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## Through the Years

This year, from the pulpit, I have shared insights that I have gleaned through the years of my Christian journey which have nourished and sustained me. I offer this material with the hope that there will be something that will be helpful to you as you seek to live the Christian life. The feedback has been very positive. So, allow me to offer a summary of my recent preaching.

1 – Through the years, I have come to see participation in the church as a privilege afforded to us by God. Thus, early in the year, we considered “The Cool Factor” from Romans 12:1-8. On this day, I suggested that we add another layer to our love for the church. We should love the church, in addition to all the other reasons, from a theological perspective. That is, we love the church because God has decided to work his will and his ways through fallible flesh and blood human beings such as me and you. We are the body of Christ. That’s cool!

2 – Through the years, I have found the apostle Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 edifying. Here the great apostle, who is responsible for more documents in the Bible than any other person, acknowledges that in this life our knowledge is partial. Furthermore, in this life, we see in a mirror dimly. Because our knowledge of God is now partial, we should walk each day, not with a chip on our shoulder, rather with humility. Of course, we must stand for our convictions as they exist. However, because we see dimly, our convictions must always be open to revision in case we should, in the future, see with more clarity. If we live with a posture of humility, such as Paul suggests, our world would be a much gentler place.

3 – Through the years, I have found it frustrating that people who profess faith in Christ disagree over fundamental issues of right and wrong. Christians disagree about abortion, homosexuality, guns, politics, and the Bible just to name a few issues. Yet, Paul tells us in Romans 14:1-10 that this is to be expected. In his day, people differed over whether it was acceptable or not to eat meat that had been sacrificed to false gods. Paul reminds us that we each stand or fall before our own master. Therefore, because we see dimly, we simply do the best we can. Some Christians will eat meat; others will not.

4 – Through the years, I have developed a strong appreciation for the centrality of resurrection to the Christian faith. Paul emphasizes this in 1 Corinthians 15. Here he defends the resurrection of the dead because some in Corinth found this belief ridiculous. As he contends for the resurrection of the dead, Paul makes us aware that even a small chip in belief in resurrection causes the very foundation of our faith to crumble. If the dead are not raised then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised then our faith is worthless, and we are still in our sins. Even though Paul’s understanding of Christian living contains significant latitude, he draws the line here. He suggests that without resurrection, we move into the realm of something other than Christianity.

5 – Through the years, Job has helped me with the difficult issue of theodicy – if God is good, why do innocent people suffer? Job was an innocent man. He did nothing wrong. His life was characterized by obedience to God. Yet, he suffered greatly. In Job 38:1-12, God reminds Job of the same principle we discovered in 1 Corinthians 13. Though we Christians pursue God passionately, we must live with the reality that we are incapable of fully un-

derstanding God's ways. There is an enormous gap between divinity and humanity – God and us – and sometimes life is lived in this gap. When in the gap, we must trust and hold on.

In Christ,  
Trey



**Worshipping Together**  
February 24, 2019  
11:00 am  
*7th Sunday after Epiphany*

*Rooted Disciples*  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
John 15:1-8  
Rev. Anita Thompson

### Lent 2019

For Lent this year, I'm planning to work my way through *Soul Feast, An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*, by Marjorie J. Thompson. First published in 1995, this book has become a well-loved classic for many who've used it to deepen their daily walk with Christ. Mrs. Thompson revised the book in 2014, and this is the edition I will be using.

If you'd like to join me, I welcome your participation. I'm hoping to offer two discussion times, one during the day and one during the night; you may choose whichever time works best for your schedule, or perhaps a combination of both. The days and times will depend upon the schedules of the participants. If you're interested, please let me know by February 28. It would be helpful if you would provide days and times that will work well for you.

Grace & peace,



## PASSPORT™

**Fundraisers**  
**for 2019 Summer Camps**  
**for Youth & Children**

**Wednesday, April 3**  
6:00 pm First Wednesday

**Monday, April 8**  
5:30—9:00 pm at Pizza Inn

## Senior Fest 2019

at Chowan University  
(for Senior Adults)

March 26, 2019 ♦ 9:30 am—2:30 pm

Featuring...  
Tom Key, Faith-Based Performance Artist,  
and Keeper of Faith, Gospel Ensemble

Breakout Sessions  
Entertainment & Lunch  
Registration Fee—\$15 per person

Registration forms are available in the church of-  
fice. The registration deadline is March 15. For ad-  
ditional info, contact Lou Ann Gilliam at 252-398-  
6317 or [www.chowan.edu/seniorfest](http://www.chowan.edu/seniorfest).

## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC

### Annual Gathering

March 28-29 at FBC Greensboro

Thursday includes a Leadership Institute in the  
afternoon, and a 25th Anniversary Celebration  
Dinner that evening. The regular meeting with  
break-out sessions occurs on Friday. Please speak  
with Trey or Anita if you are interested in partici-  
pating.



