

FIRST COMMUNITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FIRST COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

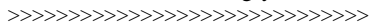
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First Community welcomes all of our visitors who worship with us during our morning service. Please feel free to visit us whenever your schedule permits.

Morning Service – 11:00 am

You are also welcome to attend our:



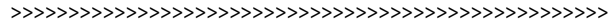
Adult Sunday School Class – 9:45 am
Children Sunday School Class – 9:45 am



Bible Study will resume in September.
Adult Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Children Bible Study – 7:00 pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Recently, I was talking with some ministers at a pastor's recognition banquet. His church was honoring him for many fruitful years as their minister. A question was asked about his longevity of service to that congregation. Following a rather jovial answer, one pastor said, "My, isn't it amazing how swiftly times passes, time waits on no man." We must always remember that time is among our most precious possessions. One writers states, "Every person has twenty-four hours each day he lives, and that some make use of time and some waste it away. At best the time of our present lives is short. It can only be from the cradle to the grave. Only God knows how long that will be." Someone else has said, "Yesterday is a cancelled check, tomorrow is a check un-cashed, today is cash in the pocket." Time has purpose and meaning for each one of us. So let us consider how we can use time wisely. First, I suggest the following, take time to invite a friend to church. Secondly, use some of your time to befriend a young person in the congregation. Thirdly, allow some of your time to give support to the food pantry. Lastly, but so important, use some of your precious time to encourage others to attend all church services. Take a critical look around the church then ask yourself, am I giving quality time to my place of worship? Remember that the right use of time pays off. Serve the Lord with it and all other things will fall into their rightful places. Time is so precious everyone should give careful consideration to its proper use. So, I urge everyone to put first things first. Jesus said in Matthews 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHURCH

Be faithful to attend and participate — Commit yourself to the church and let them know they can count on you. Obviously you can't be of much help if you don't show up or take part. Some people underestimate their value of simply being present. Joining together with others adds to their encouragement, and it encourages the leaders and the pastor who have prayed and prepared all week to minister to you (Heb. 10:24-25).

Commit yourself to love the Lord and your brethren — The Bible teaches that all the desires of God are condensed into only two cardinal commandments that Jesus gave to His followers. He said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27).

Pray for your church, its pastors and leaders — The Apostle Paul explained that it is the duty of Christians to pray for all who are in authority, especially those in spiritual authority. "I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

Get to know your spiritual leaders and cooperate with them — The more you get to know them and their Godly life-style, the more you will likely come to trust their leadership. You will have a greater credibility in their teaching and counsel (1 Thes. 5:12).

Help shoulder the load of responsibility — Pastors and leaders of the church often feel much like Moses did when Israel fought with Amalek. Their arms become weary under the weight of so many responsibilities and they need brothers and sisters to stand beside them and help distribute the load. The Lord never intended for the whole ministry of the church to be carried solely by the pastor or a mere handful of people.

Apply the teaching and ministry to your life — There's not much that a pastor loves more than to see his flock practicing what he has preached, living a Godly, holy life, and on their knees seeking the Lord.

Seek out and use your gifts — According to the scriptures, the Lord distributes gifts to each in the body as it pleases Him. Spiritual gifts are not provided to you merely for your own gratification, but so the church would be edified or built up. **Contribute to solutions and not to problems** — Every pastor would be thrilled if each of his flock got involved and helped the church in some way.

Excerpts from article by Dale A. Robbins

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STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

June 12, 2016

Sister Seletha Pherribo

We congratulate all of our students for the accomplishments they made during the 2015 – 2016 school year.

Each student received a \$1.00 Presidential Coin honoring various Presidents.

We are so proud of you and urge you to continue to excel in your educational goals.

High School Graduates 2016

NIA BULLOCK

Nia is the daughter of Judy Morgan. Nia graduated from Cedar Ridge High School. She will attend Alamance Community College. Her major will be Business and Management.



12th Grade

KAREEN BETHEA

Kareen will be a senior next year at Alamance High School in Mebane.

SIERRA BULLOCK

Sierra was promoted to the 12th grade at Barlett Yancey High School.

11th Grade

ANGEL COUNCIL

Angel was promoted to the 11th grade. She is the daughter of Salena Council.

MADISON LEWIS

Madison will be entering her junior year at Cedar Ridge High School.

10th Grade

DONIEL BULLOCK

Doniel was promoted to the 10th grade at Barlett Yancey High School.

9th Grade

DENIYA TURRENTINE

Deniya was promoted to the 9th grade. She will be attending Orange High School.

8th Grade

KYNDALE JACKSON

Kyndale was promoted to the 8th grade. He will be attending C.W. Stanford Middle School.

7th Grade

JEWELL JARRETT

Jewell was promoted to the 7th grade. She will be attending Woodlawn Middle School in Mebane, NC

6th Grade

TORRY JACKSON

Torry was promoted to the 6th grade. He will be attending C.W. Stanford Middle School.

5th Grade

AMAYAH JOHNSON

Amayah was promoted to 5th grade. She attends Excelsior Classical Academy.

ARISSA DUFF

Arisa was promoted to 5th grade. She attends Clover Garden Elementary.

ASIA LATTA

Asia is the daughter of Ronda Turrentine. Asia graduated from Orange High School. Asia scored highest on her ACT workkeys Test and she received an award in FAA agriculture. She will attend Livingstone College in the fall and will major in Business.



