



# the messenger

## Did You Give It Away?

AUGUST 2017

**At the beginning of the Summer we started a series of events called "The Summer Give Away."**

Since that time we have given away over \$1,000 dollars to people in our community, we have given away a free BBQ at Syracuse Street Apartments and we have given away cold treats on a hot summer day to people in our community. With the end of summer in sight, we will host our last *Summer Give Away* event on Sunday, August 20th. During our two hours together on this day we are going to wash car's for free! We will not accept donations and we will wash everything that comes our way, no matter how muddy they are.

During these events our goal has been simple, to live out what Proverbs 11.24 -25 call us to do. To learn to give freely, no strings attached. No advertisement for our church, no hidden agenda, no requirement that they meet our definition of being "in need." We just learn how to give. During these events, I have been learning that this is a hard thing to do. I want to give, but I often want to maintain some sort of control or require some sort of response to the gift I give, but the words of the Proverb writer ring in my ears.

*One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.*

*A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

When we give freely, we don't get to choose, we don't get to control, we just get the opportunity to bless someone else. To love them without condition and without judgment. My hope is that you have been learning as well that when we give freely, we actually gain something, and when we refuse to give, it is us who loses out. When we are generous we indeed will benefit and as we bring refreshment to others, through a cold treat, a car wash, or a simple act of kindness, we too will be refreshed .

## Church Events

- Aug 5 Biker's Aide Station  
@ Love's
- Aug 8 Deacons  
Missions
- Aug 10 ABW Breakfast
- Aug 15 Deaconesses  
Trustees
- Aug 18 Church Picnic  
@ Skyview Lake
- Aug 22 Advisory Board

# Summer GiveAway

Join us June 20th as we offer FREE car washes to whomever comes our way!



# ABW Breakfast

Ladies you are invited to join the American Baptist Women for breakfast, Thursday, Aug 10th, 9 am at McDonalds



Ladies you're invited to this one-day simulcast that will encourage you to dive deeper into the Word of God. Don't miss out on this special event!

**Saturday, September 30 @ First Christian Church**

**Check In:** 8:30 - 9:15 am

**Simulcast:** 9:30 am - 4 pm

**Early Bird:** \$20

**Registration (after August 13th):** \$25

**Snacks and Lunch Provided**

Seating is limited, Register Online today! [fncorfolk.org/events](http://fncorfolk.org/events)

Questions? Please call 402.371.573

It would be great to have some ladies from First Baptist take part in this event. If you have questions contact Barb Ellis or Jill Blaylock.

# All Church Picnic

**Friday August 18**

**6:00 pm**

**Skyview Lake**

**Hawaiian Luau**

CE Board is providing pulled-pork sandwiches and water.

Wolff Farms is providing watermelon.

The church family is asked to pot-luck salads, veggies, chips & dessert.

There will be games and kites for the kiddos (big and small 😊).





## UnSung Hero

Our Unsung Servant for the month of August is a faithful and quiet servant of the Lord who does many things in our church family. While she no longer officially sits on a committee or board, she never stops serving. If you have children or grandchildren that frequent the nursery you have undoubtedly run into her or been blessed by the many ways that she serves.

Diana Blaylock is the Unsung Servant for the month of August. While Diana has just rotated off of the Deaconess Board, she is still a servant in many ways. Diana still organizes volunteers to help our paid worker, Anna, in the nursery. She subs in the nursery when Anna is away and also helps organize activity bags for kids with games, coloring pages and other materials to help them as they sit in our worship service. There are likely many other ways that she serves in and around our congregation and we are blessed to have her as a part of our church family. If you see Diana anytime soon, make sure to encourage her and thank her for all of the hard work she does for the Lord and our church family.

Diana, from a grateful church family, thank you for serving!

## Church Boards

### DEACONS

- Reviewed Pastor's report
- Confirmed Greg Mamula will fill pulpit on Aug 6th
- Discussed *To Norfolk With Love* project
- Reviewed & Updated Communion to Shut-ins
- Discussed Constitution Revision Q & A

### DEACONESSES

- Beth Moore Living Proof Simulcast, Sat, Sept 30th
- Lottie Klein's 95th birthday celebration Dec 2, 2-4
- All Church Birthday party, Sunday, Oct 1

### CE BOARD

- Discussed Children's Church plans
- Discussed Church Picnic in August
- Dorcas Dress Project

### TRUSTEE BOARD

- Discussed new Kline Sprinkler system for North area of our property
- Issues that are being address: A/C compressors in sanctuary; drywall cracks; drain issue in baptistry; photo sensors; Burr Oak to be planted by the well

### MISSION BOARD

- Checking Account \$1,125.75
- Short Term Savings \$1,134.11
- Biker's Aide Station will be @ Love's on Hwy 81 Aug 5th from 7:30-Noon
- Ginny Larson, Wycliffe missionary, spoke July 23rd

### FINANCIAL REPORT

- Giving has been steady; all bills are paid; mortgage is \$386,239.23!

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- Expect great things this fall as we continue our previous programs and look for new ways to serve the Lord. Pastor encourages us to reach out to one another and to new attenders

# August 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					Pastor's Vacation	
6 <b>COMMUNION</b> 9 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship	7 Pastor's Vacation	8 6 pm Deacons 7 pm Missions	9	10 9 am ABW Breakfast @ McDonalds	11	12
13 9 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship 7 pm Latino Worship	14	15 6:15 pm Deaconesses 6:30 pm Trustees	16	17	18	19
20 9 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship 7 pm Latino Worship SUMMER GIVEAWAY	21	22 6:30 pm Advisory Board	23	24	25	26
27 9 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship 7 pm Latino Worship	28	29	30 6:30 Awana Listeners & Leaders Meeting	31		