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GOD is my witness! Pastor Bill Negron

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say again rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Philippians 4:4-5

Do you know that you may be the only Jesus anyone will ever see. That is because you carry the presence of God wherever you go. So don't hide His presence, don't take you light and put it under a basket, but let your light shine wherever you go, *"so that people will see that light and give thanks to the Father in heaven."* **Matthew 5:16** This year I will be participating in the my very first *Neighbor to Neighbor* ministry. What I love the most about this ministry is that it takes Jesus out of the safe confines of the sanctuary and into the highway and byways of our friends all around us. There are people who may never step foot in a church. There are many reasons. Perhaps illness or frailty doesn't allow for travel, perhaps financial challenges make it difficult to participate in local church activities, or; and this is common, maybe the last time they went to a church they didn't feel very welcomed or had a very negative unloving experience. Whatever the reason, *Neighbor to Neighbor* gives the church the opportunity to make a loving and hopefully a lasting impression, that we love all people in the name of Jesus. It challenges the church to see beyond its own needs and see the needs of others; it allows us to "Do good." Jesus when he wasn't teaching or ministering went around doing good. Doing good is its own reward and is a constant, potent anecdote for cynicism and hopelessness. My favorite testimony about this ministry happened to the late great BJ Copeland. Once a neighbor whom the church was helping asked BJ "why are you doing this for me? I don't even go to your church." To which B.J. replied "Because we are the church, and sometimes we act like it." Let every follower of Christ say amen!

BC Liturgist

Bill Negron August 2nd

Mason Lutterloh August 9th

Lynn Frost August 16th

Allen Gubert August 23rd

Jennifer Negron/Ruby Parks August 30th

PH Liturgist

Aaron Fogle August 2nd

Lisa Baaske August 9th

Bill Negron August 16th

Caleb Stevenson August 23rd

Jennifer Negron August 30th



Ruby Parks All-State



BC Kitchen Remodel

PH Favorite Songs of Faith

Please share your suggestions for songs to be used in our worship service which utilize your Favorite Songs of Faith. During the next two weeks, turn in your requests to Barbara Pugh and we will incorporate them into the congregational songs during worship. You may have many favorites, that's wonderful! Email Barbara Pugh at bpugh1601@gmail.com.

PH Find Your Place to Serve

Every member of our church has unique gifts and talents that can help strengthen our faith community. Volunteering is more than filling a need—it's an opportunity to serve God. Whether you have a few hours each month or can serve regularly, there is a place for you. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can share your time and talents through our ministries. Here are some of our current needs:

- Volunteer(s) to order church supplies for kitchen, bathrooms, and sanctuary
- Volunteer(s) to be a greeter for Sunday worship and/or coordinate greeter sign up
- Volunteer(s) to provide flowers for worship each Sunday (sign up in vestibule)
- Volunteer(s) who can organize and work with outreach media (this includes but not limited to weekly emails with prayer concerns/

announcements, updating church sign, maintaining church's Facebook page, creating/maintaining church website, etc)

PH and BC Charge Conference Reminder

Charge Conference is usually in October when we provide the names of our Administrative Council members through decisions of the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committees chaired by the pastor. It's not too early to be thinking about current needs - October will be here before we blink!

PH Back to School Brunch - Aug. 23

Everyone is invited to stay after worship for a special **Back-to-School Brunch!** This is a wonderful opportunity to gather around the table, enjoy delicious food, catch up with friends, and welcome new faces as we celebrate the start of a new school year. As a church family, we'll also offer our love, encouragement, and prayers for our students, teachers, and school staff as they begin the year ahead. Whether you're returning to school or simply looking for a time of fellowship, we hope you'll stay and join us. Bring your favorite brunch item to share! We look forward to sharing this special time together!

PH Neighbor to Neighbor is Back!

We're excited to announce the return of our **Neighbor to Neighbor** outreach

event! After taking a break for the past few years, we're bringing back this meaningful ministry as an opportunity to share God's love by serving those in our community.

Neighbor to Neighbor connects our church with community members who could use a helping hand through a variety of projects, such as yard work, minor home repairs, cleaning, and other acts of service. It's a wonderful way to put our faith into action while building relationships and making a positive impact in the lives of our neighbors.

As we begin planning this year's event, we invite everyone to prayerfully consider how you can be involved. Whether you can volunteer your time, lend a special skill, or simply offer encouragement, there's a place for everyone to serve. Planning will begin at our next Administrative Council meeting on August 9, 3pm. Plan to attend!

