SEPT

2017 Vision



"You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary." — Jesus Luke 10:41b-42a (Contemporary English Version)

SERMON SERIES: NARRATIVE LECTIONARY					
Sept 3	James 5:13-18 "Pray! Pray! Pray!" Rev. Scot McCosh Genesis 1-2 & John 1:1-5 "In the Beginning" Rev. Scot McCosh				
Sept 10					
Sept 17	Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14 & John 1:29 "God Provides" Rev. Scot McCosh				
Sept 24	Women on Mission Sunday Kim Wyatt, Guest Preacher				



Business Meeting
September 6th • 6:00pm

No Family Night Activities



Pastor's Peace

"Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness."

- Psalm 145:7 (New Living Translation)

I've signed reams of papers for my children in the past few days which means only one thing – summer is over! It's not just our school kids who are starting something new this month, but it's also a time when we kick off new chapters in our congregational story too.

As I write this, I can hear Paula's voice reading Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House on the Prairie" to Jarrod. It warms my heart as I listen again to the details of this simple story of one family's adventure on the American frontier. You and I are on an adventure too, and you are a key part of the story. However, in the busyness of life, we often lose sight of just where the grand plot is going and how we fit into it. We catch glimpses of grace but also get bogged down in grief. We struggle to make it day to day and wonder just what God is up to and when and how we'll make it to that sweet by and by. We wonder if, and just how, our adventures fit into the chapters of what God is doing today.

So often that's exactly how folks felt whose stories we find in scripture. Unfortunately, that's also how we often approach them as we read the bible. We enjoy the characters but aren't really sure how they fit into the larger plot of God's plan. That's why I'm excited that we'll be starting a new story telling adventure on September 10th, as we begin to use the *Narrative Lectionary* to guide our Sunday morning worship themes.

Have you ever wondered how and why preachers pick the texts they preach on for a given week? Many use a guide that spells out certain texts weekly which fit into the Christian year, starting with Advent. However, it's often tough to see how the varied passages connect and relate to a larger story. At other times we choose topics we sense are needed and relevant at the time. Yet, in doing so we don't always help folks connect the dots of the grand story of which they are a part. Like our focus a few years ago when we used "The Story" curriculum as a guide, the Narrative Lectionary takes us from Genesis to Revelation each year from September to May, recounting the stories of the Old and New Testaments and how they are woven into God's grand narrative. We'll have summer breaks for other adventures and then pick up the cycle again the next fall. It's my hope that this will make it exciting to come to worship each week in anticipation of what we'll find next in the story, while also simplifying our worship planning and helping us all to better understand God's written and living word. Still confused? Check out the following website: NarrativeLectionary.org

I hope you are as excited as I am to be a part of the next chapter of what God is doing in and through Mount Pisgah Baptist Church. You have a key role to play so get ready! It's a joy to journey with you.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Scot

The Baptist Men met on August 20th with 20 in attendance. Ted Lambert's cook team provided a wonderful breakfast as Pastor Scot opened us up with a prayer for the community.

Pastor Scot led our Right Now Media
video study, "Keep Climbing: Why God Doesn't
Give You Everything You Want." This month's
study focused on our desire for God to flatten the
mountains of life. While God has the power to do
just that more often than not, God chooses instead to
work in and through us to keep on climbing. The study shared
three key ways that scripture displays of how God works when in
our lives: intervention – stepping in and moving the mountain;
inner-action – stepping in and changing us; interaction –
stepping alongside us to work with us to meet the challenge.
Next month we'll explore that topic, "Climbing Alone."

We are looking forward to the upcoming Fair Workers Ministry on September 9th from 4pm to 8pm at the Cumberland County Fair. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact the church office so that we can get you on the list for access to fair. We will be supplying sandwiches, water and snacks for the workers and would ask if you have any gently used clothing or reading materials to donate please reach out to Pastor Scot or myself.

With Homecoming quickly approaching we are planning on a cleanup day Saturday, September 23 at 8am. If you are willing and able please bring your rakes, trimmers, wheelbarrows, blowers etc... All are encouraged to come out and make light work of the task at hand. This would also help out in reaching our goal for volunteer hours at which we are at 1200 of the 1700 goal.

