

Opportunities at Chadbourn Baptist Church

If you are not comfortable coming inside, you can tune your car radio to 99.3 FM to listen outside, you can see the complete service on *YouTube*, Sunday at 11:00am, or CD's can be mailed or available for pick up if you contact the church with information.

You are welcome to come on Wednesday night at 7:00pm to watch the full service being recorded for *YouTube* Sunday service.

Wednesday, September 02

7:00 pm - YouTube Service Recording

Sunday, September 06

9:30 am - Worship

11:00 am - YouTube Service Online

Monday, September 07

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Wednesday, September 09

7:00 pm - YouTube Service Recording

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am - Worship

11:00 am - YouTube Service Online

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 pm - YouTube Service Recording

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am - Worship

11:00 am - YouTube Service Online

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 pm - YouTube Service Recording

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am - Worship

11:00 am - YouTube Service Online

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 pm - YouTube Service Recording



Charles Sanderson – 01
Hilda Bullard – 02
Paula Gordon – 03
Evan Hammond – 03
Jennifer Burleson – 05
Haiden Honeycutt – 07
Michael Shaw – 08
Jason Caines – 10
Stacey Peal – 11
Kenneth Waddell – 11
Preston Pettitt – 15
Angela Smith – 15
Brenda Bullock – 16
Gayle Williamson – 16
Christian Hammond – 17
Henry Meares – 18
Gwen Sanderson – 18
Elaine Honeycutt – 21
Doris Thompson – 23
Ashton White – 23
Lola Bass – 24
Kevin Hardin – 25
Carly Shaw – 28



September Flower Calendar

06 – Myrtle Walker
13 – Doris Thompson
20 – Elaine Honeycutt
27 – Nell Strickland

September Deacon of the Month

Ann Ferguson

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All Committees should meet, choose a chairperson and complete the financial request form for the 2021 budget. All request sheets need to be returned to the office no later than October 1 to be considered by the Finance Committee.



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From the Pastor

I begin with a word of thanks to three members who rotated off our Deacon group after three years of service: Lisa Blake, Bruce Ketchum and Sandra Nobles. They have served well under difficult circumstances particularly Covid 19. I also want to say welcome to our new group of Deacons, Ann Ferguson, Elaine Honeycutt and Jonathon Honeycutt. I look forward to our ministry together.

I came across an interesting article I shared with a previous church. It is titled: **A Creative Answer to the Dilemma of Life**. Imagine for a moment that you are driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night. You pass by a bus stop, and you see three people waiting for the bus: an elderly lady who looks as if she is about to die and needs to go to the hospital in order to survive; your best friend who once risked his life to save yours; the perfect woman/man, your soul-mate, the one person you have been dreaming about all your life.

The problem is that you can have only one passenger in your car, and once you leave the bus stop, you can never return to the bus stop ever again. The question is, which person would you choose to offer a ride?

Think before you answer. This is a dilemma that was once used on an employment questionnaire. Those presented with this dilemma had to come up with an answer to show what type of employee they would be. Some of the options are obvious. You could pick up the elderly lady, because without help soon she is going to die, you probably feel like you should save her first. This answer would reflect your willingness to care for others. You could choose to take your best friend with you because he once risked his life to save your life, and this would be the perfect chance to pay him back. This choice would show how you value loyalty and friendship. However, if you made either of these choices you could be forfeiting your personal happiness because you may never be able to find your perfect dream love again. Would you dare to make this choice and show that you care only for yourself and your needs above anyone else?

Of the 200 applicants who answered this questionnaire, the candidate who was hired, stated that he had no trouble coming up with his answer. What did he say? He answered, "I would give the car keys to my best friend and let him take the elderly lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the woman of my dreams." What a brilliant answer!

Did you come up with a similar answer? Maybe if you had more time to think it over you would. The way the question was asked seemed to indicate that you were the only person who could drive your car. Of course that is not the case. Once we bring the possibility of letting someone else into the driver's seat, the best answer is much easier to see.

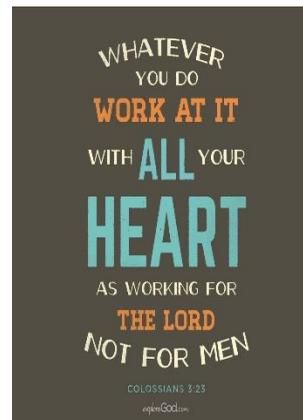
Jesus had the same thing in mind when he said on several occasions that those who are willing to get out of the driver's seat in their lives and let their best friend (who really did give his life for theirs) take the keys then we will not only be able to help those in need, we will find the deepest love of our lives.



In God's Grace
David Vess



When we work
together,
the pieces fit
and it's a
beautiful
picture!



“And Now a Word from Dave”

Welcome to September, the beginning of the “-ber” months. After this we have Octo-ber, Novem-ber, & Decem-ber. This month has a lot going for it. The 7th is Labor Day, the 11th is National Patriots Day (remembering those who lost their lives in the attacks on 9/11), the 17th is Constitution Day (the day our U.S. Constitution was adopted, back in 1787), & just for fun, back up to the 5th, it's National Cheese Pizza Day. And, lest I forget, the 6th is my wedding anniversary. Heaven help me if I forget that; can I get an “amen” from the husbands out there?

Quite a few days in this month that we get to either pause for reflection or pause to celebrate. It makes me wonder if, years from now, Covid-19/Coronavirus is going to get a day all its own that we'll “pause to remember.” There will be someone who can pinpoint when all of this started. Remember the movie “American Graffiti's” tagline, “Where were you in '62?” And the days when people remembered where they were & what they were doing when JFK was assassinated? Even children had their version of that when Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin was killed by a stingray. Or the morning of the 9/11 attacks. Days & events that impacted us.

Not all special days are “party days.” But what I've found amidst the horrors of the things we've learned about Covid-19, and the strain this virus has put on everyone, there are some silver linings to be found in this dark cloud. (1) I believe the Gospel message has been put out to the world in so many creative ways, and our church has been blessed to tap into some of those ways. (2) There have been a lot of spotlights thrown on the many kindnesses & generousities of people. It can be so easy to overlook such “gestures from the heart” when many of the bad things loom large in our lives. Every day, we're exposed to some example of ways people are being nice to each other.

Yes, I'll grant you, we also see the flip side of the coin where people show how mean they can be to one another, but I'm steadily seeing a “spirit of encouragement” settle over our world. Such examples of “doing someone a good deed or offering someone a kind word” may not eliminate Covid-19, but it certainly goes a long way in coping with it. I've often thought a negative comment or mean-spirited action towards me may stop me in my tracks, but a positive comment or kind deed can keep me going for days. Think about it. We all need encouragement, and the nice thing is that it can be done in all sorts of ways: a compliment, saying “thank you,” getting groceries for someone who can't get out, picking up some trash (someone has to do it, right?), a card or letter to brighten up someone's day (beats a bill or junk mail), texting someone to make 'em laugh, bringing over a meal when you know they've been sick, or working furiously without a break...the list could go on. EVEN if you weren't crazy about doing the task, try to remember that all tasks are acts of service for God. To do so will change your perspective.

As you think on this, let me close with Colossians 3:23-24, *Work willingly in whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.*

God bless you. Stay safe. Be kind.