

The Contact

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Sunday, March 6

Lent 4

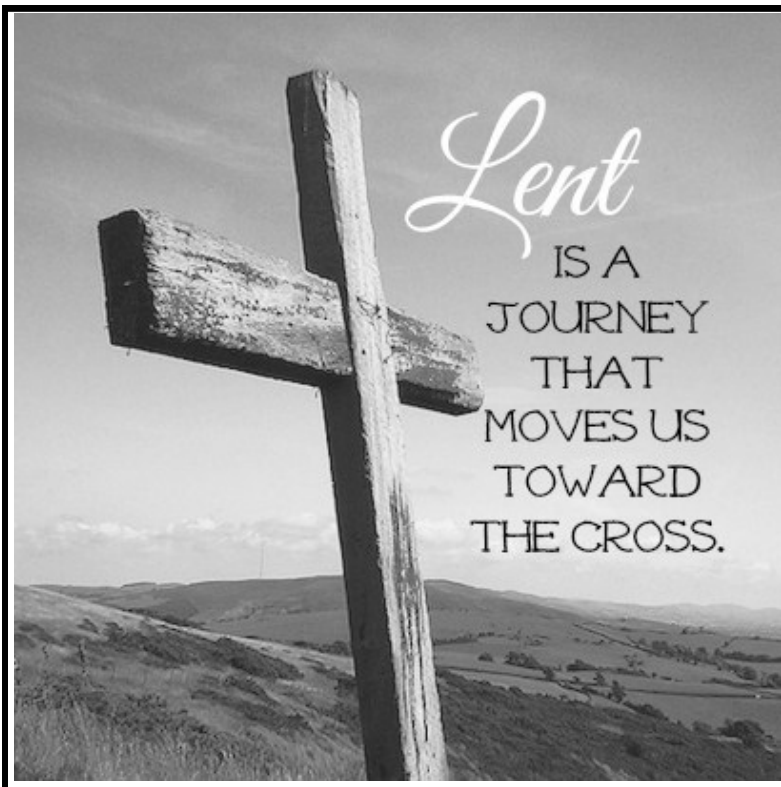
Pastor

Rev. Ryan Clore

Sermon:

"The Angels' Joy"

Luke 15: 10-32



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Members in Ministry

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Children's Church

Grayanna Young

Worship Service Greeter

Merle Worley

Deacons of the Week

Hilda Ray & Emory Worley

Nursery

Bobby & Wendy Hensley

Sound/Video

Jason Schoolcraft

Offering Tellers

Jerry Wilson, Glenn Waters

Pew Stocker

Edgar Tison

DVD Distribution

Peggy Walters

Hilda Butler

Ushers

March Chairperson:

Joe Hooks

Ellis Jordan, Jerry Wilson,
Clint Grainger, Buster Carter

Hospice Meal for Month of

March

Betty Jo Prevatte



"Making All Things New"

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, NRSV

The Church that Jesus Christ established on earth has existed for over two thousand years. We followers of Christ are a people with great history and tradition. We are also a people who believe that God is continuing to work in and through us to bring his creation into the full glory for which it is intended. In other words, we do not believe we have yet to reach the perfection for which God intended.

This creates an interesting paradox for our faith. We must be connected with our past in order to recognize that we are not here to start our own religion. We are to be a people of Christ, for Christ. But this also means that we are ever striving to purify that which we have made profane. The church is not a perfect institution - yet its function is to represent a perfect and Holy message. A large part of that message is that if we are willing to let go of things that we love, or metaphorically (and sometimes literally) speaking, experience death, then God will usher in new life.

This means that to the core of our very existence, Christians are to be people who easily let go of things of the past; people who search with all their hearts to usher in this new thing that God is trying to do. More than ever we need to pay attention to the new thing that God is trying to do. We are in the midst of a reformation like we haven't seen in five hundred years. There is a major shift that is occurring. Many people are scared because it looks different than anything we've ever seen before. If we believe that God is always working to restore this world, then perhaps we ought to view this shift as a blessing from God and seek to become a part of that new creation ourselves.

- Rev. Ryan K. Clore

Celebration of Ministry for Dan Deaton

You are cordially invited to a
Celebration of Ministry in Honor of
Dan Marion Deaton
Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Holly Springs Baptist Church
385 Holly Springs Church Road,
Broadway, NC 27505

Music Ministry



The time has arrived for our **Youth Choir** to participate in *Festival by the Sea* in Myrtle Beach this weekend, March 4-6. The youth have worked for several months on their festival music. Festival participants will represent churches from several southeastern states and approximately 400 youth singers. The festival has proven to be an exciting time for our youth to grow musically and spiritually.

