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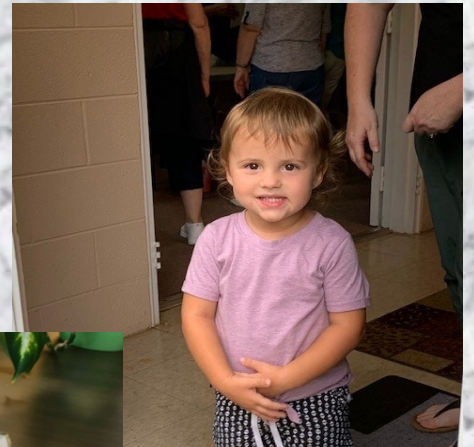
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Elkin Baptist Associations' MISSIONS WEEK 2022! So many opportunities to serve our local community and so many answered the call. Whether packing food boxes at Stone's Throw, filling local Blessing Boxes, building a ramp at the home of a mobility challenged local resident or working with Ebenezer's Children's Home kids to put the Lord's Prayer in their pockets with laminated cards, it ALL mattered! May this become a yearly event that continues to grow. THANK YOU to everyone!



God's Blessings July 3, 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$10,110.00
Cemetery:	\$100.00
Sunday School Attendance	105
Worship Attendance	171

God's Blessings July 10, 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$5,076.01
Sunday School Attendance	100
Worship Attendance	172

God's Blessings July 17, 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$5,193.00
Baptist Men:	\$40.00
In Memory of Robert Thompson	\$100.00
Sunday School Attendance	108
Worship Attendance	182

God's Blessings July 24, 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$6,196.00
Sunday School Attendance	119
Worship Attendance	174

God's Blessings July 31, 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$7,175.00
Worship Attendance	132

Walker Family Fundraiser: On Sat. August 6 at 4pm, Joey & Joyce Luffman will be holding a BBQ BASH in the Fellowship Hall. Eat in or take our your choice of chicken or pulled pork plates. Join us!

Birthday Party: The family of Billy Gentry invite you to his 90th birthday party. Everyone is invited to attend. August 7 from 2-4 pm in the church fellowship hall. No gifts please. Your attendance is all that is needed.

Church Picnic: August 28. More info to come. Mark on your calendar!

The Library Committee wants to thank Sara Byrd for her donation of books to our PRBC library.

Pastor's Corner

"and I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God. And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I threw all the household goods of Tobiah out of the room. Then I commanded them to cleanse the rooms; and I brought back into them the articles of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense." (Nehemiah 13:7-9)

The great narrative of Nehemiah returning to Jerusalem to begin the rebuilding of the city and the temple is a wonderful story. When he began he had a bit of house cleaning to do. They had allowed junk to be brought into the temple that did not belong there. Nehemiah understood the importance of maintaining the purity of the Lord's house. Now... WE ARE THE LORD'S TEMPLE... dwelling place of the most high God! If we are not careful to maintain, and defend that "temple", junk can seep in and consume places that had been reserved for Him! Maybe... it is time for a bit of house cleaning!

Your Friend and Pastor,
John Newton

PRBC BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JULY

The financial report for June 2022 was presented and approved with a motion to accept the report from Steve Martin and a second from Roger Wooten. Notation made by Pastor John regarding the breakdown of *Non-Budgeted items and Designated Categories (p. 3) of the report stating that these are special offerings or expenses not included in other line items. Comment made that our church does not have an ending fiscal year so the report is a continuation which can make line items appear unbalanced. We occasionally get spill over from these items, but all information is well documented. Discussion:*

Question- what does the *Professional Fees (p. 2) line item include?* **Answer:** we believe it includes payroll or outside bookkeeping.

Question- Does the church file a federal tax return? **Answer:** we file for employees but not as a church since we are tax exempt.

Question- why not budget better for the professional fees? **Answer:** this information is unknown at this time. Not sure exactly what fees fall under this line item or why there is a negative balance for this line item but an answer will be found.

*** On 7/21/22 information received from Dana Easton, Church secretary/treasurer states that "the professional fee is for the accounting company that does our payroll. The monthly fee is \$125.00, plus the year end accounting is in addition to that. There has not been enough money budgeted to cover the annual costs and it went over last year as well, but the budget was not adjusted to compensate."

The trip to West Virginia had to be rescheduled. A back to school event is being planned.

The average Sunday School attendance for June 2022 was 99.

We need more choir member participation at Wednesday evening practices. Preparations will begin soon for the Christmas season, and everyone is needed to practice new songs.

The church letter from Eufola Baptist Church was received on behalf of Harry and Lorie Hensley. Bruce Crouse has been added to the church role as he has fulfilled all requirements for membership.

Deacons are meeting monthly as scheduled. New signage is in the process of being added to the campus to direct visitors to the area they are seeking.

The steeple has been cleaned and the gutters have been cleaned out. There was a workday scheduled recently to kill weeds. The cementing of the parking lot area under repair will be scheduled soon.

The budget committee will begin meeting soon.

Ron Cochran was able to create new brackets for the steps on the van and they are much safer now. The air conditioning lines on the church bus are being replaced.

Thank you to the church for returning the servant letters sent out by the committee. Most people are willing to continue their current positions. There was an insert in the bulletin last Sunday making a list of areas where servants are still needed. We are currently looking for workers on the following committees: Audio Visual/Sound, Budget, Cemetery, Mission, Nominating, Teller, and Wednesday night teachers for the 3-4 year olds.

Plans are in process for InAsMuch and Ridgefest, which will be in the fall. Details will be available at the next business meeting.

The ARK meals can now be prepared at the ARK. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule if interested in helping with this ministry.

There will be a wood splitting Saturday 7/23. A telephone announcement will be sent out.

Sisters in Christ: Next meeting is 7/21 at 6:30pm. The group will be continuing their book study.

High Spirits: There will be no regular meeting in July, but there is a fellowship trip to Greensboro scheduled for Friday, July 22.

The seniors had a wonderful trip to Rural King Hardware in Wytheville, VA. On 7/28 the group will be traveling to eat Dinner at Plaza del Sol in North Wilkesboro, then on to Boone to watch the outdoor drama *Horn in the West*. Tickets are \$20 each and dinner is on your own. There are still spaces available. See Pat for more details.

Pastor John and Cindy will be traveling to Asheville after the morning service on 7/24 and will return before the Wednesday evening service on 7/27. They are attending a Pastor's Conference at *The Cove*, where the theme is "There Goes A Man of God". They are looking forward to the opportunity to recharge and connect with other pastors.

Arona Boles, the on staff custodian, has asked that Whitney Combs be added to assist her when she is out of town or when she needs additional help for larger cleaning jobs. She will compensate Whitney. It is noted only so it is known that Whitney has permission on behalf of the church to fulfill this duty. No discussion. Motion to add Whitney Combs as assistant to the custodian by Chris Reeves with a second by Jeff Walsh. Motion carried.

The Elkin Baptist association had mission week last week, with many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Several people participated in various scheduled events. Our church spent Wednesday night 7/14 at Stone's Throw Christian Ministries packing food boxes. A total of 148 boxes were prepared for distribution. Some of the youth from PRBC assisted with grocery shopping and filling 12 local area blessing boxes with food. Roger and Sharon Wooten spoke about assisting Ebenezer Children's Home during the week, and observing how blessed the home has been with supplies. The home is currently selling containers of wipes for \$2.00 a bucket, or they are donating to any church who can use them.

On Sunday, July 17, Josh Sparks came forward to request membership at PRBC on a promise of a transfer of letter from Ronda First Baptist Church.