir will be joined by an orchestra to present *God With Us*, a celebratory cantata filled with old and new songs, and plenty of opportunities to sing a long with some of your favorite carols of the season.

The choir has special music prepared for the upcoming Advent season and we encourage you to consider joining us. There is no prior experience needed. We rehearse each Wednesday at 7:20 p.m. in the choir room.



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide, For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home!*





BEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE

Thursday, October 3

Check out these photos from our day in Ashe County! We enjoyed lunch at Shatley Springs, fall color, the Frescos, the Art Center, and the Cheese Factory.

Join us for our next outing!

THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY

Sunday, November 10



Immediately following worship, we travel to Fort Mill, SC for the matinee show that features favorite Christmas music and scenery. (By reservation.)



Love one another as I have loved you. John 13:12



HOLIDAY GATHERING

Tuesday, December 3, 11:45 am

SAVE THE DATE – Watch for details
Door prizes, games, music, and more.

We are pleased to welcome Westchester Country Day School Choir (we might even sing-a-long!) and Doris Stocks will lead a special program.

Bring a dish or two to share for lunch – meats will be provided.

Mission Project - Donations to Senior Adult Fund





CARENET

CareNet is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wake Forest Baptist Health. Its sole mission is to provide high quality, faith-integrated counseling and behavioral health services to clients and be a resource for the community that enhances mental/spiritual health.

A local board of directors composed of corporate, professional, and religious leaders supports each community based counseling center. Each center provides financial assistance to make it affordable for all persons.

CareNet provides outpatient-counseling services for a variety of individual and family emotional/spiritual issues. The closest center to High Point is in Kernersville. The phone number for that center is 336-992-1793.

There are CareNet counselors in 88 counties in NC and 5 in adjoining states.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

**Holiday Workshop and Worship for
Those Grieving the Death of a Loved One and For Those Who Care About The Grieving
Sunday, November 24, 1-3 pm
Emerywood Baptist Church, Room 122**

Following the death of a loved one, the "firsts" (first birthdays, first anniversary, first Valentines, first Easter, first Thanksgiving, first Christmas) can be very difficult for those who are missing them. Thanksgiving and Christmas are often the most difficult as they are very social holidays, and grievers may be in a stage of their grief journey where socialization can be very physically and emotionally tiring and difficult.

The Reverend Edward Heist, a retired pastor who has successfully grieved the death of his wife, will lead a time of sharing tips for surviving these holidays as well as learning ways to begin new traditions. You will also be given time to share (or not, if you choose). He will also lead in a time of worship to conclude this gathering.

Persons not actively grieving are encouraged to participate so that you will be able to help the griever as you will better understand what they may be feeling and going through.

Register your intention to attend the gathering by emailing edheist34@gmail.com or calling Emerywood Baptist Church Office at 336-885-6016.

The following will also have holiday workshops for grievers:

- Hospice of the Piedmont - Hope for the Holidays, Thursday, November 14, 6-7:30 pm
Call 336-889-8446 to register; registration probably required.
- Hospice of the Piedmont - Holiday Event for Kids, Tuesday, December 3, 4-5:30 pm
Call 336-889-8446 to register; registration probably required.
Green St. Baptist Church - Surviving the Holidays (a GriefShare program),
Sunday, November 24, 2-4 p.m. Call Penny, 336-819-4356, Monday - Friday at the church office.
Registration requested but not required.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 3

Remembrance

During our worship service, we will remember the following church members that we lost during the past year:

Marion Winebarger	Lucille Crawford
Clarence Keever	Herman Crawford
Bob Tye	Glad Lawson
Gary Wynne	

*We give thanks, O God,
for all who have gone on to join
with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of
resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ.
We know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
You are with us through it all,
and we are not left alone.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.*

Visitation

Everyone is invited to take a few minutes to visit and remember our homebound members on All Saints Day following worship service. Help us share a hug, smile, and word of encouragement with our folks who are unable to attend services regularly. Stop by the Gathering Area and a volunteer will have the name and address of a homebound member to visit. The Sanctuary Decorating Team is preparing a flower vase to deliver on your visit as well. We hope that families with children will take this opportunity to meet some of our members they may not see regularly.



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WORK DAY at the CHURCH

Saturday, November 16

All hands on deck! We will have many types of tasks. Something for everyone!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Holiday Lunch
Sunday, December 8
11:15 am

Save the Date
IF: Gathering
Saturday, February 8, 2020

JESUS.

IF: Gathering

February 8, 2020

More details to come.

WELCOME

TO THE EBC
COMMUNITY OF FAITH:

Chris & Paddy Fievet

Steve Martin

(Steve is the son of Charles & Martha Martin)

FALL BACK

Turn your clocks back
one hour
at bedtime on
Saturday, November 2.
EST resumes
Sunday, November 3.



