MESSENGER

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Funds will be collected through April 5 for the annual mission offering at TMBC. Each family is asked to commit to give \$20 per week for 10 weeks (\$200) to missions. Mission offering envelopes have been distributed with monthly contribution envelopes and are available in the pews each week. You can also give online by designating the gifts to 10/20 Missions. If you know of mission work going on in our

community that you feel the mission team should be aware of, please share this information with a member of the mission team (Bonnie Porter, Beth Harman, Jim Harris, Pat Tesh, and Bill Clark). The funds received for 10/20 will be distributed on a percentage basis as listed below:

- ⇒ 10% CareNet Counseling East
- ⇒ 15% Southern Baptist Missions (WMU of NC, Annie Armstrong Home Missions, Lottie Moon Foreign Missions, NC State Missions, Baptist Children's Home, Baptist Retirement Homes)
- ⇒ 10% Baptist Women In Ministry
- ⇒ 25% CBF Global Missions
- ⇒ 10% Church Mission Projects/Trips
- ⇒ 15% Local Mission Needs (Street Fair, Local Benevolence-Ministerial Discretion, etc.)
- ⇒ 15% Local Partner Missions (Hope of Glory, Third Street Education Center, ENC Stop Human Trafficking Now, etc.)

Which Sunday School Class will claim the trophy?

An "Overtime" box is in the narthex of the sanctuary for anyone who is not a part of a Sunday

Where We Stand As Of February 23, 2020





3 Pointers

Protein

Individual Size:

Mac-n-Cheese

Pop-Top Soup

Chef Boyardee **Beanie Weenies** 2 Pointers

Applesauce

Fruit Cups

Juice Boxes

Individual Cereal Packs Snack Items

Free Throws/1 point

Breakfast

Little Bites Muffins

Pop Tarts

Oatmeal/Grits

Pudding

Chips

School class but would like to participate.

Challenge through March 31

*All Items must be tear or pop top, microwavable, non-refrigerated, and individual-serving size.

Welcome New Members!



Joyce Chandler rejoined TMBC on February 2, 2020, by transfer of letter from Walterboro First Baptist Church, Walterboro, SC.



Ruth Little joined TMBC on February 16, 2020, by transfer of letter from Greenville Christian Fellowship.



Grace Bellamy joined TMBC on February 16, 2020, through Watchcare.



Gavin Adams joined TMBC on February 23, 2020, by transfer of letter from Grace Bible Church in Yadkinville, NC

HOPE - Genesis 1:1-5

When God began creating, He gave form to the formless and structure to the void—all by creating light. Light interrupted darkness and God declared it to be good. Light does the same for us. A flashlight allows us to see objects and snares in our way. A glow from a cell phone allows us to find the keyhole of our home. A light bulb creates a warm environment to read, work and play. Light provides us the opportunity to order our steps and redirect our paths if needed. When we have hope, it is as if we understand that God gave us light to unveil to us our tomorrows that lay hidden in dark areas of our minds and hearts. When hope is discovered, it looks at the darkness of the soul and proclaims light has won. Hope is knowing that—even when we feel there is no hope—there is hope that can be found in Jesus Christ. This hope is why we watch for Christ's coming again in the form of resurrection.

Holy Week will begin in the coming days, and when it does, be observant of how it begins and ends. It begins with the light of a joyous parade and ends with the dark somberness of a funeral. Light. Darkness. Hope tells us that out of the darkness of death, joy comes in the morning light of resurrection. Life, of course, is like that—seasons of light and dark, joy and pain. Through our lives, not only will we enter through these seasons, but we will meet others who experience them too. Some will be filled with light, living in joy, while others will be lost in darkness, experiencing pain and hurt that leaves them formless and void.

Think of the people you meet along your journey who have little to no hope. Notice how darkness covers them as they can see only what is in front of them—a formless void absent of hope. What might you do to offer hope? How can you resurrect the joy that comes when light enters creation? 1 Peter 3:15 declares, "Be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you." What will your answer be? May you find the hope that is in you. At times it may be hidden in the darkness, but remember the words of the psalmist, "Joy comes in the morning!"