Be on the lookout for more details to come including project opportunities, volunteer sign-ups, and ways you can participate. We look forward to serving our neighbors together once again!

PH Weekly Emails and Newsletter Distribution

If there is someone not getting our weekly emails and monthly newsletters who would like to, please let us know. We would love to grow our lists!

PH QR code



BC Homecoming – 180 yrs: Aug. 2

On Aug. 2nd, we will be celebrating 180 years since our church began.

Please plan to attend the service and bring a dish (if you can) to enjoy food, fun and a fellowship lunch afterwards. Invite friends from the past or invite new guests. The Memorial Association will be presenting their status and remembering member deaths over the past year.

The collection for that day will go to the Cemetery Fund unless specified otherwise in the Other line on the envelope or the Memo line on the check. If using the QR code, please select Cemetery Fund. The Cemetery Fund helps maintain mowing and other projects for the cemetery through the year.

Thanks to the men who have cleaned up the yard in preparation for Homecoming. The men are also asked to come to the church on Sunday at 8 am to set up the tables and chairs for the Homecoming meal.

BC Yoga



Our next 12 week yoga session will run from Monday, Aug. 3rd - through Oct. 19 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme will be “The Presence of the Lord.” Shown below is the schedule for these classes.

Aug 3	Slow flow yoga	Sept 14	Slow flow yoga
Aug 10	Slow flow yoga	Sept 21	Slow flow yoga
Aug 17	Chair yoga	Sept 28	Yin yoga
Aug 24	Slow flow yoga	Oct 5	Slow flow yoga
Aug 31	Slow flow yoga	Oct 12	Slow flow yoga
Sept 7	Yin yoga	Oct 19	Restorative yoga

BC Men’s Club

The Men’s Club breakfast will be Sunday, Aug. 9 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Edward, Matt, Mike

and John look forward to sharing fellowship and good food!

BC United Women in Faith (UWiF)

Dinner Meeting: Aug. 20

The United Methodist Women in Faith will meet for dinner on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6:00 p at S & T’s. All women in the church are invited. Jenn and Marcia are looking forward to sharing fellowship and good food with you.

BC Back-to-School project – United Women in Faith

Summer is almost over and time to help teachers and schools for back-to-school supplies in August! This year we will be reaching out to teachers in the church, and local schools to find out what supplies they are requesting for the next school year. As we know, there are a lot of families and teachers that will be struggling to provide the materials needed and we want to help everyone in any way we can to have the best school year possible. For that, we need your help in sending donations by check, cash or QR code – please mark them as School Supplies and we would like to have them by August 15th to have the supplies to the teachers and school when school starts. Please let Marcia or Jen know if you have any questions.

BC Information Request from Youth Director

Michelle Rash, our new Youth Director, is trying to make sure she has current information on all of the children and youth in the church, as well as contact information for all of the parents. She has created a Google Form to help gather this information, if someone from each family with children could please take a few minutes to complete it. The form can be found at <https://forms.gle/LkfXFdKdTUSvVSsGA>

Thanks! Michelle

BC Parent Resources for Faith Conversations

Youth Director Michelle Rash has begun creating resources to help spark faith conversations at home. Each week, she will post a new video to our Facebook page and YouTube channel providing suggested activities or discussion topics for families. She has also created monthly conversation cards with daily questions to help prompt conversations in the car or around the dinner table. The cards for August are available at the church outside both entrances to the sanctuary.

BC Parent Listening Sessions

Youth Director Michelle Rash is hoping to schedule two "listening sessions" with parents during the month of August. This is your opportunity to share what you think is

working, what could be improved and where you (and your children) would like to see the program go into the future.

She is hoping that all parents can attend one session, so is asking for feedback on what times work best for parents. If you can take a moment to either complete the Doodle poll or email Michelle

at mlrash617@hotmail.com and let her know what dates work best for you.

<https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/dBXDg9Xa>

The date options are:

- The evening of Monday, Aug. 17 (either 6:30 or 7)
- The evening of Thursday, Aug. 20 (either 6:30 or 7)
- Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m.
- The evening of Thursday, Aug. 27 (either 6:30 or 7)
- Sunday, Aug. 30 at 2 p.m.
- The evening of Monday, Aug. 31 (either 6:30 or 7)

We hope to finalize the dates for the listening sessions by the end of July so families can get the dates on their calendars.

BC Blessing of the Backpacks

All students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship with them on Sunday, Aug. 23. During children's time that morning we will say a special blessing over all of the backpacks and our students and teachers as they

prepare for the start of another school year.

