



January/February 2026

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Message From the Pastor

I was speaking with a youth this past week during our youth group meeting on Wednesday and I asked him about how school was going for him. He told me something that I think is quite relatable for many of us during February. He said that things seem to be taking a long time, and that it's hard for him to see the end of the semester. Although many of us don't live on the timetable of high schoolers, as February comes to an end, it can feel like winter is taking forever and the warmth of spring and summer will never get here. Or perhaps we are in a challenging stage of our life that has nothing to do with the seasons but feels as though it will never end anyways. As we go through the doldrums of the Lenten season, we are reminded that there will always be times in our lives like this. It is appealing to try and rush through these seasons of our lives, to skip to the good parts, so that we can avoid the challenges or the pain.

But there is a reason that Lent is a part of our calendar year, and it is for one simple reason, the good in life holds no meaning without the bad to hold it in contrast. The joy of Easter and the assurance of salvation, only exist because of the cost that Jesus paid for us. The pain and struggle of the crucifixion, along with the time, work, and energy Jesus invested in his ministry here on earth are what give the resurrection its meaning.

Because the struggle and pain are necessary doesn't mean they will be easy, just the opposite. But it does remind us that no matter how long a season of struggle we endure, there is always hope that that time will come to an end. And more than that, whatever you are going through good or bad Jesus goes through it with you, because he has already paid that price for you in the past. And so, as you prepare for Easter, don't rush.

Take your time, and know the joy of Christ isn't going anywhere.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

February 2026

February Treasurer Report

January Income:	\$ 17,584.00	YTD Income:	\$ 17,584.00
January Expense:	\$ 12,880.31	YTD Expenses:	\$ 12,880.31
January Net Income:	\$ 4,703.69	YTD Net:	\$ 4,703.69

Approved: Trustee Officers; Clerk Jane Sullivan, Vice Clerk Molly Howsden; Communion Schedule; Fellowship Hall HVAC repair; Classroom for PW storage; Molly Howsden/Ellen Phillips Craft Group; Heritage Committee/ Troy Morris; Committee Chairs; Inside Yard Sale April 18th; Zoom for Church Worship if needed.

Presbytery: New Liaison John Baker; Elected Molly Howsden, Commissioner Presbytery Meeting March 7th Highland PC Fayetteville/ alternate Troy Morris

A note from Music Director

Handbell and choir rehearsals are in full swing as we prepare meaningful music for our Lenten and Easter services. If you'd like to join either group, please let Matt know or just come see what we're all about. We can always use more people and voices to help sing God's praises.

Keep a listening ear for more opportunities to join in on the music in the future. Matt is planning a choir and handbell workshop for all members to participate. No music experience required.

Summer opportunities:

During the summer, the chancel choir takes a small break. If you play an instrument or would like to participate in a small ensemble or sing a solo, please let Matt know so he can put you on the rotation for the months of June-August

Sound:

If you would like to learn how to run the sound or be "retrained" on running the sound, please let Matt know. He will be conducting a training during the summer, so we can have more people to rotate.



Matthew Bailey

Music Director



Fun and Fellowship

At the end of February, we held a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to raise funds for our Youth Group and the Harnett County Buddy Backpack Program. The Fun and Fellowship Committee did a wonderful job organizing this event and cooking the spaghetti for us. Thank you for all the dessert donations from everyone. We sold over 70 plates from this event. We are also having a community yard sale on April 18 from 7-11 AM in our Fellowship Hall so if anyone has anything they would like to donate please bring your items.

Graduate Sunday

Barbecue Family, our Graduate Sunday is being held on May 17 this year. This is a time to celebrate the beginning of adulthood for our youth. If you have any class of 2026 High School or College graduates in your family that you would like recognized, please turn in names to Jessica or Chance by April 26.

Do you enjoy tech, sound, or just want to serve behind the scenes? The Media Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to help out on Sunday mornings—and we'd love to have you join us! No experience? No problem! We'll teach you everything you need to know in just a couple of Sundays. Whether it's managing sound or helping with livestream, you can be part of what makes Sunday morning happen. Stop by the media booth after service or talk to Heather Simpkins to sign up.

****This is an excellent opportunity for high school students: Earn Volunteer Hours – Perfect for school or college applications. Learn New Skills – Hands-on experience with sound, livestreaming, and cameras—real tech skills that look great on a résumé. Build Confidence – Learn responsibility, teamwork, and leadership in a supportive environment. Be Part of Something Bigger – Help create a meaningful worship experience for the whole church. Have Fun! – Connect with a creative team, make new friends, and enjoy being part of Sunday morning energy.****



News from Barbecue Presbyterian Women

It's 2026, and this year is going to be a busy one. We're already thinking about the Harvest Sale and putting plans in place.

The PW helped with the Youth Spaghetti Supper by bringing desserts for the dinner and participating by eating the delicious food prepared by the Fun and Fellowship Committee. It was a very profitable event and laid a great foundation to build on with other Youth Fundraisers. This fund will benefit the youth playground at Barbecue and the Buddy Backpack for the Western Harnett area.

Our annual candy-making frenzy will be coming up soon. Easter is April 5th, so we will begin making candy on March 18th at 9 am. Also, on our agenda is to make 40 Easter Baskets for underprivileged children. We ask the congregation to help provide Easter Items for the baskets. A list of needed items is in the Narthex.

We also decided to help support Mary Rollers' granddaughter, Lillian, as she goes on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. We wish Lillian and her fellow missionaries much love and safety as they spread God's love to other countries.