Prayer:

Lord of Hope, when we feel there is no hope, nudge us. When others see no hope, reveal it. When we are low on hope, fill us once again with the joy found in the morning light of a new day. In Christ we pray, Amen.

May you discover HOPE in new ways this Lenten Season.

Yours in Christ,

Brad

Nicaragua Mission Trip

Sharon and Bill Lee and Marcia and Jim Pleasants are traveling to Oconona, Nicaragua, March 7-14. They will work with 36 other individuals from across the US to help provide a medical, dental, and eye clinic while witnessing to the people about the gospel. A VBS will be provided each day for about **250 children**. Pray for the health and safety of those making the trip and the people they will serve that they will be receptive to hearing the gospel.



Sandro Silva Organ Recital Sunday, March 29, 4:00 pm Church Sanctuary

Performed on TMBC's Casavant Fréres Opus 3171 pipe organ (2008)

The recital is free and open to the public.

A reception will follow.

March Deacons of the Week



Lauren LumleyMarch 1—7
910-994-6534



Larry Dendy March 8—14 252-746-4818



Lloyd Parker March 15—21 252-561-5993



Jim Pleasants March 22—28 252-752-6503



Sharon Lee March 29—April 4 252-714-6537

MEMORIAL MATTERS!

Senior Adult Valentine Banquet Sponsored by TMBC Youth



Youth Ski Trip





In Our Prayers

A new prayer list begins the first of each month. Call the church office if you would like to add or remove someone from the list.

Gerstle Dendy (Larry Dendy's mother)
Tyler Lumley

Tammy Ivey

Alan Myers (Nancy Goodwin's nephew) Emily Beasley (Sandra Styron's niece)

Adell Prescott

Susan Haynie Hill (Dot Haynie's

daughter)

Cheri Staten

John Burton (Scott Godefroy's cousin)

Nat Brackenhoff

Damien Moore

(Coral Whichard's cousin's grandson)
Jane McRoy (Kennith Whichard's sister)

Barbara Hardy

Carrie Piner (Vickie Carden's friend)

Verchie Vick Harold Dew

Homebound/Shut-Ins

Beverly Dickens
Doris Evans
Norman Little
Doris Pappendick
(Jimmy Bryant's mother-in-law)
Pauline White



Fran Wilson March 29

Extended Session Volunteers

March 1—Jan Penfield, Volunteer Needed

March 8—Marcia Pleasants, Pattie Allen

March 15—Vickie Carden, Erica Thomas

March 22—Leslie Mayberry, Stephanie Bullock

March 29—Luisa Haynes, Volunteer Needed

Contact Jane Morris for more information or to volunteer.

Where We Stand as February 23, 2020



February Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
February 2	126	183
February 9	132	183
February 16	141	169
February 23	132	158



Wednesday March 4, 5:30 pm Fellowship Meal

Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

Cost: \$6.00/Adult, \$3.00/Children (3-12)
Call the church office to sign up by noon on February 4.
Reservations are required.

Proceeds benefit Relay for Life.



Coming Up in March

March 7		Departure of Nicaragua Mission Team Return on March 14
March 8		Daylight Savings Time Begins
	12:00 pm	Youth Team Meeting
March 9	5:30 pm	Property and Grounds Meeting
March 11	3:30 pm	Generosity Team Meeting
March 12	6:30 pm	Children's Team Meeting
March 14	8:30 am—12:00 pm	SRBA Outreach Trailer Training
March 16	6:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting
March 19—21		CBFNC Annual Gathering in Raleigh
March 22	2:00—4:00 pm	Ladies Tea Party/ Men's Kickball Game
March 24	8:00 am—4:00 pm	Senior Fest 2020 at Chowan University
March 27—28		Handbell Festival in Winston-Salem
March 28	PROJECT	Youth Trip to Busch Gardens