

# HOPEWELL

## *happenings*

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### Weekly Worship Schedule & Activities

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship Service 10:15 am

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Seekers 6pm  
Bible Study 6:30 pm

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<https://www.facebook.com/MyHopewellBaptist/>

**The purpose of Hopewell Baptist Church is to worship God, to love ALL people, and to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ together.**



**HOPEWELL**  
= BAPTIST CHURCH =

Pastor: Rev. Braden Martin  
Children's Director: Lisa Dale  
Music Director: Barry Clontz  
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Thurs. 8am—12 noon  
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## The Unrelieved Quest by Oswald Chambers

*Jesus said, "Feed my sheep"*  
- John 21:17

This is love in the making: Peter, having confessed how deeply he loves Jesus, is told to add action to emotion and feed God's sheep. The love of God was not created; love is God's very nature. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we are united with God so that his love is manifested in us. But this isn't the end of the story. The ultimate goal is that we may be one with the Father as Jesus is. "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one" (John 17:11). What kind of oneness is this? Such a oneness that the Father's purpose for the Son becomes the Son's purpose for us: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (20:21).

After Peter recognized the depth of

his love for Jesus, Jesus made his point: Spend it. Don't declare how much you love me. Don't testify about the marvelous revelation you've had. "Feed my sheep." This is a challenging request, because Jesus has some extraordinarily funny sheep! Bedraggled, dirty sheep; awkward, headbutting sheep; sheep that have gone astray (Luke 15:3-7). God's love pays no attention to such quirks and differences. If I love my Lord, I have no business being guided by personal preference. I simply have to feed his sheep. There is no relief and no release from this part of the call.

Beware of letting your natural human sympathy decide which sheep you'll feed. You are called to spend God's love, not pass off a counterfeit version of it. That would end in blaspheming the love of God.

# MARCH

## Anniversaries

March 5—  
Chad & Tracy Huffman

March 6—  
Jerry & Peggy Bishop

March 7—  
Randy & Caryn Moore

March 14—  
Allen & Veda Walker

March 21—  
Casey & Amber Clontz

March 29—  
John & Judy Franklin

## LOCAL FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO SUPPORT HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF



9:00-5:00  
APRIL 12TH

### How Will We Help?

#### Projects

- ✓ Sort Donations
- ✓ Paint Sheds
- ✓ Construction of Sheds

Please RSVP By 4.7.25  
Lunch Provided

#### Location

Maynards Electric  
117 Dugout Cir, Morganton, NC 28655

More Information  
828-437-0137

RSVP to: [admin@crbanc.org](mailto:admin@crbanc.org)





March 1	Deuteronomy 5-7
March 2	Deuteronomy 8-10
March 3	Deuteronomy 11-13
March 4	Deuteronomy 14-16
March 5	Deuteronomy 17-20
March 6	Deuteronomy 21-23
March 7	Deuteronomy 24-27
March 8	Deuteronomy 28-29
March 9	Deuteronomy 30-31
March 10	Deuteronomy 32-34
March 11	Joshua 1-4
March 12	Joshua 5-8
March 13	Joshua 9-11
March 14	Joshua 12-15
March 15	Joshua 16-18
March 16	Joshua 19-21
March 17	Joshua 22-24
March 18	Judges 1-2
March 19	Judges 3-5
March 20	Judges 6-7
March 21	Judges 8-9
March 22	Judges 10-12
March 23	Judges 13-15
March 24	Judges 16-18
March 25	Judges 19-21
March 26	1 Samuel 1-3
March 27	1 Samuel 4-8
March 28	1 Samuel 9-12
March 29	2 Samuel 13-14
March 30	1 Samuel 15-17
March 31	1 Samuel 18-20




# MARCH

*birthdays*

March 1	Kristy Woodard	March 17	Justin Boughman
March 1	Morgan Clay	March 17	Jadyn Moore
March 3	Randy Moore jr.	March 18	Logan Miller
March 4	Lanie Shuping	March 18	Virginia Smith
March 6	Mara Shuping	March 18	Janice Sain
March 7	Timothy Burrelle	March 20	Brenda Franklin
March 10	Angie Setzer	March 21	Charlie Smith
March 10	Scott Setzer	March 23	Debbie Crouch
March 10	Karen Storie	March 24	Natasha Stewart
March 12	Zac Moore	March 27	Robbie Crouch
March 12	Tabitha Johnson	March 27	Sandy Daves
March 13	Wilton Daves	March 27	Millie Denton
March 13	Jeff Netherton	March 28	Alexia Brown
March 15	Wanda Hembree	March 31	Dan Huffman
March 15	Luke Browning	March 31	Tommy Hennessee



# kids of HOPE

A few weeks ago I was able to spend a week with my granddaughters because my son and daughter-in-law were out of town. The first night I was there, as we prepared to go to bed my 6 year old granddaughter told me that she had a prayer journal. She said that she wrote in it every night. Each night she was to fill in the blanks to questions. They were like...

Dear God today I thank you for \_\_\_\_\_.

Today I am praying for \_\_\_\_\_.

Today's Bible verse is \_\_\_\_\_,  
etc.

When we got to the verse part she wrote, "Be still and know that I am God."

I asked her what that meant. She began to tell me that no matter what you do that you should be still and listen to God. He is always talking to you. We finished the night with prayers and she went to sleep.

Over the next couple of days I could not get what she had said to me off of my mind. I thought, if a 6 year old knows that

God is always speaking to us how I should be more like the word she spoke. Knowing that God is always speaking to us, we just have to be still and listen.

