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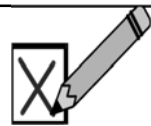
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## Our Weekly Report

### Budget Report 7-22-2018

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Projected Weekly Need:   | \$ 9,369.00   |
| Offering towards budget: | \$ 6,563.00   |
| Actual income YTD:       | \$ 226,444.58 |
| Designated :             | \$ 1,971.25   |



Making Our Mark  
07-22-2018  
SS Enrollment: 250  
Attendance: 103

Worship Attendance  
8:30: 51  
10:45: 93

### July 29, 2018

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Worship Set-up:      | Chuck Broadway, Isaac Hinson |
| Nursery 8:30 am:     | Jason & Tracy Ball           |
| Nursery 10:45 am:    | Melinda Wolanin              |
| Ushers 8:30:         | Robert Kluttz, Roy Eudy      |
| Ushers 10:45:        | Roger Condrey and Youth      |
| Sound 8:30 am:       | Jim Pittman                  |
| PowerPoint 8:30 am:  | Becky Pittman                |
| Sound 10:45 am:      | Brian Arrowood               |
| PowerPoint 10:45 am: | Maria Arrowood               |
| Deacon of the Week:  | Dan Philbeck                 |
| Opening Building:    | Gary Ashe                    |
| Closing Building:    | Keith Fitch                  |

### Thought for the Week

*Other people and other things can stop you temporarily.  
You are the only one who can do it permanently.*  
Zig Ziglar



**Hot Dog Sale Every Friday**  
10 am-2pm

**VBS/Parents Night Out**  
Friday, August 3  
6-8 pm

**J.O.Y. Club**  
Thursday, August 9  
11 am

**Deacons Meeting**  
Sunday, August 12  
2 pm

*The Worship of God*  
July 29  
Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

*Psalm 14*  
*John 6:1-21*

*Do Not Be Afraid*  
*Dr. Steve Ayers*  
*Minister*

## From the Pastor

### What Makes You So Sweet?

When Lauren and I went to visit Janet last week, I remarked to her how nice it was when we use to come, and we would find Janet in the sitting area that she thought was our den. Now we know that we will find her most likely in the bed. Throughout this journey, there have so many new normals and yet, as I read some of the things that I wrote last year, there seems to be the same kind of pattern that keeps repeating itself.

There are moments of agitation, times of calm, glimpses of lucidness, and miracles of love. The differences I see now are the moments of her saying my name are further and further apart. Physically, she has become so frail and her movements are full of jerks. Thankfully for the most part, she still responds to my voice. Her Hospice nurse remarked the differences she notes in Janet when Janet hears me. These are the times when I realize how deep and strong our love has been and is. We are connected on so many different levels. I kissed her the other night and she said, "That's nice, thank you!" Several times, when I thought she had drifted off to sleep, I would get up to leave but she would keep holding my hands and drawing me closer to her; and I would hold her close till she went to sleep. How sad it is when Alzheimer's patients become the "untouchables" and are abandoned because out of sight is out of mind. Janet did not know Lauren the other night, and it has been a long time since she has; yet, Lauren told her mother that she loved her and hugged her and kissed her. Lauren knows who her mother is, even if Janet can't quite grasp who Lauren is. When Lauren leaned over her mother, I thought back on the many times I saw Janet lean over and kiss our children in their beds. How this circle of love continues.

The last several weeks have been mostly peaceful. In every day and every visit, there are time of agitation. Whether it is the last stages or middle stages, agitation has been the hardest part of the journey. My sweet Janet said words that I did not even know that she knew. Thankfully, these times were few. I learned then and now that the best way is to stay as calm as possible. The tone of voice is essential, the softer the better. An Alzheimer patient can go from rage to rapture in a few moments. It is useless to argue but essential to persevere and be as loving as you can be and never forget that this disease is ruthless but that the person you love is still there.

One day last week, Janet had the sweetest expression on her face. I told her how beautiful she was. I caressed her face, stroked her hair, and kissed her. I whispered, "What makes you so sweet?" She looked at me and said, "Jesus." My beautiful and wonderful wife, whose mind is just about gone, taught me the right lesson on this day. Created in the image of God, Jesus indeed beckons us to be who we need to be. To love our God and our neighbor; and when we do that there is true sweetness. I looked at Janet and she had the most loving, sweetest, angelic look on her face. Sometimes, as Jesus told us, we need to have eyes to see and ears to hear. On this day, I saw, and I heard.

**Congratulations!**



Vincent Giovanni Aguilera was born on July 4th at 10:15 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces and was 19 inches tall. His parents are Lisa and Henry and his proud grandparents are Russ and Lisa Hartsell.

**Food on the First Sunday, August 5 CCM, RAIN, PLC**

**Esther's Heart Transformation**

Your participation is needed as McGill supports the following ministries:

**Cooperative Christian Ministry** needs include soups, pork and beans, saltine crackers, breakfast items, canned meats and canned fruits and vegetables. During the summer months children will not have breakfast or lunch at school. Cereal, breakfast bars and peanut butter and jelly are needed.