February 17, 2019

Weekly Need	\$ 8,639.45
Weekly Offering	\$ 6,899.50
Difference	\$ -1,739.95
YTD Needs	\$ 60,476.15
YTD Offerings	\$ 59,905.17
YTD Difference	\$ -570.98

CBF- Global Missions Total	\$ 4,193.00
Benevolence Weekly Offering	\$ 113.00

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

# March

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:45a: Sunday School 11a: Worship 4p: Chairo Ensemble Rehearsal 5p: Sanctuary Choir Sun. Rehearsal 5p: Youth Group Gr. 6-12 6p: Youth Snack Supper		<b>Every Monday</b> 1:30p: Staff Mtg. 5:30p: Girl Scouts		<b>Every Wednesday</b> 5p: Children's Music & Missions 6p: Christ's Kids 6p: Adult Bible Study 7p: Sanctuary Choir 8p: Vocal Ensemble		<b>1</b> •9a: Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)	<b>2</b>
<b>3 Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> •10a: Women on Missions (WOM) Groups 2 & 4	<b>6</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> •10a: Ahoskie Garden Club 3p: Jr. Garden C. 6p: First Wed. Meal & Ash Wed. Worship Service	<b>7</b> •1p: WOM Group 5	<b>8</b> •9a: CWJC	<b>9</b>	
<b>10 1st Sunday in Lent</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> •5p: CWJC Board Mtg.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> •12p: JOY Fellowship	<b>15</b> •9a: CWJC	<b>16</b>	
<b>17 2nd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>18</b> •7p: Building & Grounds Mtg.	<b>19</b> •5:30p: Finance Committee Mtg. •6p: Deacons' Mtg.	<b>20</b> •12p: Ahoskie Woman's Club	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> •9a: CWJC	<b>23</b>	
<b>24 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> •9:30am - 2:30pm: Senior Fest at Chowan University	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> CBF NC Annual Gathering FBC Greensboro	<b>29</b> •9a: CWJC	<b>30</b>	
<b>31 4th Sunday in Lent</b>							



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|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Larry Meeks       | 8 Sherri Burgess      | 19 Taylor F. Rose    | 27 Ron McSwain    |
| 1 Nancy Neal        | 13 Lila Stuart Pierce | 23 Sawyer Roberts    | 28 Kerby Mercader |
| 1 Charles Williford | 14 Lee Byrum          | 23 Selton Vaughan    | 28 Brent Pierce   |
| 2 Keith Rawls       | 14 Dolores Matthews   | 24 Lyndsay Britt     | 28 Dianna White   |
| 3 Pate Pierce       | 14 Justice Zoch       | 24 Aaron Holloman    | 29 Perry Newbern  |
| 3 Jean Rector       | 17 Dot Newsome        | 25 Anders Messer     | 30 Dawson Rose    |
| 5 Jacqueline Early  | 18 Amber Bracy        | 26 Elizabeth Harrell | 31 Jean Overton   |
| 7 Noreen Hannon     | 18 Frances Bracy      | 27 Richard Baker     | 31 Beverly Spicer |

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of February 24–March 2

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Bill Arrington, 395-0937

Jamie Burns, 332-9461

### Extended Session - February 24

Babies: Austine Evans & Sandra Pierce

Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia  
Copeland

Ages 3-5: Eva & James Early

Floater: Judy H. Pierce

### Ushers - February 24

Josh Brinkley, Charles Hughes, Patricia  
Hughes, Bill Magette, Alan Myers & Nat Riddick

Balcony— Henry Joyner & Dawson Rose

### Sound System - February 24

Walt Pierce

### Floral Offering - February 24

Duck & Jerri Harrell

### Home Delivered Meals - February 25

Charles & Gloria Freeman

### Food Pantry - March 1

Virgia Nichols & Wanda VanNeil

## Week of March 3—9

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Andy Woodard, 396-1599

Brandon Zoch, 862-5767

### Extended Session - March 3

Babies: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Nat & Lou Riddick

Ages 3-5: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth Davis

Floater: Heath & Lyndsay Britt

### Ushers - March 3

Tim Frei, Pike Harrington, Mollee Frei Lamm,  
Pate Pierce, Frank Rose & Edgar Swain

Balcony— Brad & Colby Hauser

### Sound System - March 3

Rick Burns

### Floral Offering - March 3

Betty Duke

### Home Delivered Meals - March 4

William & Bess Leary

### Food Pantry - March 8

June & Otis Payne

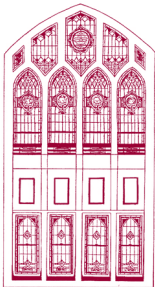
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