The Chancel Choir continues to prepare music for our Lenten, Palm Sunday, and Easter worship services.

Join us each Sunday as we continue our journey to the cross and on to Resurrection Sunday.

March 6	The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 13	The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 27	Easter Sunday

Join a Choir in 2016!

For Children

(Wednesday)

Children's Chimes	(grades 3-5)	4:40 p.m.
Children's Choir	(grades 1-5)	5:00 p.m.

For Youth

(Sunday)

Youth Ensemble	(grades 6-12)	4:50 p.m.
Youth Handbells	(grades 5-12)	5:25 p.m.

For Adults

(2nd Tuesday of each month)

Sing Joyfully!	(All ages)	11:00 a.m.*
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(Wednesday)

Chancel Choir	Each Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
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*This month, *Sing Joyfully* will meet on the 3rd Wednesday, March 15th.



Missions Announcement

LOAD A TRUCK TO BAPTIST MEN'S REGIONAL WAREHOUSE RED SPRINGS!
On April 30th, we will load a truck to Red Springs during Operation Inasmuch. Mr. Osborne, director of the region, has challenged us with helping to collect the following items: Furniture, household items, cleaning products, hand tools and yard & garden tools. No Clothes! (He *emphasized* the need for yard tools and cleaning products.) Begin your Spring cleaning and save any of these items for this mission outreach from our church!

What's COOKING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
March 9, 2016

Chair: Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

Smoked Sausage, Steamed Cabbage, Cornbread,
Applesauce
Dessert: Sherbet & Cookies

Upcoming WMU Sponsored Events

March 3 at 7:00p.m.— North American Missions Study at Columbus Baptist Association Conference Room. Marlene Sears will lead the study. Anyone who would like to participate is invited.

March 5 at 8:30a.m.—Columbus County Literacy Breakfast at First Baptist Church, Whiteville. Breakfast is \$7.00. All money goes to the Literacy Program. Please call 642-2155 or 542-2442 to make reservation. Everyone is invited.

Happy Birthday!

Mar 6 Haywood Corbett
Mar 6 Patricia Sanderson
Mar 6 Pierson Young
Mar 7 Jerry FormyDuval
Mar 7 Gary Bass
Mar 9 Anna Ezzell



Thank you note from Janie & Richard Cox

"I can not thank you enough for all the concerns during my mom's recent fall. Your cards, calls and especially prayers are so uplifting and very much appreciated. Richard and I hold our Mom's closer than ever and are truly blessed to have them. We ask you to continue to keep them in your prayers."
- Janie & Richard Cox



WANTED Knitters For Charity

All are invited (beginners to experts)
to join the fellowship while we
Knit 2gether 4 others.

Planning Meeting in the FBC Parlor
Tuesday, March 8 @ 7:00pm

Questions??
Call Genie Carter 642-5116 or 840-2266

Our Financial Stewardship *

February 28, 2016
Worship Attendance: 117
Average Attendance for February: 118

*Due to our computers being down in the office this week, the financial report is not available to be posted at this time. If you have questions regarding the financial report, please contact the office at 910-642-2139.

Thank you for your grace & understanding.

March 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 4:40 Children's Handbells 5:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	3 CBF Ministers Luncheon Winston-Salem	4 Festival By the Sea	5 8:30 a.m. Literacy Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
6 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 10:55 Morning Worship & Children's Worship Festival By the Sea →	7 10am Staff Meeting	8 7pm Knitters for Charity in Parlor	9 4:40 Children's Handbells 5:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	10 10:30am Pastor Peer-Learning Group, Bladenboro	11	12
13 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 10:55 Morning Worship & Children's Worship 4:50 Youth Choir 5:25 Youth Handbells 6:00 Youth Group 4pm Celebration of Ministry for Dan Deaton: Holly Springs BC in Broadway NC	14 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Finance Committee Meeting	15 11am Sing Joyfully-Hymn Song 6pm Personnel Committee Meeting 7pm Deacon's Meeting	16 4:40 Children's Handbells 5:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	17	18	19
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Things may look a little different - we're trying out a new look for the Contact. We hope the new monthly calendar can help you to see what is going on a little further out. If you have questions, feel free to contact us.

Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com
Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 am
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