**Performance Learning Center (The R.A.I.N. Closet)** needs cleaning supplies and Clorax.

**Esther's Heart Collection** will always be crackers and peanut butter (not peanut butter crackers!)

If you would rather give money to the church to purchase food for C.C.M., P.L.C. or R.A.I.N. supplies you can do so by noting on your giving envelope and check the amount you would like to go towards any of these missions.

**CCM on July —115 pounds**

**Our Newest Member**



On Sunday, July 15, McGill Baptist Church welcomed Katie Mazzariello into our church family. She lives at 4909 Bentrige Drive in Concord, 28017 with her husband, Tim, and children Brooklyn and Blue.

Maria Arrowood is Katie's deacon. Welcome, Katie, and family!

**Samaritan's Feet**

The Samaritan's Feet Event will be Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. School supplies are also needed to put in the backpacks the children will receive that day. Another way to help with this event is to pack the backpacks. That will be done at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1030 Burrage Road, NE at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2018. The deadline for sign-ups and school supplies is this Sunday, July 29th.

See Donna Duncan for information and to sign-up at the table in the back of the Worship Center. Your help will enable children to feel that they are ready for the school year. Thank you so much for your help!

**Summer Schedule for the Newsletter August 14, August 28**

Refer to the church directory for schedule of Sunday duties

**Operation Christmas Child**

July: pencils and pencil sharpeners

**CHS NorthEast:**

**Remember Our Shut-Ins Say a prayer and send a card to:**

Mrs. Terry Chubirko  
Mt. Pleasant House  
P.O. Box 968  
Mount Pleasant, NC 28124

Mr. Richard Flory  
St. Andrews Living Center  
246 Cabarrus Avenue Room 105  
Concord, NC 28025

**Hot Dog Teams**

**July 27**

Kitchen  
Tim Austin  
Sam Mullis  
Jeff Young  
WinfryWhicker

**NEED HELP**

Cashier  
Marsha Scott  
Dining Room  
Ed Daniel  
Sherry Swett  
Helen Whicker  
Delivering  
Pat Mantooth  
Carol Boylan  
**NEED HELP**

**August 3**

Kitchen  
Bob Hathcock  
Jeff Young  
Winfry Whicker  
**NEED HELP**

Cashier  
Shirley Hathcock  
Dining Room  
Ed Daniel  
Trena Goodnight  
Ed Goodnight  
Delivering  
Pat Mantooth  
Carol Boylan  
**NEED HELP**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC**

We were all delighted to welcome our Mission Team home from Arkansas Sunday before last. They gave a most interesting and inspiring report. Congratulations to Paul, Mandy, and our youth for their service and another successful trip!

We had a very good choir rehearsal following the July 15th service. We were able to get started on a number of anthems for the remainder of the summer. It was great to have new members, and returning members as well. We had a delicious lunch and time of fellowship following the rehearsal. Our choir has a lot of potential as we prepare to begin a new church year this coming fall. We still have room for more singers! Singing is for everyone, and I believe you will find that singing in the choir is both fun and rewarding.

I have been looking through music for the fall and Advent season. I have some exciting plans to share for all of our ensembles as soon as I work through all of the details.

**In Loving Memory Mr. John Bradfield**

**September 20, 1929-July 8, 2018**

The members and congregation of McGill Baptist Church express our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mr. John Bradfield.

**In Sympathy**

The members and congregation of McGill Baptist Church express our Christian love and sympathy to Mrs. Anne Wishon in the death of her son, Bobby, on July 10.

**Thank You**

Dear McGill Family,  
Thank you so much for all your support during this difficult time. Your love and prayers have been felt. The cards, calls, meal, the help with the funeral are all so appreciated. Also, to those of you who chose to linger at the table with doughnuts and Pepsi-Larry would have loved that!

Larry loved this church so much!  
Sincerely,  
Martha Day and Family

**MINISTER OF CHILDREN & YOUTH**

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of summer and that Passport and Arkansas are behind us! Both weeks are different and unique in the way our young people encounter God. Each year I think that year is the best, but they keep getting better and better. Thank you for allowing our youth to have these experiences which allow them to grow in their faith outside of the church walls. They do make a difference in shaping who they become as members of God's kingdom.



**CCM Bridges Out of Poverty Class and Hope Teams**

This class offers a new perspective for understanding and addressing the dynamics which characterize life in poverty and why it is so difficult for people to break out of poverty. Bridges offers insight into the different world of people in poverty, revealing how the survival-based mentality of poverty impacts learning, work habits and decision making.

McGill will be hosting this program for CCM beginning August 2 and concludes on November 15. McGill will provide meals for the families who are attending. **The dates still open that food is needed are August 30, September 5, 27, October 4 and 25 and November 8 and 15. See Winfry Whicker with questions.**

