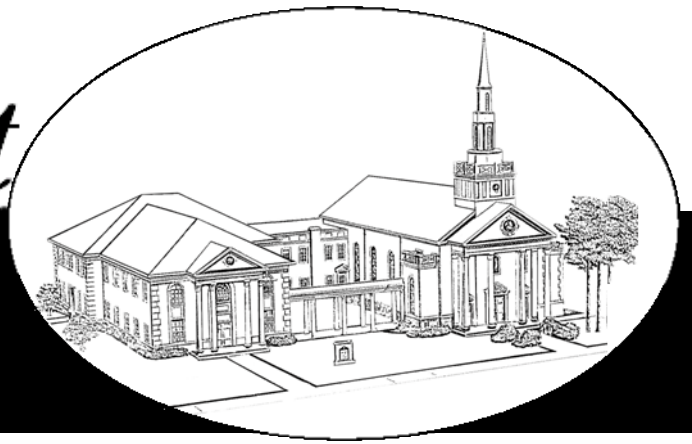


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*Sunday, March 13*

*Lent 5*

Pastor  
Rev. Ryan Clore

Sermon:  
“Drawing Close  
to Jesus...  
Really, Really Close”

*John 12: 1-8*



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**Members in Ministry**  
*Sunday, March 13, 2016*

Children's Church  
Marty Ezzell

Worship Service Greeter  
Merle Worley

Deacons of the Week  
Brenda Carter & Stephen Prince

Nursery  
Glenn & Sherry Waters

Sound/Video  
Wil Ezzell

Offering Tellers  
Peggy & John Norosky

Pew Stocker  
Edgar Tison

DVD Distribution  
Rose Langston

Ushers  
March Chairperson:  
Joe Hooks  
Travis Harrison, John Sauls,  
& Emory Worley

Hospice Meal for Month of  
March  
Betty Jo Prevatte





*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

- Isaiah 43:18-19

Do you know the story of God's people - the story of the Israelites? Do you know the story of Jesus? If you do, then you know that God leads his people first into the wilderness. The wilderness is not a fun place to be. But the wilderness is the place where purification happens. It's the place where we learn to rely on God's provision.

We are in the wilderness now. Not only as we observe this season of Lent, but in the phase of life that our church is in, God has led us into the wilderness. It can be easy to be like the Israelites, and complain about the lack of luxury and the lack of abundance that exists in the wilderness. But the wilderness is also the place where we learn to be thankful for the little that we do have.

Let us take the time to count our blessings and be thankful that God cares about us enough to drive us into the desert. Out of the wilderness God will make a way and out of the desert God will spring up rivers. All we really have to do trust in God's plan day by day.



- Rev. Ryan K. Clore

## Music Ministry



The youth choir participants thoroughly enjoyed their weekend at *Festival by the Sea*. The theme for the weekend was based on a hymn from the mid 1800's titled *How Can I Keep from Singing*. The singers Began rehearsal on Friday night at 9:30 p.m. and concluded at 11:15 p.m. On Saturday, we began rehearsals at 9:00 a.m. and continued until 12:00 noon. We enjoyed the afternoon together with free time and came back for another 2 hour rehearsal at 8:00 p.m. All in all, we rehearsed over 7 hours with around 275 other youth singers and we enjoyed every minute. The director for the week was really good. We were challenged to "keep on singing" no matter what is going on in our life. And no one can take away our singing for God.

*My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]*

*What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?*

### \*Celebration of Ministry for Rev. Danny Deaton\*



In response to our church's invitation to attend the Celebration of Ministry—55 Years—for Danny Deaton at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, at Holly Springs Baptist Church in Broadway, NC, a group from our church will be attending the celebration. The church van will leave at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2016 and should return around 9:00 p.m. that evening.

Danny was our Assistant and Interim Pastor June 1967 until August 1969. Unknown to Danny, a basket will be available for cards, letters and notes from anyone who wishes to send one. There will also be a notebook for letters from churches where Danny has worked. Our pastor is preparing that letter. These may be carried on Sunday, given to Carlton Prince, or mailed to Reverend Dan Deaton, c/o Dr. Wayne Oakes, 8133 Crookneck Drive, Angier, NC 27501. Danny and Sandra will be delighted to see friends from Whiteville. Anyone who has a question, or would like to attend, please contact Carlton Prince.

