



# W THE WINDOW

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## A Thick Accent?

I was struck, during my recent month-long stay in St. Paul, Minnesota, by how many people commented on my, apparently thick, southern accent. One lady even tried to imitate my accent. I found her imitation less than flattering! I do not know for sure. However, it felt like I received more comments on my accent in Minnesota than I did during my over two-year stay in Edinburg, Scotland. Perhaps, the Scots are even more polite than I initially thought!



In Romans 12:9-21, Paul instructs the Christians in Rome to do things such as “hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good ... love one another ... bless those who persecute you ... rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep ... live in harmony with one another ... do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly ... never be conceited ... if possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all ... do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.” Wow! Now that is a mouthful of practical, yet challenging, Christian teaching.

In fact, we could go as far as to say that if we are consistent in carrying out Paul’s instructions on a daily basis, we will carry with us a very thick accent. And that’s the point. As Christians, we should have a distinct accent, a very thick accent. As we live for Christ, we should look different. Or perhaps, a more accurate interpretation of the metaphor in place here is that we should sound different. In the midst of our shortcomings, we seek after an ethical consistency — loving one another, hating evil and holding on to good, praying

for the most difficult people in our lives — that reflects the glory of Christ and the love of God. As we go about the remainder of our week, let us take a few moments and reflect on our accent. Is it thick? Is it distinct? Does it stand out? Is it pronounced enough that people might make fun of us? In other words, are we living consistent enough Christian lives that those who do not know Christ might take notice — even if to speak evil of us? And, is our accent thick enough to encourage our fellow believers in their efforts to reflect the glory of Christ and the love of God?

You might be interested to know that the woman who tried to imitate my southern accent did so in church. During the greeting, she introduced herself. I, then, introduced myself. And then it happened — she made fun of my accent. I thought, “the nerve pointing out my accent in church!” Upon further reflection, however, I have concluded that the place was right on target.

In Christ,  
Trey

### Dr. Trey Gilliam’s FBC Office Hours/Visitation

Sundays	8:30 am—4:30 pm
Mondays	1:30 pm—5:00 pm
Tuesdays	2:00 pm—5:00 pm
Wednesdays	5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Thursdays	2:00 pm—5:00 pm
Fridays	2:00 pm—5:00 pm

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## ***From the Associate Pastor***

You may have noticed the recent addition of a baby grand piano in our Fellowship Hall. The 1927 Steinway is a gift from the family of the late Barbara Dove Gosnell of Murfreesboro, NC. Mrs. Gosnell's daughter, Pam Brett, Music Director of Conway Baptist Church, contacted me about the piano, wanting to find it a home where it would be used to the glory of God. Though it is not currently in playable condition, it will soon be evaluated so we may begin its restoration, after which, it will indeed be used to the glory of God. We are grateful for this precious gift.

### **Breakfast for First Graders & Family**

As a way to help our preschoolers transition into our grade school ministry, we offer a breakfast each August for those students and their families. During the breakfast the students and parents are equipped with tools to help them adapt to the new routine of remaining in the sanctuary for the entire worship service.

This year's breakfast will be held on Sunday, August 27 at 9:00 am.

### **2017 Bible Presentations**

Another ritual we observe each Fall is the presentation of Bibles to the new 1st graders entering our children's ministry, and the new 7th graders entering our youth ministry. We will do so during the morning worship service on Sunday, August 27.

### **Music Ministry Start Up for the Fall**

Now that we've turned the calendar to August, it's time to look ahead to the beginning of our Fall ministries. Please save the following dates, and join in the fun!

#### **Wednesday, August 23**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume  
For High School Students—Adults  
7:00 pm

Vocal Ensemble Rehearsals Resume  
8:00 pm

#### **Wednesday, September 6**

Children's Music & Missions Begins  
5:00—6:00 pm  
Two Age Groups: Age 3—Kindergarten  
& Grades 1-6

## **Sunday, September 17**

Chairo Music Ensemble  
For Grade 6—Adults  
4:00—5:00 pm

### **One More Needed**

By now you have received the Nominating Committee Report for the 2017-2018 Church Year, which contains the names of those who will staff our various ministries. Though we hoped to have every single leadership position filled by the time the booklet was printed, we didn't quite make that goal. There remains one leadership vacancy.

We need one person who would be willing to serve just 6 Sundays out of 52, caring for bed babies through age 2, with Jessica Brinkley and Melanie Byrum on the 3rd Sunday of even months. If you feel called to this ministry, please let me know as soon as possible. We'd love to have this leadership roll filled by the start of the new Church Year on September 1st.

