



Sandy Plains

BAPTIST CHURCH

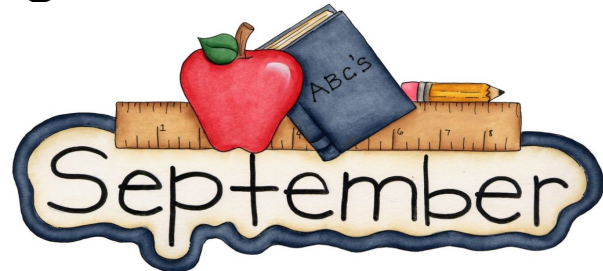
September Birthdays

- 2 Blaine Galloway
- 5 Allyson Gardner
- 8 Colin Parker
- 9 Dean Humphries
- 11 Jeff Walker
- 12 Donald Petty
- 17 Steve Pruitt
- 19 Renee Bridges
- 20 Zain Greene
- 20 Judy Lovelace
- 20 Debbie Wall
- 23 John Whitaker
- 25 Harriet Nazelrod
- 25 Elisabeth Cothran



Anniversaries

- 9th Ricky & Debbie Peace
- 22nd Danny & Carolyn Bumgardner



Note from Pastor and COVID Response Team

In March, our committee chairs, the deacon officers, and I met to pray and discuss what steps Sandy Plains would take to help protect our congregation and our community from COVID-19. There has been a lot of information and varying opinions on what should be done. This group prayerfully decided to err on the side of caution and suspend in person services. God has blessed us with a beautiful church campus and we have been fortunate to have the parking and out-door space to move services outside so we can worship in person, but at a safe distance. We are eager though to be able to meet back inside. The tentative plan is to move back inside three weeks after North Carolina moves to phase 3. There will be added precaution taken at that time and we will still provide online services for those who would like to worship in that way. The situation is constantly changing, so as more information becomes available our plan can change accordingly. Please, continue to pray for this team as they seek discernment, and please pray for all churches which are making the best decisions they can with the information they have. And lastly, continue to serve each other and our community in loving and creative ways. We trust in God, and we are confident that even though the church doors are closed, God's Church is very much alive!

Blessings and prayers for health and safety!
Rev. Chase Robinson
COVID Response Team



Note from the Nominating Committee

It is that time of year when our church nominates and elects new committee members and ministry leaders. The Nominating Committee has been prayerfully considering how to best navigate the nominating and election process in light of the difficulties the Corona Virus has presented. Since we are not meeting in person and since many of our committee members and ministry leaders were not able to serve in their normal capacities in 2020, the Nominating Committee is recommending that we put a freeze on the committee rotations for this year and that all current ministry leaders serve again in 2021. This would mean no one would be rotating off committees and no new members will be added. In effect, the church leadership would remain the same for one year, adding one year to everyone's service. A copy of the 2021 leadership roster with updated dates is attached. If there is anyone who was supposed to rotate who does not wish to serve another year, please contact someone on the nominating committee. This recommendation is from nominating, but we will vote at a called business meeting on October 4, 2020 after the service.

Missions Moment

On Sunday afternoon, August 16th, a small group of volunteers gathered at Union Elementary school to assemble picnic tables for the upcoming school year. After reaching out to the principal, Jacob Wilson, to ask how Sandy Plains could help them in the midst of the pandemic, he reported their need for picnic tables to assist with social distancing. With your donations, we were able to purchase 10 picnic tables to help meet this need. Thank you to all of those who gave of their time and their resources to help keep our kids safe as they start back to school!



Deacon Elections

In light of the pandemic, we will do deacon elections by mail-in ballot this year. You or a member your household should have received the appropriate number of ballots and a pre-stamped return envelope with this newsletter. We need your ballots returned by October 4, 2020. If you have not received the correct number of ballots, please contact Chase. Once ballots have been collected the deacon officers will meet to count them and the congregation will be notified of the results once available.

Missions Opportunity

Many of you have already been a part of the Snail Mail Ministry that Rhonda Dixon started, but we would really like to expand this and make it more of a church-wide service opportunity. If you would like to be on a rotation of individuals who send cards of encouragement to our homebound/hospitalized/hurting church members, please contact Mindy, so that she can get you more information. This is an easy way to serve those in our community and remind them that they are loved, not only by their fellow church members, but a God who has everything under control.