BC Back to School Splash Bash

Brown's Chapel will hold its annual Back to School Splash Bash on Sunday, Aug. 23 from 12:30 to 4. Help us celebrate the start of another school year. We will have water slides, games, sno cones and pizza. There is no cost to attend and everyone is invited to come.

Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage, the NC Conference's annual fall youth retreat, will be held at the Rocky Mount Event Center the weekend of Nov. 13-15. The theme this year is Serve Joyfully. This event is open to youth in 6th grade through 12th grade. Please let Michelle Rash know if your youth is interested in going. The church will cover the cost for all youth who attend.

BC Bible Study

Everyone is invited to the Bible Study meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible Study group is studying the book of Romans.

BC Choir Practice

The Choir is preparing for Homecoming. Come have a joyful noise evening and join the choir for practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. All are invited.

BC Fellowship Hall Improvements

The Fellowship Hall improvements are finished and looking great! Just in time for Homecoming too. Many thanks to all who helped with this effort!

BC First Thursday: Aug. 6

The First Thursday for August will be August 6 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish (if you can) and come join us for food, fun and fellowship! Our program will be a presentation by Bud and Kathy Hansen on The Empty Cross, sculpture gardens in Texas

The following meetings have been planned for the future:

For Sept 3, we will have a presentation on Church security by Tim Clapp, a retired state trooper and present security for Samaritans purse- who will review training for this by the FBI.

On Oct 1, we will finish the Bereavement series with the third presentation on Bereavement (Celebration of Life) by Pastor Ray Gooch.

BC Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee will have their next quarterly meeting on Sunday 8/16 at 10am in the upstairs first classroom.

Are there any wellness topics of interest or need for our congregation?

If you have any specific ideas or needs, please let a member of our wellness team know: Lynn Frost, Jeanette Mitchum, Sherri Stubbs, Donna Cheek, and Christie Morgan.

Anyone who would like to join our group is very welcome... perhaps you did not realize you have knowledge and skills to help in this way! As United Methodists, we are committed to creating abundant health -spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing for all. It is a way to promote congregational health to each of our journeys through the 5 Pillars of Wellness (Health/Physical Wellness, Financial Wellness, Emotional Wellness/Spiritual Wellness, and Social /Community Wellness).

BC Progressive Dinner: Aug. 22

The annual progressive dinner is approaching quickly.

Please join us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and fun.

We'll begin at 5:00pm at Gail Sloan's home where we'll be served a first course. Could it be salads, could it be appetizers? You'll have to join us to find out. Next we'll move on to Megan Alvord and Mitch Houk's home for the main course. Well finished up the evening at Bud and Kathy Hansen's for dessert.

To help our hosts plan, please RSVP no later than Sunday August 16.

You may sign up on the list at church or text or mail Robin.

(919)451-7355.

rlbrady5939@gmail.com

BC Fifth Sunday Food Drive for CORA

Mark your calendars as the next 5th Sunday for food collection is August 30!

Storage bins will be placed in the Sanctuary Sound Room and the Fellowship Building for collection. Items most needed are peanut butter and jelly, condiments, canned fruit, cereal, and toilet paper and they can always use dry beans, soup, cereal, pasta and sauce (no glass jars please).

BC Care For Kids

Care for Kids is expanding their mission of assisting homeless and home insecure children in Chatham County and takes over when other assistance has been exhausted or works in conjunction with other nonprofits in our area. Continuing funds will be needed to maintain the support being sought after by an increasing number of children in the county. Please consider making a one time or regular donations to Care for Kids. Checks

can be made to Brown's Chapel UMC, with Care for Kids in the memo line.

**BC 2026 Carolina Cross Connection
Missions Trip to Blowing Rock:
Sept. 17 - 20**

Anyone interested in a week-end of construction, service and fellowship with a missions team from church? We're talking to Carolina Cross Connection about having another missions trip to Blowing Rock – very similar to what we did last year when we had 12 people go and completed 2 ramps for people in need. We hope to stay and have meals at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. Please let Marcia know if you're interested at thekings2971@gmail.com or 919-704-6450. There will also be a signup sheet at church.

Prayer Pals Reminder

With school starting in August, now is a good time for Prayer Pal Adults to send cards to their Prayer Pals to let them know you are praying for them as they may anxiously await the start of a new school year.