I hope as the days go by that you listen and know that God is always there for us and speaking to us. From the mouths of babes we can learn so much. Be still and listen.

If you are not attending our Wednesday evening worship, I would like to invite you. We have something for everyone. Children have Bible Seekers Club, Youth have meetings in the gym and adults meet in the sanctuary with Pastor Braden for Bible Study. Dinner is served at 6. Free of charge for everyone and at 6:30 everyone goes to their appropriate classes. Everyone dismissed at 7:30. Please come to receive a blessing for that extra umph needed for the remainder of the week.

If I can help your child in any way, please feel free to contact me. Sending love & hugs your way, Ms. Lisa







# JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP

God is working in our youth group! We LOVE seeing all the new faces! Our average attendance has been 15. We are so proud of the youth showing up to learn more about Jesus & bringing their bibles! Keep showing up for Jesus and bring a friend or two! We've had an ice cream sundae night, a movie night and we made Valentine's cards for JIRDC residents. We have 15 youth signed up to go to camp at Ridgecrest in June!! We are

continuing our bible study called The Jesus Studies, which focuses on cutting through the confusion, and teaches students a Christ-centered look at the major issues they deal with in their lives. We have gone through Jesus & Identity, Jesus & Faith, and are now doing Jesus & Culture. Join us on Sundays at 6:00 and Wednesdays at 6:30 (Wednesday supper at 6:00) and come check out our new Youth Lounge!





**TIME CHANGE**  
**Spring Ahead**  
**1 Hour**  
**March 9th**



**OPERATION  
 CHRISTMAS  
 CHILD**

Each month we will be collecting different items for our shoeboxes. Then in November we will pack the boxes and deliver them.

**MARCH ITEMS ARE:**

- School Supplies
- Colored Pencils/ Pens
- Small notebooks
- Crayons
- Markers
- Erasers



**SHOEBOX DONATIONS  
 NEEDED**

**SUNDAY EVENING  
 SERVICES**

**1st Sunday of the Month**

Family Day & Youth Group  
 Family day means after morning services make the rest of the day intentional about spending time together.

**2nd Sunday**

Youth Group & Choir practices

**3rd Sunday**

Youth Group, Committees &  
 Quarterly Business Meetings

**4th Sunday**

Youth Group & Choir Practice

**Every 5th Sunday**

5pm Fellowship Supper followed by  
 Corporate Worship at 6pm

**3rd Sunday Committee Meeting Schedule**

Fellowship Hall reserved for refreshments

**GROUP A meet at 3pm**

**GROUP B meet at 4pm**

**GROUP C meet at 5pm**

Deacons in room A-107  
 Benevolence room A-105  
 Wellness Ministry—Library

Security Team—A-105  
 Cemetery Team—A107  
 Children's Council in  
 Children's Church  
 Media Team—Sanctuary

Building & Grounds A-105  
 Finance Team—A-108  
 Vision Team—Library  
 Mission Development  
 A-107

6pm Corporate Business Meeting



# MARCH Volunteers

## Audio Team

- March 2 Curtis Brenneman
- March 9 Nathan Castle
- March 16 Curtis Brenneman
- March 23 Nathan Castle
- March 30 Curtis Brenneman

## Video Live Teams

- March 2 Team Weatherman
- March 9 Team Edwards
- March 16 Team Burelle
- March 23 Team Storie
- March 30 Team Weatherman

## Sunday Morning Nursery

- March 2 Janice Ledford/ Sandy Daves
- March 9 Karen Storie/ Becky Strauss
- March 16 Evelyn Barnhardt/ Amanda Waters
- March 23 Kim Sowers/ Amber Vinson
- March 30 Ashlyn Castle/ Brenda Castle

## DEACON(s) for March

Scott Kerley

## USHERS:

Steve Annas, Larry Yount, Chris Mace, Jerry Warlick

## Children's Church

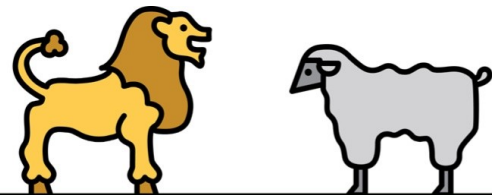
- March 2 Lauren Denton
- March 9 Lisa Dale
- March 16 Ashton Robinson
- March 23 Kaitlin Castle
- March 30 Suzanne Averett

## Counters

- March 2 Karyln McCoy/ Jennifer Clay
- March 9 Avis Pritchard/ Shelly Smith
- March 16 Aimi Annas/ Karen Storie
- March 23 Lisa Storie/ Anne Buchanan
- March 30 Sandy Dover/ Becky Strauss

## Security Teams

- March 2 Team 3—Scott Kerley
- March 9 Team 4—David Warlick
- March 16 Team 1—Henry Deal
- March 23 Team 2—Champ Denton
- March 30 Team 3—Scott Kerley



The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord. Isaiah 65:25



# Women & Girls MISSION TRIP

To Ducktown, TN

## March 7-8th

Bring your Sleeping Bag!  
Join us for a fun weekend of Devotions, Food, Games  
and Helping Others



Call 828-437-0137 to register by Feb. 27th  
Cost: \$10



# Biscuits AND Blankets Saturday, April 26 8:30—10:30am

Come to the CRBA building. All Women and Girls  
are invited. Come enjoy biscuits and coffee and  
make "No-Sew" blankets. RSVP by April 17

For more information call the CRBA office at (828) 437-0137



**FREE  
EVENT**