



The Herald

Mullins First Baptist Church



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Ministry Theme: "A New Journey"

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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Deacon Election Sunday, July 19

A resident Men of the church list will be distributed this Sunday, July 19. Men, if you do not feel led to serve as a deacon at this time, please notify the church office **by 12:00 noon this Wednesday, July 15**, so that a star can be placed by your name. We ask that all church members prayerfully consider the seven men you will vote for to serve as deacons of the church for the next three years.

Qualifications for a Deacon are found in Acts 6:3-7 & 1 Timothy 3:8-13

1. **Spiritually Mature:** The person should be a mature Christian who gives evidence of continued growth in Christ.
2. **Of Good Reputation:** A good reputation is necessary within the church and within the community. The deacon's life should give no cause for ridicule of the body of Christ.
3. **Christian Family Life:** The deacon's family life will demonstrate devotion to Christ through commitment to his spouse (having one wife) and to his children (leading them in Christian behavior).
4. **Honest and Dependable**
5. **Practice Good Stewardship of Material Possessions:** The person cannot be greedy and should not practice selfishness in his giving.
6. **High Moral Character:** The deacon should be temperate in lifestyle, recognizing that he is an example to the church and community of Christian living.

Our Vision Statement

Under God's leadership, Mullins First Baptist Church will strive to exemplify a loving personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We will demonstrate this personal relationship to individuals beyond our membership by growing spiritually and personally proclaiming God's Word and love through our lives.

Pastor's Sunday Night Reflections:

MFBC VISION: I AM COMMITTED: Faith, Family, Finances, Future *"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act."* Psalm 37:5 ESV

Dear Church Family,

I hope you all are doing well and are surviving the summer heat.

This morning, we returned to our Summer in the Psalms Series, and we focused our attention on Psalm 34. This psalm identifies a specific time in David's life when he was running for his life, and everyone seemed to be against him. King Saul wanted him dead. Abimelek wanted him executed because he had killed their Philistine champion, a giant named Goliath of Gath, earlier in his life. David had to act as if he were deranged and had lost his mind to escape Gath and Abimelek's wrath.

David found himself hungry, tired, afraid, and alone in a cave called Adullam. Although he felt the heat and pressure of the enemy and his throat and soul were dry, David wrote one of the greatest songs of praise in a time of despair. It is important to note that David doesn't write this anthem of praise after he is relieved of his anguish and the confines of the cave, but during them. He also had an unusual audience. There were 400 men present who joined him there who were severely broken as well. Amid David's personal storm, he taught the men to worship the Lord in the storm and to trust that God would bring them out of their storm.

Can you imagine God using you to testify to His goodness and faithfulness while you're in one of the darkest chapters of your life? Can you imagine praising God and encouraging others even when your circumstances seem hopeless? God uses this psalm to remind us that He uses our trials to refine us. He reminds us that our tests become our testimonies and that we can praise Him because of His goodness and faithfulness, even when we don't see or feel Him at work in our lives. That's a powerful lesson we could all learn from. He is greater than any obstacle or storm that we will ever encounter. He is faithful...when we are faithless.

To God be the GLORY!
Pastor Robbie

Church Conference Slated

The church will be called into conference at the close of the morning worship service on Sunday, July 19, to approve the 2026-2027 church Nominating Committee Report and members to serve on the Youth Pastor search team. A church conference discussion will be held on Wednesday, July 15, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given in loving memory of Harry & Polly Fisher, Homer & Ruby Pingley and Patricia Soles by Darendia & Wendell Rabon, Cecily & Graham Carter, and Haley.

A Bridal Shower

All the ladies of the church are invited to a drop-in bridal shower for Bailee Elvington on Saturday, July 18, from 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. The bride-to-be is registered at Marion Emporium, Amazon and Target.

Plant a 250th Commemorative Tree Bald Cypress Tree Saplings

were provided by Lee White as part of our 250th Patriotic Celebration. If you would like to plant a tree in honor of our country's 250th birthday, you may stop by the church to pick one up. They are in the fellowship hall and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy is expressed to the family of the following:

- ◆ Mr. Gene McKenzie
- ◆ Dr. James Floyd
- ◆ Mr. Bruce Harrelson

Baptism

The ordinance of Baptism will be observed this Sunday, July 19, at the beginning of the morning worship service at 10:15 am.

New Pew Cushions

The Property and Decorating Committees are excited to replace our pew cushions. There are 59 pews that need new cushions (40 outer and 19 inner). The total cost of the project is over \$21,500. \$350.00 will purchase a cushion for outer row pews while \$500.00 will purchase both cushions for the inner row pews. (or \$250.00 per cushion) If every home donates to replace their own cushion(s), that will come close to covering the cost of cushions that no one is currently sitting in, also. If enough funds are raised by September, we could be giving the church new cushions by Christmas!