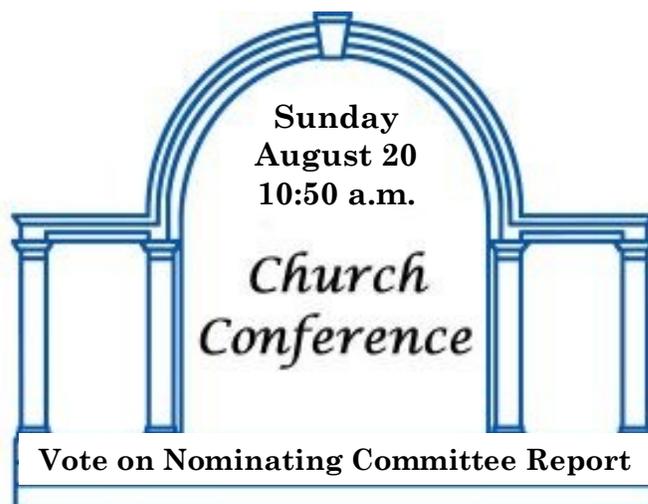
The summer break has been great, but I'm looking forward to getting back into our usual church year routine. I hope you are too!

Grace & peace,



### **Congratulations**

... to Chuck & Bonnie Revelle on the August 5th birth of their first grandchild, Judah Barrett Revelle, son of Thomas & Rachel Revelle of Chapel Hill, NC.





**Chowan University  
Freshmen Move In Day  
Saturday, August 19**

FBC will be serving sub sandwiches at our tent for the annual "Food Court" in Squirrel Park. The Missions Committee invites you to make a batch or two of homemade cookies to accompany the sandwiches. You may bring them by the church the week of August 14, or to the church on Saturday morning at 10:15 am. If you'd like to be part of the serving team, please contact Anita. Let's join together to offer Chowan's newest students a warm FBC welcome.



**WMU Leadership Workshop  
August 26, 2017**

A WMU Leadership Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the West Chowan Mission Resource Center located on Hwy 42 W, Ahoskie. A light breakfast will be served at 8:30 am, with training to begin at 9:00 am and concluding at noon.



**Sunday, September 10**

It's almost time for our annual gathering at Ahoskie Creekside Recreation Park. This event, hosted by our Deacons, is a highlight of the church year. Deacons will cook hamburgers and hot dogs, prepare all the trimmings, and provide beverages. All you need to do is plan to join us for this time of great food and good fellowship. You are welcome to bring your lawn chairs if you would like. More details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

**The Week Ahead**



**Sunday, August 13**

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm FH Reserved for Sumner Family

**Monday, August 14**

- 9:00 am Easter Seals Group, FH/Kitchen
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee

**Tuesday, August 15**

- 6:00 pm Missions Committee
- 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

**Wednesday, August 16**

- 6:00 pm Bible Study with Dr. Gilliam, FH  
*Sanct. Choir/Vocal Ensemble Summer Break*

**Friday, August 18**

- 9:00 am CWJC Graduation

**Saturday, August 19**

- 10:30 am FBC Participants with Chowan Univ.  
Freshmen Move-in Day meet at Church
- 11:30 am Chowan Freshman Move-In Day Lunch

**Sunday, August 20**

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Church Conference
- 11:00 am Worship

**Monday, August 21**

- 9:00 am Easter Seals Group, FH/Kitchen
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, August 23**

- 6:00 pm Bible Study with Dr. Gilliam, DH
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Resumes
- 8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Resumes

**Stewardship Statement**

**August 6, 2017**

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 11,041.79
Difference	\$ 2,263.79
YTD Needs	\$ 280,896.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 245,278.97
YTD Difference	\$ -35,617.03

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## Week of August 13-19

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Scott Outlaw, 3287-6721  
Pat Byrd, 332-4122

### Extended Session—August 13

Birth-Age 2: Catherine Harrell, Sandra Pierce,  
& Stephanie Rose  
Ages 3-5: Heather Roberts

### Ushers—August 13

Lee Byrum, Lanie Byrum, Kay Byrd,  
J. C. Doughtie, Gloria Freeman, Alan Myers;  
Balcony— Wally McKeel & Camille Pierce

### Sound System—August 13

Frank Britt

### Floral Offering—August 13

Sumner Family

### Home Delivered Meals—August 14

Jayne Frei & Margaret Winn

### Food Pantry—August 18

Vicky Overman

### Sunday School at Creekside—August 20

Adult II Co-ed Class

## Week of August 20-26

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Jim Wiggins, 209-5831  
Jean Parker, 332-3550

### Extended Session—August 20

Birth-Age 2: Mark & Michelle Abro,  
& Jessica Brinkley  
Ages 3-5: Harriet Byrum & Kari Pierce

### Ushers—August 20

John Boyd, Tim Frei, Charles Hughes,  
Patricia Hughes, Mollee Frei Lamm,  
Carroll Thompson;  
Balcony— Colby Hauser & Keith Rawls

### Sound System—August 20

James Early

### Floral Offering—August 20

Linda, Earl, & April Futrell

### Home Delivered Meals—August 21

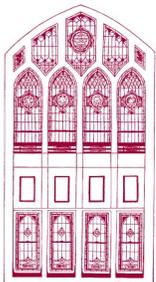
Rosa & Edgar Swain

### Food Pantry—August 25

Bonnie Revelle

## Thank You

A note of thanks has been received from Chowan Christian Service Association Scholarship Fund. This and other notes of interest are on the bulletin board by the church office.



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