Join the Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troops 1201 + 1306 are welcoming new Girl Scouts who are in K - 4th grades. We meet on Wednesdays from 6-7pm at

Mt. Pleasant UMC on Manns Chapel Road. Our first meeting will be Wednesday August 26th. If you're interested in joining, visit our website or reach out to Amber Yoder - ambera.yoder@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/view/girlscouttroop1201/home>

BC Save the Date – Brunswick Stew and Chicken Supper

Planning is already starting for the Brown's Chapel Brunswick Stew and Chicken Supper on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 3 to 7 pm. More details will be coming in the emails. Save the Date!

BC Help Still Needed:

- **UMYF age Teacher Needed:** A Sunday School teacher is needed for the UMYF class in September when they should restart meeting after the summer break. Sherri has helped with Sunday School for many years and would like to step down and attend class and we are thankful for her dedication. Our Youth Director, Michelle, will just be starting on her role here and would like the chance to listen, learn and observe for a month or two. While I am finding out the contact, please let me know if

you are interested and I will route you to the correct person.

- **Flower Signup:** A signup sheet is in the vestibule for people to sign up to provide flowers for the Sunday service.

Jamie's Vision Cookbooks (from Sherri)

Need an idea for a present? A cookbook from Jamie's vision would make a great gift and are still available. Cookbooks are for sale for \$20. Contact Sherri.

Jamie's Vision Raffle for Children in Need

Tickets are going fast! We only had 500, for a chance for \$5000. The money goes to children in need here in Chatham county. Let me know if you want any, please contact Sherri Stubbs at 919-444-3050.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=0fbb4e7923&attid=0.1.1&permmsgid=msg->

People News & Prayer Concerns:

- Our thoughts and condolences are with Teresa Farrell and her family at the loss of her father Earl Loy, Jr. who passed away on June 30. His memorial was held July 13. Mr. Earl sang with a gospel quartet who had sung at Brown's Chapel.

- Our thoughts and condolences are with Madolyn and Matt McDiarmid at the death of Madolyn's sister. The memorial is July 29 in South Dakota.
- Congratulations to Ruby Parks who made All State in High School Softball.
- Madilyn Brown and Lola Parks attended Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville in July.
- River Barber, great grandson Donna Holt, has been accepted at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital where they specialize in the syndrome he has (one of 2 hospitals in the country). They will be transferring him on July 28th. Prayers for good results in this study.
- Charles Lutterloh had a cochlear implant and we pray for improved hearing for Charles.
- Sybil Lutterloh had a cardiac ablation this month.
- Congratulations to Macy Griffin and Connor Kitchens who recently became engaged.
- Prayers for Pastor Bill and his family as he helps his parents through their health transitions

- RAIN!!!!!! We give God thanks and praise for the rain we have received, and continue to pray for more to replenish the extreme drought.
- Prayers for areas in our nation and other countries experiencing wildfires especially for those fighting the fires and those who have been displaced/evacuated.
- Our thoughts and condolences are with the family of Johnny Covert who passed away. A service was held at Pleasant Hill on July 7.
- Continue to pray for Dean Copeland, BJ's brother, who continues to have issues with leg/foot circulation concerns. Dean lives in Oklahoma.
- A big "THANK YOU" to Lisa Baaske for attending the NCUMC Conference and for her detailed reporting to PH upon her return
- Let's keep all our children, young people, teachers, bus drivers, and all school staff members in prayer as they return to school this month! Chatham County Public Schools begin August 25th.

From the Methodist Alignment Committee (MAC)...

The United Methodist Alignment Committee (MAC) of Brown's Chapel plans to hold its 3rd Quarter meeting in September. The scheduled date will be announced in the near future. Those interested are welcome to attend.

This year's NC Annual Conference was held in June in Greenville NC. The theme was *Serving Joyfully!* Four members of Brown's Chapel attended: Robin Brady, Jeanette Mitchum, JoAnn Ornat, and Steve Ornat. Pastor Bill Negron and Lisa Baaske (our lay representative) of Pleasant Hill were participants as well. Others who participated or viewed all or any portions (recordings are still available online, <https://nccumc.org/ac2026/>) of the Annual Conference online are encouraged to complete the following survey as feedback: <https://nccumc.org/ac2026/survey/>

The MAC appreciates the congregational interest and feedback regarding this year's presented resolutions. The following voting outcomes of those resolutions are published on the conference website as listed:

1. *Mock Resolution*, N/A
2. *Repairing the Breach*, Approved
3. *Call for Climate Change Adaptation*, Approved
4. *Urging Churches/Congregations to Minimize Generative AI Use and*

