

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're invited to come on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm for Prayer Meeting in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, September 01
Prayer Meeting-6

Sunday, September 05
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11

Monday, September 06
Happy Labor Day!

Wednesday, September 08
Prayer Meeting-6

Sunday, September 12
Deacons Meeting-9:30
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11

Wednesday, September 15
Prayer Meeting-6

Sunday, September 19
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11
Baby Dedication

Tuesday, September 21
Elderberries-11:30

Wednesday, September 22
Prayer Meeting-6

Sunday, September 26
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11

Wednesday, September 29
Prayer Meeting-6



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
Preston Petitt - 15
Angela Smith - 15
Brenda Bullock - 16
Gayle Williamson - 16
Christian Hammond - 17
Henry Meares - 18
Gwen Sanderson - 18
David Vess - 18
Elaine Honeycutt - 21
Doris Thompson - 23
Ashton White - 23
Lola Bass - 24
Kevin Hardin - 25
Carly Shaw - 28

September Flower Calendar

05 – Myrtle Walker
12 – Doris Thompson
19 – Jerome / Elaine Honeycutt
26 – Austin / Leslie Fowler

September Deacon of the Month
Ann Ferguson

Welcome / Ushering Team
Elaine Honeycutt / Linda Nance

**No Klondyke
Elderberries
until further notice.
Stay well and be blessed!**



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New Deacons Elected

Amanda Britt
Sandra Nobles
Gwen Sanderson

Join us for Sunday School at 9:45am
Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for now and children will meet in their designated classrooms.
We have a class for YOU!



From the Pastor

God really does give us talents to use in ways that become gifts to those around us. Back in 1981, George Ewing came to this realization. He was a food engineer with General Mills, developing foods that would help to make America the "land of plenty." As a Christian, it bothered him that outside of the land of plenty, were millions of people who, far from having access to engineered foods, were starving. They'd be happy to have any kind of food to put in their stomachs. It occurred to Ewing that he and his fellow engineers comprised a sizable think tank in the food industry and that they ought to be able to do something about world hunger. Eventually, Ewing and nine other General Mills scientists, engineers and executives, all of whom were Christians, organized a nonprofit organization called Compatible Technology to research and develop foods and equipment to be used in food production in hunger-stricken Third World countries. They aimed for products that would actually be compatible with the meager resources those countries possessed and with the know-how of the people there.

The first project, back in 1981, was a cookie mix, high in protein and vitamins that could be used as a supplement for deficient diets in India. Another early project was the development of a small extrusion cooker that would heat soybeans at such a high temperature that a puffed vegetable byproduct was obtained. Compatible Technology is still going strong today, sending products and volunteers to poverty-stricken areas of developing countries. Over the past 30 years, thousands of low-income people in those areas have benefitted from the dedication, creativity and ingenuity of Compatible Technology. As of 2019, it is now named Bountifield International.

Here's how Ewing explains the group's motivation: "Jesus told us, 'Feed my people,' and if you work in the food industry, that's a loaded command. We were all aware that we weren't using our talents to do anything about world hunger." When they began to do that, however, those talents became gifts.

September is beginning of the new year of service here at Chadbourn Baptist. Let me say thank-you to all our volunteers for being willing to serve. I trust that you are using the talents God has entrusted to you as a gift to our church. We also welcome Amanda Britt, Sandra Nobles and Gwen Sanderson as our new Deacons.

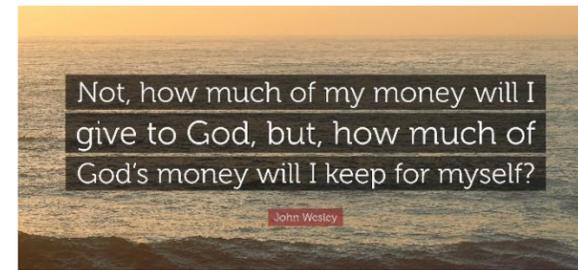
Also, I had to write last month's article before VBS. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard to make this year a memorable experience for our children. Everything is harder because of Covid, but our volunteers really made it work!!