WORKER'S IN THE WOOD



*Whatever you are doing,
work at it with enthusiasm,
as to the Lord...*

Colossians 3:23 NET

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Student Vespers
(4th Sunday off)

Wednesdays

11:00 am Sanctuary Choir
12:00 pm Traditional Bible Study
4:30 pm Traditional Bible Study
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Programs (youth/children)
Topical Bible Study/
Break Out Group
7:20 pm Sanctuary Choir

NOVEMBER

02 Food Pantry, 9 am – 12 pm
05 Election (EBC Polling Place)
06 Women's Book Review, 10 am
07 Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2 – 6:30 pm
07 West End Ministries Meal, 4:30 pm
10 Senior Adult Trip
16 Food Pantry, 9 am – 12 pm
16 Church Work Day
17 Diaconate, 11:15 am
24 GriefShare Workshop/Worship, 1 pm
27 Wednesday activities cancelled
28 – 29 Church offices closed

ADULT SPECIAL CLASS

November

03 Gay Wise
10 Bonnie Bednarek
17 Faye Hedrick
24 Lynn Walser

December

01 Janis Stephenson
08 Phyllis McCoy
15 George/Nancy Wallace
22 Amanda Taylor
29 Melissa Pendry

VISITATION TEAMS

HOSPITAL

November

01 TR Hendrix
08 & 15 Judy Patterson
22 & 29 Jim Long

December

06 & 13 Ron Young
20 & 27 Carlton Clinard

HOMEBOUND

November

All Saints Day visitation

December

Debbie Burton, Faye Hedrick

WEST END MINISTRIES

Coordinator – Michelle Loyd
First Thursday monthly
November 7; December 5



DIACONATE (8)

DEACON IN SERVICE

November

03 Jayna Patterson
10 Woodie Cain
17 Allie Blosser
24 TR Hendrix
Rick Bednarek

December

01 Ed McCoy
08 Judy Patterson
15 Danneal Whitton
22 Sandy Bellamy
29 Wence Dusek

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, November 17
11:15 am

PLEDGE STATEMENTS

Thank you for your support of the ministry of EBC. If you made a pledge for 2019, printed statements are available for pick-up. You may request a contribution update at any time.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 01 Suzie Bartmess
- 02 Hugh Wallace, Jr.
- 08 Phil Morgan
- 09 Mary Peyton Hodge
- 10 Budd Montgomery
- 11 Pat Phelps
- 12 Grant Almond
- 12 Ava Foust
- 13 Shelia Earl
- 14 Reece Almond
- 15 Tim Tucker
- 16 Jayne Chavis
- 17 Joe Cox
- 18 Linda Lefler
- 18 Debbie Saie
- 19 Tom Picha
- 20 Julie Randle
- 20 Mary Ann Wallace
- 21 Judy Edwards
- 21 Steve Sugg
- 23 Ron Young
- 24 Karen Yoemans
- 27 Judy Patterson
- 28 Max Sink
- 29 Kathy McFatridge
- 29 Mary Williams

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- 14 Stephen & Gail Dula
- 22 Tim & Karen Tucker
- 23 Bugsy & Myra Brown



FACTS & FIGURES

September

Month to date

Income	44,706
Expenses	<u>77,256</u>
	(32,550)

Year to date

Income	468,204
Expenses	<u>507,525</u>
	(39,321)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday,
9 am – 5 pm;
Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

ON CALL MINISTER

To reach the on-call minister for an emergency after office hours, call the church office (336-885-6016) and follow instructions.

DROP BOX

Please leave correspondence after hours in the secure drop box located at the interior office door.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Sallie Edwards
Wiley Stockton
Debbie Gallemore
Lynn Walser
Vicki Davis
Mary Peyton Hodge
Bella Johnson
Kristen Dusek
Juanita Warriner



*“God is our refuge
and strength,
a help always near
in times of great trouble.”*
Psalm 46:1 (CEB)

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO

Evelyn Perryman on the death of her son-in-law, Dan Knighton

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kiwanis Chicken Feed
Friday, November 7
11 am – 6:30 pm
First Baptist, High Point

Feast of Caring
Thursday,
November 7
11 am – 2 pm & 5 – 8 pm
First Presbyterian Church

Purchase tickets in advance at:
opendoorministrieshp.org
or at the door



Red Cross Bloodmobile
Thursday, November 7
2 – 6:30 pm,
EBC Fellowship Hall
Appointments:
336-885-9121



Grab & Go Chili
Boy Scout Troop 2
Sunday, November 17
11 am – 1 pm
Tickets at 336-848-8505 or
troop2hp@gmail.com
\$10 per quart; \$2 for fixings



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WEDNESDAYS IN THE 'WOOD



Schedule

Intercessory Prayer

11 am (History Room)

Traditional Bible Study

12 noon (Room 122)

4:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Fellowship Meal

5:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Programs/Groups

6:30 pm –

Children & Youth Programs

Adult Topical Bible Study

Adult Breakout Group

Searching for Sunday

Sanctuary Choir

7:20 pm (Choir Room)

Fellowship Meal

Connect around the tables for fellowship and food at the mid-week gathering. Sign-up in the Gathering Area to be on the permanent meal list (cancel only if you are not attending) or sign-up each week when you are able to attend. Families – check out the Kid's Corner in the Fellowship Hall.

November Menu

- 06 Baked spaghetti, salad bar *Kids – Bagel Bites Pizza*
Servers: John & Joyce Setchfield / Collector: Ron Young
- 13 Baked potato bar, salad bar *Kids – Baked potato bar*
Servers: Bonnie Bednarek, Carolyn Long / Collector: Ron Young
- 20 Chicken, slaw, dressing/gravy, *Kids – Chicken Tenders*
Servers: Rose Greer, Teresa Benton / Collector: Anne Crowder
- 27 No meal/activities

RSVP by noon Monday. 336-885-6016 or lbishop@emerywoodbaptist.org

*Menus are subject to change. Adult meals include roll and salad bar (Catering by Sid Wills)
Kids meal will have rotating entrée, side such as carrot sticks, tater tots, fruit, yogurt, etc.*

Meal cost:

Adult/youth meal: \$6 / Child (ages 3–10) \$3 / Family max charge: \$16
For your convenience, we now accept payment with cash, check, and square, a safe and secure option with a debit or credit card.