The WOM would like to thank everyone who came out to the Prayer walk August 19th to support the schools. Remember to keep praying for the kids as they



continue to grow and learn this year. We also had a great time on our last trip to Happy Valley. Playing games and feeding the wonderful people there is always a fun blessing. Our next time to visit Happy Valley will be September 18th.

All the ladies in the church are invited to come to our WOM meetings. Our numbers have increased and we hope they continue to increase. Our next meeting is on Tuesday September 5th. We moved it to Tuesday because of Labor Day this month, so come out and see what Women on Mission are up to and what blessings you will receive!

Reminder: September 24th is Woman's Sunday, everyone is invited to see us ladies take over service and listen to our guest speaker. If you would like to volunteer during that Sunday let Kim know. The Monday following, September 25th, is our Ladies get together at 7pm, all the ladies are invited to come out and have supper with us, we hope to see you there.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Fair Workers Ministry

September 9th 4:00-8:00 p.m.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Clothes in <u>GREAT</u> condition (including hats, gloves & shoes)
- Powdered drink mix (to be poured into a water bottle)
- Reading material
- Snack Items

Donations should be brought to the church office by SEPTEMBER 3rd between 8:30 a.m. and noon.

Place items in a box or bag and label "FAIR MINISTRY".

If you would like to work at the Fair Booth to pass out food, etc., see John L. Averitte to schedule your time.

Questions? Please contact John L. Averitte, Grady Adams, or Butch Hancock



KIM WYATT

Our Women on Mission Guest Preacher September 24th!

CBF Global Missions relocated the Wyatt's to the Research Triangle in July 2014, a region with a population of approximately 2 million surrounding Raleigh. The Wyatt's resource and

mobilize churches as they discover their international neighbors and share the Gospel in culturally appropriate ways. The Wyatt's seek to empower the Kingdom efforts of churches, mission organizations and individuals reaching out to refugees, immigrants (documented and otherwise), international students, visiting scholars and their family and those unfortunately caught in modern day slavery—the trafficked.

Their heart's desire is for the nations whom God has brought from the ends of the earth to our home towns to be welcomed by his church and discover the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Welcome back Kim! What a joy to partner with you on mission.

Family Night Programming

Will resume WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



6-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Clubs for children and youth of all ages with Adult Bible Studies

Women on Mission Sunday

September 24th - 11 a.m.

Then join us for

Ladies Night Out

Dinner & Special Program
September 25th

at 7:00 p.m.



CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday September 23rd

8:00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Help clean up and spruce up our facility





Volunteers Needed

TO FEED THE FOOTBALL TEAM

Friday, September 15th

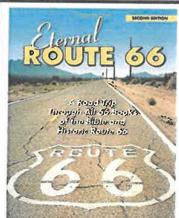
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING,
PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR SCOT



BackPack Buddies is designed to fight weekend hunger. Thousands of children in our

community rely on the free or reduced meals they receive at school. Children at partner schools who experience hunger are enrolled in the program and receive a backpack each Friday containing nutritious food to eat during the weekends.

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday



Wednesday Night Series

A Road Trip Through All 66 Books of the Bible and Historic Route 66

Begins September 13th 6:00 - 7:30pm

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Deacons







Helen Averitte Barbara Cain Robert Carson





Scot McCosh, Pastor 779-2540 cell: 584-3711 Paula McCosh, Youth/Children Pastor 779-2540 Janice Simpson, Music Director

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USHER SCHEDULE:

September 3: Team 2 September 10: Team 3 September 17: Team 4 September 24: Team 5



DEACON of the WEEK:

September 3: John L. Averitte September 10: Glyndetta Hubbard

September 17: Robert Carson September 24: Leslie Ward

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
September 3: Connie Owensby, Karen Williams
September 10: Vivian Barefoot, Kay McCosh
September 17: Mary Ward, Jessica Long
September 24: Shannon Weber, Shelby Warwick

GREETER SCHEDULE:
September 3: Vivian Barefoot, Brooke McDonald
September 10: Linda & Robert Carson, Helen Averitte
September 17: Leslie & Alyzabeth Ward, Jarrod Smith