In spite of all the challenges we face, I believe God has a great year ahead for us.

In God's Grace

David Vess

All Committees should meet, choose a chairperson and complete the financial request form for the 2022 budget. All request sheets need to be returned to the office no later than October 3 to be considered by the Finance Committee.



Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget Needs
\$4,015.89

Budget Needs to Date
\$136,540.26

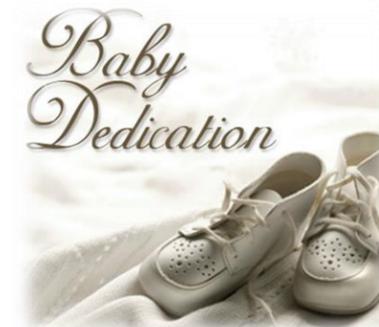
Budget Received to Date
\$129,670.19

Budget Under for 2021
-\$6,870.07

Baby Dedication Service

Sunday, September 19

If you would like to have your family included, contact Dr. Vess by September 10.



Homecoming October 17



Christian Sympathy is extended to:

The Family of Herman Carr

The Family of Ruth Ellen Crumpler

"And Now a Word from Dave"

Here we are. Wasn't that long ago that I was writing an August Enabler article. That's how fast Time flies. The older you get, the faster it seems to whiz by. Try telling that to a young person and they give you that look that says, "You don't know what you're talking about," until they get where me & some of you fellow Enabler readers are.

A new school season is upon us, and it's kind of like entering January 1st. It's a chance to have a re-do, change something about oneself – you make a promise that this year you'll be more of this or less of that. I think about students, parents, and teachers more so during this time of the year. I pray that Covid won't invade so that students aren't isolated at home, that they'll have a chance to fellowship, interact, & bond with classmates. I hope the school year will be Covid-free, that no one gets sick, that school buildings won't shut down, or that students will have to learn from home. It can happen, and we as a church body need to pray that God will hear our prayers and eliminate this sickness all over the world. Prayer changes things. Do you believe it? I do.

Many of you who know my situation may have breezed through the earlier paragraphs, wondering if I'll speak to what's been going on in my private life...which isn't all that private. And I want you to know what's been going on. My life has changed in a lot of ways. Saturday night, August 7, between 8:30 & 11:00 pm, my helpmate in so many ways, succumbed to the battle of many years against sarcoidosis (an auto-immune disease that attacked her respiratory system). Following dinner, a conversation by phone with our son, watching some TV, she went peacefully in her sleep, sitting in the rocking chair. I thought she was napping but then I knew. Things whirl winded at that point, and as my life began to spin to the point of overwhelm-ment, I somehow felt grounded.

Our pastor - my pastor, was there by my side, seeing me thru the beginning when the 911 sent the Rescue people (thanks to all of them), and the word got out (guess I do have something to be grateful for when it comes to facebook). In telling my son, my brother, kinfolk (on both sides) and friends, I had strength that comes from my heavenly Father. How non-Christians cope and get through things like this, I'll never know. Calls, texts, visits in rapid succession, & still, God was holding me up, especially when I felt like giving up. By the time you read this, her memorial service will be past (Duke Univ. has her body, becoming a "silent teacher" for young students/experienced doctors for maybe as long as 2 years, & then her cremains will be returned to me) Beyond her life, she will be helping others, because (as you know) that's who she was. Thank you, Chadbourn Baptist Church, who've successfully seen me thru the deaths of my parents, & now my precious Ruth Ellen. I've so many to thank to whom I'm indebted to.

I ask your patience, forgiveness, & indulgence when I falter (and I will) in the future. I have a lot of growing up to do. I'll need help in this new stage in my life. Thank you for loving her, & for continuing to love Marshall (in Wilson) & me (right at home here @ CBC). Till next time...