

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

2026

Sep 2: Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm
Sep 6: Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sep 7: Labor Day (church office closed)
Sep 9: Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm
Sep 13: Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sep 16: Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm
Sep 20: Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sep 20: Deacons Meeting, 12:15 pm
Sep 23: Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm
Sep 27: Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sep 30: Adult Bible Study, E100, 6:00 pm



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Attendance Report

Sunday, Aug 2, 2026

Sunday School - 36
Worship Service - 54

Sunday, Aug 9, 2026

Sunday School - 36
Worship Service - 42

Sunday, Aug 16, 2026

Sunday School - 31
Worship Service - 57

Sunday, Aug 23, 2026

Sunday School - 23
Worship Service - 49

Sunday, Aug 30, 2026

Sunday School - 29
Worship Service - 39

Tithing Report
General Fund

Sunday
Aug 2, 2026

\$2,520.12

Sunday
Aug 9, 2026

\$1,928.00

Sunday
Aug 16, 2026

\$1,944.90

Sunday
Aug 23, 2026

\$1,006.25

Sunday
Aug 30, 2026

\$1,764.45

Then the Lord said unto Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.” (Exodus 14:15 NIV)

The hot and long-fought battle between Pharaoh, king of Egypt and the God of Moses had seemed to have reached its closing chapter. Plagues, famine, and death had finally brought the hard-hearted Egyptian leader to his knees. He had released the captive Israelites to go to their God, on to their so-called “Promised Land.” It was a painful thing for the great Pharaoh to do, releasing his most outstanding economic resource to march right out of his land. The expert bricklayers, carpenters, pyramid builders, all who were slaves, were now gone!

God’s people were free. It seemed that their troubles were all behind them. However, when Moses and his people arrived at the Red Sea, what was really behind them was an angry Pharaoh and his army ready to enslave them again. Consequently, in fear, the people turned on Moses saying, “It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert.” But in that very moment, God spoke and said, “Tell the people to go forward!” And you know the rest of the story - God made a way!

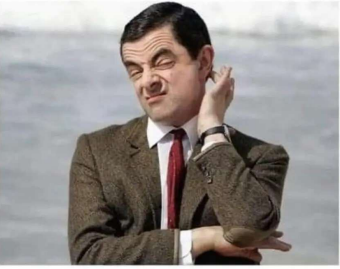
How easy it is for us to identify with the ancient Israelites. When obstacles stand in our way...when our circumstances produce fear, uncertainty, and doubt, and we are tempted to surrender, if we are attentive, we can hear God saying, “Go forward! Move on! I will make a way!”

As you read this article, Nepal is struggling with flooding, Iran threatens peace in the Middle East, division exists in our own nation, and in our very own congregation many are grieving the loss of loved ones, and important changes and decisions are being made about our future. So, what do we do? We move forward in faith, seeking God’s guidance and trusting that God will make a way. He always has and He always will.

WE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
LABOR DAY

Monday
September 7th

When the Holy Ghost makes
you delete the whole text
and just reply with OK.



I THINK THAT YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS FAITH
ISSUES



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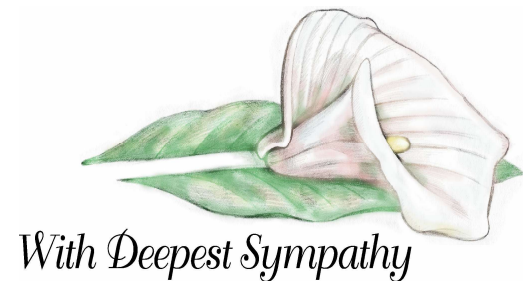
Jacob Goodwin/Danny Rupert

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To the family of Doris Hamilton who passed away.
Former member at FBC.
To the family of Carolyn Ross who passed away.
Former member at FBC.
To the family of Sally Pierce who passed away.
Former member at FBC.
To the family of Jerry Davis who passed away.
Former member at FBC.

In Memory of:

Sally Pierce
Dave and Susan Davis
Iron Horse Auction
Rebecca Dean Van Der Sommen
Dickey and Jan Smith
Michael Beale
Danny and Sherry Bynum
Barry and Glenda Tice

Doris Hamilton
Cassandra Crump

Former Lydia Ruth SS Members
Current Lydia SS Class

In Honor of:

Jacob Goodwin
Dickey and Jan Smith

Danny Ruperd
Dickey and Jan Smith



TITHES & OFFERINGS
GIVE UNTO THE LORD

Giving Summary	July 2026	August 2026
General Fund	9,573	9,163
Mother's Day Giving	0	0
Memorials & Honor	125	775
NC Missions	0	0
SBC	0	0
Local Missions	0	0
Sundy School Literature	0	0
Annie Armstrong	0	0
Senior Adults	0	0
Youth	0	0
Local Benevolence	50	0
Communion Supplies	0	0
Total Gifts	9,748	9,938
Budget req. to date		130,409
Gifts to date		95,826
YTD req. under actual gifts		(34,582)
% giving to req.		73%



North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to be on missions together as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries.

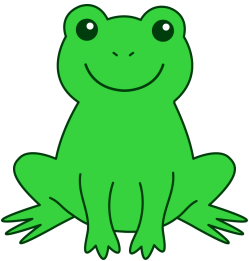
Our goal this year is \$800.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9/3 Marjorie Rainey	9/3 Luke Ruperd	9/4 Debbie McIver
9/5 Neal Cadieu	9/8 Clay Ewing	9/8 River Pearson
9/9 Melissa Ewing	9/10 Peggy Scott	9/11 Linda Clifton
9/11 Jeannette Melvin	9/14 Elaine Davis	9/17 Linda Pryce
9/19 Dennis Holloway	9/19 Wendy Gossage	9/20 Erin Gregory
9/22 Christy Warren	9/25 Ethan Harrelson	9/27 Jonathan Barnes



9/13 Daniel and Brittany Ruperd - 12 yrs
9/23 John and Beth Ray - 59 yrs
9/23 John and Monica Yates - 37 yrs



The Inspiration of Words
(contributed from Hazel Todd's collection)

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the unfortunate frogs they would never get out.

The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and simply gave up. He fell down and died.

The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and suffering and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs asked him, "Why did you continue jumping? Didn't you hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches us two lessons:

1. There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day.
2. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. Be careful of what you say.

Speak life to those who cross your path. The power of words...it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times. Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another. Let us continue to encourage each other.