FIRST THINGS FIRST

August 2025



MISSION IN ACTION

On Friday, August 8th, the Estelle Brooks Circle delivered 61 pairs of underwear, 23 shorts, 35 pants, and 4 pairs of shoes. The cost for this ministry is greatly subsidized by funds raised by our Super Bowl of Caring. The school nurse, Debbie Kopanko, is extremely grateful for this generous ministry to our community children in need.

OUTREACH

As part of our August outreach, FBC had the joy of supporting the teachers at Altavista Elementary School during their first day back leading up to the new school year. Recognizing the dedication and long hours they pour into preparing for students, we stepped in with a little lunchtime love.

We remind our AES educators that their hard work is seen, valued, and appreciated.

In addition to the lunch, each staff member was gifted a nice pen with an inspirational quote. Thanks to Anne Jones, Ozelle Shelton, Kathy Dodson, Phyllis Treadway, Carolyn Farley, and Will Overbey for preparing and helping with the event.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

You are invited to celebrate YOUR birthday! Our deacons are throwing a birthday bash for each and every one of us. All you have to do is be there to eat cake and ice cream! The deacons will be decorating, preparing, and serving you lunch following worship on August 24th.

PROGRESS REPORT/RENOVATION UPDATES

The Finance Committee has been working diligently to move along with the sale of the Activity Center. Marie Mitchell, with Karl Miller Realty, is our realtor. A new roof had to be installed and was just completed. The house was power washed on August 12. Marie did a walk-thru with the committee to make suggestions on staging the house for show. The kitchens have been cleaned out. Donated items that were wanted back, have been removed. Signage is down. Marie also provided a pre-listing inspection. The committee is in the process of reviewing those recommendations. We will strive to keep you informed as things progress. We ask for your patience as we make our way through the process.

The renovation of the pre-school room is well underway. The coat racks and bulletin boards are all gone. We have sweet memories of little ones filling that space. Numerous electrical outlets have been installed. Old carpet squares have been removed. A new wall has been constructed to provide an office for our parish nurse, the remaining area of the room will serve as a meeting place and will be used for our Grief Share ministry. Paint will be forthcoming. Stop by and take a look! Things are moving along.

WMU

WMU HerMission will be holding a brunch for their Fall Meeting on Saturday, September 20th, at New Prospect Baptist Church at 9am.

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on September 28th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

On August 3rd, our church family gathered for a warm and joyful reception to honor and thank R. G. Rowland, who graciously stepped in during our pastor's military leave. The afternoon was filled with fellowship, gratitude, and heartfelt appreciation. As we welcome our pastor back from service, we remain grateful for the blessing of shared ministry and the bonds that continue to grow within our congregation.

TIME TO CELEBRATE!

You are invited to a celebration of Maurice Law's 98th birthday on Saturday, September 13th. We will meet in the Activity Room at Autumn Care at 2pm. Come celebrate! No gifts, please.

PASTORAL UPDATES

Alden will be reporting to Greensboro from September 4th - 6th for his monthly Navy chaplaincy duties. He will also be out of the office on the 15th and 16th for a pastoral retreat.