We would love to invite all the ladies to join us for our meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month after church. We enjoy much good fellowship as we learn more about the Bible and work for the goodness of the Barbecue Church community.

Wishing you much love from Barbecue,

Donna Shaw

VISITATIONS AND COMMUNION

If you would like to request a visitation from Rev. Chance Snell or for communion to be brought to you, please contact his cell phone at (540) 245-0261. He would love to get to know all the congregation members, so don't hesitate to call.

Food Pantry

The Outreach Committee greatly appreciates the generosity of our congregation in supporting the Food Pantry ministry. There is a collection basket in the narthex to receive any food donations, such as "dry" goods (i.e., canned foods, cereals, pasta). Food bags are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our congregation in supporting this program. Come early and help with distribution!



JOIN US FOR

Fun & Fellowship

MEETING

March 16th
6:00 PM

Come join us for an evening of connection, conversation, and community!

JOIN US FOR
MEN'S BREAKFAST



Sunday, March 22 at 8 AM

BARBECUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
124 BARBECUE CHURCH ROAD
SANFORD, NC 27332



CHURCH

Yardsale

APRIL 18 | 7-11 AM

CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE TO RESERVE A TABLE

DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX

AN INVITATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

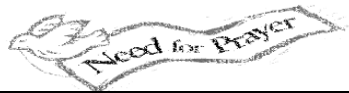
Members of the Diaconate acknowledging their responsibility of "...sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress." (G-2.0201, *Book of Order*) invite you to inform them of people who because of physical and/or financial limitations...cannot do their own yard or housework; need transportation to and from the doctor's office and/or the grocery store; need food and/or clothing. The deacon who is the head usher in a given month will act as the contact person for the Board of Deacons. During the month of August and September, if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, Ellen Phillips 614-444-7000 or Gwen McCormick 919-708-3169.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Congregational Family - Connie Ahlvers, Glenda Cameron, John Cameron, Pamela Cameron, Sheila Funderburk, Peggy Howard, Larry Howard, Richard Porter, Richard Roller, Gayle Weaver, John Wells, Don Warcup, Deborah Womble

Family and Friends of the Congregation- Erin Jane Allen, Abena & Kaison Ampofo, Jodee Beck & Family, Jarrett Blockwell Family, Sue Buie, Don Cseh, Nathan Davis Clifton, Marlys Daugherty, Will Dixon, Dave Dryden, Faye Ellis, Valarie Fields, Jackie Gore, Eli Griffin, Tom Hightower, Anna Howsden, Fran & Roger Ivy, Denise Spivey Johnson, Peggy King, Caid Long, Gene Low, Jerrod Lowry, David Lucas, Ray May, Randall McCormick, Anne McDonald, Rob and Annie McDonald, Belinda McGugan, Tim McNeill, Judy McNeill, Ted McNeill, Jane Morrison, John Phillips, Helen Poole, Pedro Rodriguez, Becky Thomas Rosser, Pat Ruis, Christian Cameron Seeley, Barbara Severin, Tom & Marianna Shaw, Dwight Shaw, Brandon Spivey, Yvonne Star, Vivian Street, Robbin Taylor, Robin Thompson, Paul Tysinger, Marlene Watson, Betty Lou White, DeEtta Wood, Cristian Wood, Jon Woods, Jim & Teresa Wood

Missionaries- Titus and Kathy Gall



Sanctuary Flowers

Dates Available!

*The 2026 **Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Sunday School Office. If you wish to give flowers on a particular date, please sign your name and the name of the person you wish to honor or remember.*



March Birthdays

March 2, Virginia Howsden

March 4, Cindy Warcup

March 8, Frankie Spivey

March 12, Steve Clabough Sr. and Bob Phillips

March 19, Daniel Cameron and Carla Pace

March 20, Sheila Funderburk

March 24, Mart Thomas

March 25, Ashley Pace

March 26, Brandon Spivey

April Birthdays

April 1, Melissa Hinkle

April 3, Jimmy McCormick

April 4, Harriett Holder

April 13, Emily Williams and Jennifer Hege

April 15, Janice Pace, William Rivas-Carroll, and Hetty Schaefer

April 18, Kirsten Morriss Wylie

April 19, Sandy Williams

April 28, Boyd Brafford, Jr.

Join Us!

Easter Chocolate Eggs

Easter Basket Assembling

March 18 and 25
@9 AM

Join us as we prepare for
Easter by making our
delicious chocolate eggs
and assembling Easter
baskets for the youth



Upcoming Events

- March 8 PW Meeting following Worship Service
- March 10 Diaconate Meeting 6:30 PM
- March 16 Fun & Fellowship Meeting 6:00 PM
- March 17 Food Pantry 9 AM
- March 18 & 25 Chocolate Easter Egg making and Easter Basket Stuffing 9 AM
- March 19 Session Meeting 6:30 PM
- March 22 Men's Breakfast 8 AM
- March 23 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 PM
- March 29 Lauren Pataki Baby Shower 2PM Fellowship Hall
- April 3 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service
- April 5 Easter Sunrise Service 7 AM
- April 6 Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- April 12 PW Meeting following Worship Service
- April 14 Diaconate Meeting 6:30 PM
- April 16 Session Meeting 6:30 PM
- April 18 Community Yardsale 7-11 AM
- April 21 Food Pantry 10 AM
- April 27 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 PM

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