September 24: Mike Henson, Kathy Lewis

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9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	Church Office Closed	5 10:30 AM Super Seniors 6:30 PM Women on Mission	6:00 PM Church Supper & Business Meeting 7:30 PM Choir	7 11:00 AM Backpack Buddies Packing	8	9 4:00 PM -8:00 PM Fair Workers Ministry
9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Fall Festival Committee Mtg	6:30 PM Deacons Meeting Deacons Meeting	12	6:00 PM -7:30 PM FAMILY NIGHT 7:30 PM Choir	1.4 10:00 AM -11:30 AM Bible Study	15	16
8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service	7:00 PM Happy Valley	19	20 6:00 PM -7:30 PM FAMILY NIGHT 7:30 PM Choir	21 10:00 AM -11:30 AM Bible Study	22	23 Church Clean-up Day S:00am
9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Women On Mission	7:00 PM DINNER Ladies Night Out	26	6:00 PM -7:30 PM FAMILY NIGHT 7:30 PM Choir	28 10:00 AM -11:30 AM Bible Study	29	30

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns: Aaron & Jennifer Adamchek & children, Helen Averitte, Randy Bailey, Gregory Barefoot, Joseph Barefoot, Peggy Beverly, Cathy Brown, Judy Callahan, Lucy Cartwright, Jennifer Dillard, Jack Dowdy, Judy Gessler, Family of Kim Guard, Sam Hubbard, Mickey Jackson, Madelyn Jacobson, Family of Christine Lamb, Kathy Matthews, Ann McCall, Family of Robert Morris, Family of John Strickland, Shirley Tew, Gene Tyree

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Allen Burke, Tom Cain, Barbara Cullen, Jennifer Dillard, Clarence Gwynn, Linda Lee Johnson, Robert Mosco, Becky Page, Shirley Saling, Donald Sluder, Fredna Wood

Military: Jeremy Adams, Dane Armentrout, Cameron Blackburn, Thad Cain, Shannon Combs, Alexander Cheriza, Jeremy Clark, Pierre Cruz, Taylor DeWitt, Harrison Foor, Carlye Foxen, David Foxen, Jake Foxen, Mike Grant, Jonathan Hancock, Gage Hodges, Dalton Lane, Lois Liddick, Matthew Mesa, Cory Page, Daniel Page, Brian Parsons, Johnny Rodriguez, Tony Rump, Keith Sherrill, Chris Smith, Jason Thomas, Joshua Walters

<u>College</u>: Garrett Barker, Jordan Barker, Jamie Britt, Aaron Burke, Michael Burke, Nash Burke, Griffin Cummings, Mike Grant, Taylor Hayes, Darryl Jones, Melissa Matlock, Sidney McCall, Kaitlyn Grace McCorquodale, Kate McCosh, Katie Middleton, Ashley Lea, Jaineah Rodriguez, Johnny Rodriguez Jr., Ashley Royal, Kelsey Sherrill, Ian Smith, Robert Douglas Taylor III, Dustin Thurmes, Savannah Waters

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

September 2: Lorin DeBarge, Stacy Harris **September 3:** Ray Lewis, Sr. **September 5:** Tommy Smith **September 8:** Tangie Thurmes **September 11:** Joshua Simpson, Travis Stambough **September 12:** Brittany Trogdan **September 13:** Scot McCosh, Matt Mesa



September 14: Brenda Johnson, Kristine McClure-Hensley September 15: Joshua Middleton, Annie Mae Price September 16: Tom Hodges, Rose McDonald, Lauren Sherrill Sr. September 17: Baylee Ford, Diana Ward, Jennifer Ward September 18: Lucille Cartwright September 19: Austin Owen September 20: Jessica Rolland September 21: Marshall Faircloth, Ryan Morris September 22: Cindy Hensley, Jennifer Tucker September 23: Linda Sharpton September 24: Kathy Britt, Sam Hubbard September 25: Peggy Beverly, Shannon Weber September 30: Anna McLean, Cecil McLean, Mel Melton

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

September 3: Michael & Brenda Johnson, Wesley & Jessica Long **September 7:** Boyd & Mae Parsons **September 11:** Tim & Leslie Koch **September 23:** Sam & Glyndetta Hubbard

CHURCH RECORD: July 31 - August 27, 2017

Average Attendance ... Sunday School: 76 Worship: 117

Budget Requirement: \$ 19,340.65 Regular Offering Total: \$ 16,351.05 Designated Offering Total*: \$ 2,951.85 Total Offering: \$ 19,302.90

(*Designated funds for non-budgeted programs)

