



Graham, North Carolina

September 2018 *E-NEWS*



IT'S OFFICIALLY OVER! At least it will be by Monday. Summer has ended. Labor Day signals the end to summer in the minds of many while some of us bravely hold on to every warm day we can get. Yes, I am a summer addict. I love the warm days and nights, being able to come and go without having to put on a coat. Now I know that many of you who are looking forward to the cooler days of fall, the crispness in the air and the changing of the leaf color. I have to admit that I think the changing of the leaf color is impressive and a beautiful display, I just wish those leaves would simply stay on the tree and turn green in the spring. Falling off the trees and having to rake them and bag them seems an unnecessary waste to me. However, I'm not God am I?

God always knows just what is best and what we need. I suppose the real culprit to blame for all of this is Adam. Had he not disobeyed God then life would have been much easier and simpler, but he did sin and we are left with the affects of sin because his nature has passed down to us. The truth is that God still loves us and desires that we all come into a relationship with Him (2 Peter 3:9). Even though we sinned, God made a way for us to still have a relationship with Him. God is great and God is good!

While there will still be some warm (okay, maybe even hot) days ahead it is time for us to focus on getting back into the groove of service and ministry. School is now back in session for all our students, a new church year has begun in our church and before you know it, we will be singing Christmas carols. Therefore we need to "buckle down" as my Mom use to put it and get serious about opportunities for service.

With Grandparents Day on September 9, I will begin a series of messages on Grandparents Who Make a Difference. Our society has had a dramatic shift over the last several years and now, more than ever, grandparents are actively involved in raising their grandchildren. I hope you will be here for this important series as we are all impacted in some way.

On September 30, we will have another Singspiration with Southland Harmony. You have 30 days to help us get the word out to your friends and neighbors so we need to get busy. We need to fill our sanctuary on that night, so let's get busy.

AWANA begins this month also. This has been a fast summer as we have set sail to places like, Babylon, Galilee, Nineveh, and Jerusalem with stops in between. Now it is time for the Ole Ship of Zion to be put in dry dock and the barnacles scrapped from her hull. Thank you for allowing me to skipper the ole ship of Zion this summer. I appreciate Mark's willingness to step in and take care of the Sunday evening pulpit for me. He will continue to preach on Sunday evenings until he completes his study in 1 John.

Finally, let me encourage you to use this month to invite folks to our 75th Homecoming on October 7. We hope to fill the sanctuary once again as we gather to celebrate all that God has done through our church over its seventy-five year history. Until next time then, keep your focus on Jesus.

Pastor Bob

Mark's Article

It is hard to believe that it is September already. School is back in full swing for all our children. Please continue to remember to pray for our Student's of the Week. Remember them even when it is not their week. Cut out their bio so you can remember them and pray for them by name. If you pass them in the hall, introduce yourself and get to know them better. As our children are back in school, I am hoping to get back at the books myself. With everything happening this summer, I took a break from pursuing my Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Exposition degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary. I started this degree in August of last year. It is going well but I ask that you keep me in your prayers for focus and time management.

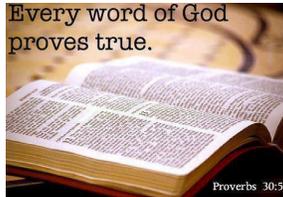
AWANA starts September 9th @ 5:30PM. Please be in prayer for this ministry. We do not at this time have any idea on how many children will be participating. What we do know is that the workers covet your prayers not only for themselves but also for these children. We cannot begin to know the backgrounds and home life that some of our children come from. A few that I do know come from broken homes, parents in jail, parents addicted to alcohol or drugs, parents that are atheist. This is just a sample of what we know some of these kids are facing. So please be in prayer for them. Pray that the love of Jesus will go with them and change their homes. If you are interested in helping with AWANA or just not sure what it is all about just ask Stephanie or Mark. The **AWANA Ministry Conference** is scheduled for **September 29th**, so mark your calendar. This is a one-day event in Apex where you can learn about AWANA and be reenergized for the year ahead. There will be breakout sessions that focus on the many different aspects of AWANA as well as time to learn from others what works at their clubs. If interested let mark know so he can get you registered.



Operation Christmas Child is **celebrating 25 years** of sending the love of Jesus around the world to boys and girls. Over the past 25 years, more than 157 million shoeboxes have been delivered around the world. I was recently blessed to hear from a shoebox recipient, in person. It is amazing to hear how our simple gift of something we do not think is worth much meant the world to him. It is amazing how God takes the little things and shows his greatness and love to the world. Our collection for **Samaritan's Purse** shoeboxes is almost complete. Our dedication Sunday will be November 4th during the morning service. This month we are looking to fill some of the holes where we are short. We need more **"wow items", such as small toys, cars, balls, dolls, etc.** We also need **coloring books and small notebooks.** Your donations can be placed in the box behind the stairwell outside of the sanctuary. Remember again this year no toothpaste or candy of any kind because of customs and no war or camouflage toys, liquids, or glass.

Be sure to check the Worship Guide, we have a lot going on in the month of October. Most notably is **ScareMare, October 13th** for our youth and the **Lazy 5 Ranch on October 20th** for our children. We will have signup sheets out for both of these events. Stephanie is planning another **Ladies Craft Day** for **October 6th** in the fellowship Hall. This will be a great time of fun and making. She said even if you are not interested in making something come for the time of fellowship. In addition, we will have our annual **Singing on the Grounds October 13th**. Be sure to keep checking back for these and many other ministry opportunities.