## Missions Announcement

**NOTE OF THANKS:** A special thanks to Eric Underwood, Jerry Wilson and Fred Senter for the repairs to Murline Britt's ramp. If you know of special needs for any of our church members, please contact the office, Eric or Fred.

**OPERATION INASMUCH** - Mark your calendar for APRIL 30th with a rain date of MAY 7th. Sign-up sheets will be passed out on Sunday April 3rd. Please decide how you would like to serve and return the forms to the church office or place in the offering plates. If you know of projects available for the church to participate in, please call the church office. Your commitment to tithe makes missions possible through your church.

## Happy Birthday!

Mar 11 Martha Ann Prevatte  
 Mar 12 Leigh Fowler  
 Mar 12 Stephen Underwood  
 Mar 12 Rachel Virginia Powell  
 Mar 13 Glenda Turbeville  
 Mar 13 Nancy Smith  
 Mar 13 Charles Lyle  
 Mar 14 Katie Thompson  
 Mar 14 Terri Jackson Powell  
 Mar 14 Melissa Priest  
 Mar 15 Jay Hill



## What's COOKING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
March 16, 2016

Chair: Muriel Hill

Something delicious!



## Our Financial Stewardship

March 6, 2016 Worship Attendance: 105

### Last Week (February 28, 2016)

Budget Rec'd	\$ 7,397.00
Budget Needed	\$ 8,795.15
Under	\$ 1,398.15

### This Year

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 193,493.30
Budget Received YTD	\$ 142,825.25

### This Week ( March 6, 2016)

Budget Rec'd	\$ 5,895.00
Budget Needed	\$ 8,795.15
Under	\$ 2,900.15

### This Year

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 202,288.45
Budget Received YTD	\$ 148,720.25



Youth, please mark your calendars for the following events:

### ***SPRING RETREAT***

Overnight Trip to Fort Caswell

**Dates:** April 9-April 10 (Leaving at 7:30 a.m.)

**Registration** is \$11 for adults and \$10 for youth

The deadline to register is March 27

(Contact John Sauls - 910-207-7992)

Bring money for a nice dinner out

### ***YOUTH SUNDAY***

**Date:** April 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

We are beginning to plan the order of worship now, so if you are interested, or know a youth who may be interested please call the church office or call John Sauls.

### ***SUMMER MISSION TRIP***

Our youth are going to participate in mission's projects in Nashville, TN. They will find out what kind of work they will do when they get there. Their service will be meeting a need that is unique to that particular area. **We are still looking for one female chaperone to join us.** Help us recruit by spreading the word!

**Dates:** June 26-July 2

**Cost:** \$265 (50% due at registration)

The deadline to register is May 22

(Contact John Sauls)

## March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:40 Children's Handbells 5:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> CBF Ministers Luncheon Winston-Salem	<b>4</b> Festival By the Sea	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Literacy Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
<b>6</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 10:55 Morning Worship & Children's Worship  Festival By the Sea →	<b>7</b> 10am Staff Meeting	<b>8</b> 7pm Knitters for Charity in Parlor	<b>9</b> 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>10</b> 10:30am Pastor Peer-Learning Group, Bladenboro	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 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  1pm Leaving for Celebration of Ministry for Dan Deaton: Holly Springs BC in Broadway NC	<b>14</b> 10am Staff Meeting  10am Flora Heath WMU Group/Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)  1:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> 11am Sing Joyfully-Hymn Song  6pm Personnel Committee Meeting  7pm Deacon's Meeting	<b>16</b> 4:40 Children's Handbells 5:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 10:55 Morning Worship & Children's Worship COMMUNION 4:50 Youth Choir 5:25 Youth Handbells 6:00 Youth Group	<b>21</b> 10am Staff Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:40 Children's Handbells 5:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>24 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>25 GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 EASTER SUNDAY!</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir Warmup 10:55 Morning Worship & Children's Worship  *No Evening Activities  *Deadline for Youth Spring Retreat	<b>28</b> 10am Staff Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	

Sunday Morning Worship [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com), Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 am  
Scroll to the "Click to Listen Live" link

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