Sandy's Notes:

This past Saturday, O.P.U.S. took 17 people to the **NarrowWay Theater** to see **Not Just Another Love Story**. It was the story of Hosea (from the Bible) told in the 1940's. What a powerful story of forgiveness and redemption. O.P.U.S. has several day trips scheduled over the next 2 months. Keep checking back to the Connections & Collections for new sign-up sheets. I want to encourage our Senior Adults to sign up and attend the **Marion Baptist Association's Senior Adult Banquet** on Saturday, August 8, 11:00 am. It will be here at Mullins First Baptist so please, let's have a huge turnout to support our association.

Day Trip to Fayetteville

Take a trip to Fayetteville, NC by way of



Have lunch at
Pharaohs Legacy
Mediterranean Cuisine

Tuesday, July 21

Cost is \$15
plus \$15-25 for lunch

Money for ticket is due by Sunday, July 19

leave the church at 10:30 am

MARION BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
**Senior
Adult
Banquet**
Saturday, August 8
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mullins First Baptist Church

The deadline to sign up
is Sunday, July 26.



If you recently received flowers from the church with this vase and do not want the vase, please return them to the church so we can reuse them.

Children's Ministry & Family Life:

FOUNDATIONS
PRETEEN MINISTRY

JULY 2026

I AM BROKEN

S.O.S

THEME: | S.O.S

THEME VERSE: Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
SUMMER SERIES**

**JULY 15 KIDSALT/JUST CRAFTS
W/ELIZABETH
FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING CAMP**

**JULY 22 POOL PARTY
@ SHAWN & STACY PERRY'S 5:30-7PM**

**JULY 29 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
PIZZA PARTY & KICKBALL 6-7PM**

**AUGUST 5
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 5-7PM**

welcome
to our church family

Alexis Barrineau
Christopher Barrineau
Brynnleigh Ladd

THE WEEK AHEAD

July 14 - July 23

TUESDAY - July 14

RBT - Job 1-3; Acts 10:24-48

No Activities

WEDNESDAY - July 15

RBT - Job 4-7; Acts 11

6:00 Children's Just Crafts

6:00 Youth Movie Night

6:00 Church Conference Discussion

6:00 Adult Bible Study

7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - July 16

RBT - Job 8-10; Acts 12

7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal

FRIDAY - July 17

RBT - Job 11-14; Acts 13: 1-13

No Activities

SATURDAY - July 18

RBT - Job 15-17; Acts 13: 14-52

No Activities

SUNDAY - July 19

RBT - Job 18-21; Acts 14

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Morning Worship Service are
live on Facebook, Church App,
and the Church Website

3:00 Youth Depart for PuttPutt at
Molten Mountain

6:00 Kids of Christ

6:00 Adult Bible Study 1 & 2 Peter

MONDAY - July 20

RBT - Job 22-24; Acts 15

3:00 Joyful Followers Class

TUESDAY - July 21

RBT - Job 25-28; Acts 16:1-15

No Activities

WEDNESDAY - July 22

RBT - Job 29-31; Acts 16:16-40

5:30 - 7:00 Children's Pool Party at
the home of Shawn and Stacy
Perry

6:00 Youth Takeover Tour at Taco
Bell

6:00 Adult Bible Study

7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - July 23

RBT - Job 32-34; Acts 17: 1-15

7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal

McLeod, Florence:

Lewis Bane

Mullins Nursing Center:

Elizabeth Baxley

Rosemary Buffkin

Liz Enzor

Jane Estes

Alfrieda Gerrald

Jimmy Johnson

Priscilla McMillan

Randy Meares

Randy Page

Brookdale Burlington:

Tommy Rogers

Oak Hollow of Georgetown:

Barbara Wall

The Pines at Florence:

Sharie Rogers

Seabrook at Murrells Inlet:

Janis Collins

Helpers for July:

Counting Committee:

Chrm. Reed Norris,

Gene Hooks, Robert Page

Welcome Center Greeters:

Eddie Page, Ronnie Proctor

Hospital Committee:

Russell Moore, Reed Norris

New Members / Prospects:

Glenn Wood, Eddie Kitchen

Bereavement Committee:

Gene Hooks, Rob Cox

Homebound Committee:

Eddie Page, Robert Page

Ushers: MacKenzie Page,

Jordi Page, Grant Rainwater,

Cody Herring, Eddie Kitchen,

O'Brian Larrimore, Shawn Perry,

Cameron Williamson

Golden Favorite:

Betty Ray

5004 Brantwood Drive

Mullins, SC 29574

Offertory Prayer:

July 26

Gene Hooks



Church Website

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SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE

July 12, 2026

9:00 am Sunday School Attendance: 167

10:15 am Worship Service: 273

Annual Totals:

Year to Date Budget:

Budget Requirements to Date: \$468,087.48

Year to Date Received: \$441,111.74

Weekly Needs: \$16,717.41

Amount Received July 12: \$17,080.75

Christian Life Center:

Current Balance:

\$594,627.03

Church Staff

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Rhonda Page, Church Pianist

Benny Johnson, Custodian

George Burke, Housekeeper

Katelyn Brown, Housekeeper

Church Office Hours

8:00 - 5:00 Monday-Thursday

8:00 - 12:00 Friday