
The Banner

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What should our church do in the current church year to minister to our members, friends and community? Of course, some things are a given: Sunday school, worship service, Wednesday evening Bible-study, choir practice, and youth group. We also do Homecoming, Thanksgiving dinner, Operation Christmas Child, the Living Nativity, men's mission outreach, Easter Egg Hunt, youth to camp and/or missions activity, and probably others I can't recall now.

But, what else may God want us to do this church year? You may have some ideas. Currently our Ministry Coordinating Council, which ordinarily would receive your ideas, is not operative.

So, I ask you to bring your ideas to a church brainstorming session, Wednesday, October 14, 7:00-8:00 pm. Every idea will be considered, and then appropriate action will be taken. I hope you will be present that evening.

Rev. Welborn

Deacon Contact Information

Your deacons are here to assist the pastor in serving and ministering to you in whatever way you may require. Please do not hesitate to call on one of us whenever you may have a need.

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Guest Preacher October 11



The Rev. Bryan Hatcher will be our speaker that day, while Mr. and Mrs. Welborn attend his family reunion in Yadkin County. Bryan and his wife, Melissa Clodfelter, served as interim pastors here 2000-2002.

Submitted by Rev. Welborn

Mind Teaser

What do all the following words have in common: banana, dresser, grammar, potato, revive, uneven.
(Answer in next month's Banner; or if you think you know the answer, see Rev. Welborn.)

Submitted by Rev. Welborn



The 2009 CBFNC Regional Tour: Fellowship on the Move

What is it? It's the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina's annual information, fellowship and inspiration meetings, held at various locations around the state.

When is it? **Tuesday, October 13**, beginning with dinner at **5:30pm**

Where is it? Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC

Last year five of our members attended the meeting in Mt. Airy, and enjoyed it tremendously.

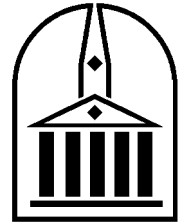
Any of our church members or friends may attend. Deadline for deciding to go is Sunday, October 4. Please inform Rev. Welborn if you wish to attend.

Submitted by Rev. Welborn

Note from editor (per CBFNC website): Deadline for your paid registration of \$10 (for dinner) is one week before the event date. Childcare will be provided for preschool age and younger - reservations required.

Homecoming October 18

Are you a former member of Brandt Oaks Baptist Church, or do you know someone who is? We especially want former members to return to be with us October 18.



The day will begin at 9:40 am with our "Meet, Greet, and Eat," fellowship gathering, for which Kathy Heater prepares wonderful fruits, various breakfast-type goodies and fruit drinks, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 am.

Worship service is at 11:00 am, with the message to be brought by the Rev. Mark Lile-King, pastor here from October 1994 to November 1999. The church choir is preparing special music for this service.

A pot-luck fellowship dinner will follow the worship service.

God has richly blessed our church with wonderful members throughout our twenty-three year history. We hope you can be present to share this special day with current and former members and friends.

Submitted by Rev. Welborn

"FaithWeavers" Off to Good Start



After nearly a year of study and planning, our new Sunday School format began last month.

"FaithWeavers" curriculum coordinates the same Sunday school lesson theme from children through adults. In this way, families with children or teens know that everyone in the family will study the same scripture passage (but in different ways) each Sunday.

Also, special music and crafts for the children will be included soon.

Submitted by Rev. Welborn

November Banner Deadline is Thursday, October 22
Be sure to get your articles in to the church office on time!



CELEBRATING 400 YEARS OF BEING BAPTIST

Baptist Denominational and Moral Leadership

In recent years, Baptists have begun to discuss the need for all Baptists to work together, and some have addressed the racism that has long divided us. Thankfully, Baptists have a great role model in these areas: E. C. Morris.

Born a slave on May 7, 1855, Elias Camp Morris attended school occasionally during his childhood, but he was mostly self-educated. After completing an apprenticeship as a shoemaker, he supported himself by making shoes.

In 1874, Morris converted to Christianity and the next year was called to the ministry. He moved in 1876 to Helena, Arkansas, made shoes during the week, and preached on Sundays. Called to pastor Centennial Baptist Church in Helena in 1879, Morris served that church for forty-three years. Early in his tenure, he rose to prominence as a leader among Arkansas Baptists, helping organize three black Baptist associations and serving as secretary and then president for thirty-five years of the black Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He also supervised the development of a state denominational newspaper, the *Arkansas Times* (later the *Baptist Vanguard*).

As a denominational leader, Morris helped found an African American Baptist seminary in 1884. Originally known as the Minister's Institute, the school took the name Arkansas Baptist College in 1886. Located in Little Rock, the college continues the mission envisioned by Morris.

In 1895, Morris transitioned from state denominational leader to national denominational leader when he was elected president of the newly-established National Baptist Convention, a position he held for twenty-seven years. Morris also worked with white Baptists, speaking at the white Baptist's 1911 Arkansas state convention and serving on the predominantly white executive committees of the General Convention of Baptists of North America, the Baptist World Alliance, and the Congress of English Speaking Peoples of the World. He also served as a vice president of the interracial Federal Council of Churches of Christ.

From his pulpit and in convention halls, Morris denounced prejudice and racism, advocating for the civil liberties of African Americans. Baptists today need to be reminded of Morris's great legacy: his long tenure as pastor, his participation in the founding and support of a Baptist college, his faithful leadership of state and national denominational organizations, his charismatic preaching, and his willingness to speak truth to people of all races on the important issues of his day.

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Nursery Caregivers for October



Sunday Worship

October 4: Mary Via & Matt Albright
October 11: Angela Tipton & Morris Brock
October 18: Mary Via & Jim Albright
October 25: Kathy Heater & Steve Tipton

Thank you for caring for our little ones!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 06 Greg Apple
07 Cory Tomford
10 Ace Tipton
14 Alex Serpe
17 Patrick Borke
18 Lanie Hutchins
22 Cindy Cheek
30 David Hess
31 Scott Campbell



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 18 Joe & Anna Tipton

Please notify the church office of any omissions or errors.