JABARI HARGROVE

Jabari is the son of Yolande and John Hargrove and the grandson of Geraldine Fennell. Jabari graduated from Orange High School with honors. He has been accepted to Tuskegee University on a tennis scholarship.



KENNA WELLS

Kenna graduated from 4th grade at Durham Academy Lower School. She will be moving on to the 5th grade at Durham Academy Middle School.

4th Grade

CYANI JACOBS

Cyani was promoted to 4th grade. She attends Central Elementary in Hillsborough. Cyani received awards for: Excellence in reading, participation in the cultural explosion at Cedar Ridge High School, participation in the All-County Chorus and she scored in the top 5% in standardized testing in Orange County.

3rd Grade

GRASEYN GOODMAN

Graseyn was promoted to the 3rd grade. She attends Excelsior Classical Academy.

DIONDRE J. COMPTON-JOHNSON

Diondre was promoted to 3rd grade. He will attend Central Elementary School. He received awards for, outstanding attendance during the 2015-2016 school year, music certificate for most improved in music, outstanding math, won a ticket to six flags and received a trophy award.

2nd Grade

ELIJAH JOHNSON

Elijah was promoted to 2nd grade. He attends Excelsior Classical Academy.

AALIYAH RILEY

Aaliyah was promoted to 2nd grade. She will be attending E.M. Yoder Elementary in Mebane.

1st Grade

KENNEDI RICHARDSON

Kennedi was promoted to the 1st grade at Bethesda Christian Academy. She scored the highest possible score on her math EOG test. She also mastered her Bible end of year test.

BRIAN RILEY

Brian was promoted to 1st grade. He will be attending EM Yoder Elementary in Mebane.

Kindergarten

NAKAYLAH JOHNSON

Nakaylah will be entering kindergarten at Excelsior Classical Academy.

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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was held on June 15-17, 2016. A song, scripture and prayer opened the Vacation Bible School each night.

Submerge-Finding Truth Beyond The Surface-John 4th

Candance Truss was in charge of planning the activities for the children. **Rev. William Richardson** taught the adult class. Members attending the adult class: **Rev William Richardson, Linda Whitted, Lester Whitted, Ronda Turrentine, Cherba Torain, Asia Latta, Anita Lewis, Dorothy Lea, Larry Pettiford, Eliza Torain** and **Shereen Johnson**. **Shereen Johnson, Wandra Richardson, Stephanie Brodie** and **Mary Villines** assisted **Candance** with the children's activities.

The children had a great time doing arts, crafts and other activities.

Refreshments served included hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pizza and beverages.



THE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE EAST CEDAR GROVE ASSOCIATION 2016 SPRING INSTITUTE

The annual Spring Institute was held on April 19, 20, 21, 2016 at Shady Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Roxboro. The theme was: "Using All The Parts to Make the Whole." Reaching Out Through the Word Using The Bible As A Teaching Tool. **Reverend Richardson** was one of the instructors. His targeted class was the Associate Ministers of various churches. The class was so successful; his students have asked that he continue instructing them. Representing First Community as a part of the planning committee and in charge of registration was **Sister Linda Snipes**.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BANQUET



June 18, 2016

The East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association's annual Woman's Auxiliary Banquet was held at Four O'clock at The First Baptist Church in Creedmoor, NC. The colors this year was white and gold. The theme was "As white as snow...as pure as gold." The speaker for this occasion was Sister Elizabeth Strater Marrow. Sister Marrow has an impressive list of accomplishments and positions. She has also written articles for The Missionary Helper. Her topic was "You Got What It Takes."

First Community members attending were: **Reverend William Richardson, Brother Earl Brown** and wife **Sister Atsie Brown, Sister Shirley Byrd, Sister Linda Snipes, Sister Cherba Torain, Sister Marjorie Vanhooke, Sister Mary Villines, Sister Linda Powell Whitted** and **Brother Lester Whitted**.

The music was rendered by Reverend John Joyner and Deacon Cynthia Lawrence. Dinner was served during the program and gifts were presented to all present.



A WALK FOR HUNGER

Orange Congregations in Mission held its annual Walk for Hunger to raise money for the OCIM Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels. First Community is a member of OCIM and participate each year in the walk. This year's walk was held at the Fairview Park in Hillsborough. First Community raised \$334.00 to help the hungry and the monies was presented to OCIM by OCIM representative Linda Snipes.

Walkers participating from First Community were **Sister Shereen Johnson, Sister Linda Snipes, Sister Cherba Torain, Sister Mary Villines** and **Sister Cothene Watkins**. **Sister Mary Wells** also represented First Community and came to lend support to the walkers. OCIM works tirelessly to help Orange County through the Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels and The Thrift Shop. They would not be able to do all they do without the help of various churches and generous giving of individuals and businesses. Thank you to everyone who donated money and or participated in the walk.

STUDENT ACHEIVEMENTS FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Coordinator- Candance Truss



Instructor- Rev. William Richardson



Missionary Day Participants



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Please call the church office, when...

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- You have death in the family so that you can receive helpful advice and assistance from the pastor and the church family.
- Your group plans to have a meeting or program so that it can be placed in the church bulletin.
- Your home phone number is changed or you have a new address, so that the church records can be corrected.

Please feel free to call the church. We are here to serve. May God Bless You.

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