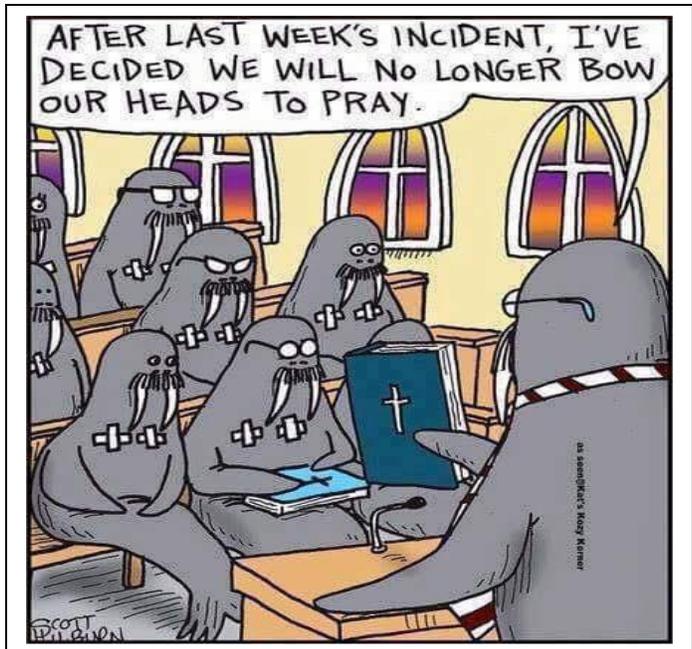
BIBLE READING FOR THE MONTH



Sep. 1: Ezek 9-12
Sep. 2: Ezek 13-15
Sep. 3: Ezek 16-17
Sep. 4: Ezek 18-20
Sep. 5: Ezek 21-22
Sep. 6: Ezek 23-24
Sep. 7: Ezek 25-27
Sep. 8: Ezek 28-30
Sep. 9: Ezek 31-33
Sep. 10: Ezek 34-36

Sep. 11: Ezek 37-39
Sep. 12: Ezek 40-42
Sep. 13: Ezek 43-45
Sep. 14: Ezek 46-48
Sep. 15: Dan 1-3
Sep. 16: Dan 4-6
Sep. 17: Dan 7-9
Sep. 18: Dan 10-12
Sep. 19: Hos 1-7
Sep. 20: Hos 8-14

Sep. 21: Joel
Sep. 22: Amos 1-5
Sep. 23: Amos 6-9
Sep. 24: Oba-Jonah
Sep. 25: Micah 1-7
Sep. 26: Nahum 1-3
Sep. 27: Hab-Zeph
Sep. 28: Haggai 1-2
Sep. 29: Zech 1-7
Sep. 30: Zech 8-14



Southland Harmony will be here on September 30, 2018 for the 6:00 PM service.



September Anniversaries

6 th	J. R. & Faye Yarbrough	16 th	Dean & Jo Bryant
15 th	Norris & Judy McDaniel	25 th	Randy & Donna Paulette



September Birthdays

5th Joshua Andrews
 7th Roger Walker
 Maleigha Young
 9th Chase McDaniel
 10th Benny Tranbarger
 11th Norris McDaniel
 21st Dennis Brown

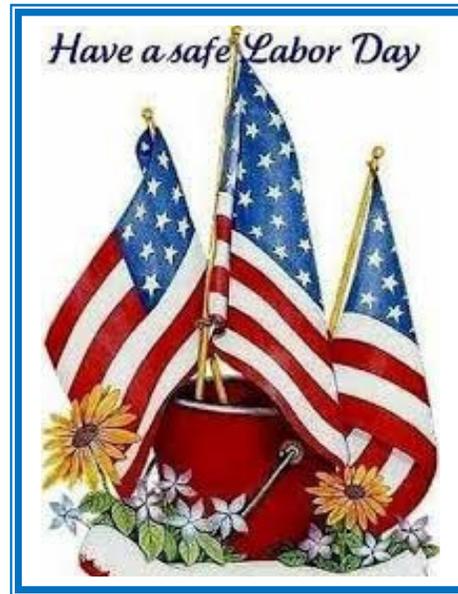


22nd Barbara Church
 23rd Brayden Williams
 24th Kaleb Holyfield
 26th Hannah Holmes
 27th Trish Dixon
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 Benton Tuck



September

- 3rd LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
- 4TH 7:00 PM Riverside Brotherhood
7:00 PM Prayer Ministry
- 5th 6:30 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Programs
- 9th 4:30 PM Deacon's Meeting
GRANDPARENT'S DAY
5:30 PM AWANA Begins
- 10th 10:00 AM Valda Cates Circle
6:30 PM Genesis Circle
- 11th 6:00 PM Josie Brewer Circle
6:45 PM Lydia Circle
7:00 PM Prayer Ministry
- 12th 6:30 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Programs
- 16th 5:30 PM AWANA
- 18th 6:00 PM Picnic for the Deaf
7:00 PM Prayer Ministry
- 19th 11:30 AM Widows & Friends Luncheon
6:30 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Programs
- 22nd 9:00 AM Church Council Planning Retreat
- 23rd 5:30 PM AWANA
- 25th 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry
- 26th 6:30 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Programs
- 29th 9:00 AM Church Clean-Up Day
- 30th 10:00 AM Lord's Supper
5:30 PM AWANA
6:00 PM Singspiration with Southland Harmony





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