Call for Limitations on Unsustainable Data Centers,
Referred to the NCCUMC Creation Care Committee

5. *"I Was In Prison And You Visited Me" - Prison Ministry Initiatives & Justice,* Approved as amended

6. *Loving Our Neighbors Through Wearing Masks and Improving Air Quality,* Not approved

7. *Resolution Concerning Overly Restrictive Phone Policies in Schools,* Not approved

8. *Resolution Concerning Improving the Safety of Public US Schools,* Approved with amendments

9. *Resolution Concerning Access to Licensed Mental Health Counselors for Youth and Local Churches,*
Referred to the NC Health Ministries Committee

10. *Resolution Concerning the Military Seizure of Greenland,* Approved

11. *Access to Healthcare and Response to Medicaid Cuts,* Approved

For more information on the resolutions or voting please refer to the online document on resolution outcomes posted on the UMC NCAC website: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LtrnlwuDUJQdssj2ScHeCtpq4O52oqkfgqhjUv5VrBo/edit?pli=1&tab=t.0#heading=h.mt4clnkh4zgy>

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Stay Connected: Our Sunday 11am services are on Facebook and YouTube.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Brown's-Chapel-United-Methodist
(1) Facebook

Website: [Browns Chapel United Methodist Church](http://BrownsChapelUnitedMethodistChurch).

Youtube channel: [Browns Chapel UMC Pittsboro NC - YouTube](http://BrownsChapelUMCPittsboroNC-YouTube)

Content in our previous channel @BrownChapel-b8t can be viewed under Subscriptions in our current channel.

BC Attendance online in June: 8, 3, 23, 8 Average: 10

In response to the conference checklist for a more inviting website for new comers, Bud has added an **I'M NEW** page on our website. You may check it out at

<https://brownschapelumc.org/about/im-new>

Brown's Chapel Finance Summary

General Budget for 2026 \$160,256.00

Needed each week- \$3,081.85

Received Tithe's & Offerings 7/26/26 - \$3,622.00

Year-to-Date Needed \$92,455.50

Year-to-Date Given \$90,696.07

June 2026 Year-to-Date Totals

Total Year-to-Date Needed -
 \$80,128.00
 Total Year-to Date Given - \$73,133.72
 Total Year-to-Date Spent - \$87,396.60
 (included the full year of
 Apportionments Payment and
 Insurance was updated for
 Replacement cost)

BC QR code



BIRTHDAY LIST FOR AUGUST

3 Toni Holloman (BC)
 4 Lou Byrd (BC)
 4 Joe Paulus (PH)
 7 Vickie Keck (PH)
 9 Jacqueline Watson (BC)
 11 Anneli Morrison (PH)
 14 Matt McDiarmid (BC)
 16 Cliff Bampton (BC)
 16 Mason Lutterloh (BC)
 16 Kyle Goodwin (BC)
 17 Robert Britson (BC)
 19 Danny McLaurin (PH)
 24 Ricky Byrd (BC)
 27 Tammy Everett (PH)
 27 Earl McLaurin (PH)
 29 Steffi Greenhill (BC))
 29 William Mitchell (PH)

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY

2 PH: Men's Breakfast 8am
 2 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
 2 BC: *No Sunday School: 10:00 am, Ruth Thomas Class*
 2 BC: Homecoming Worship, 11:00 am
 2 BC: Homecoming Lunch afterwards

4 BC: Bible study, 10:00 am
 5 PH: Prayer service 6:30pm
 5 BC: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 9 BC: Men's Club Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
 9 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
 9 PH: Administrative Council Meeting, 3:00 pm
 9 BC: Sunday School: 10:00 am, Ruth Thomas and Fellowship Class
 9 BC: Worship, 11:00
 11 BC: Bible study, 10:00 am
 11 BC: Brunswick Stew planning meeting, 6:30 pm
 12 PH: Prayer service 6:30pm
 12 BC: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 16 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
 16 PH: Green Family Reunion
 16 BC: Sunday School: 10:00 am, Ruth Thomas Class
 16 BC: Worship, 11:00
 18 BC: Bible study, 10:00 am
 18 BC: Third Tuesday Evening Prayer Service 6:30 pm
 19 PH: Prayer service 6:30pm
 19 BC: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 20 BC: UWIF Dinner at S&T's 6:00 pm
 23 PH: Worship, 9:30, "Back to School" brunch following worship
 23 BC: Sunday School: 10:00am, Ruth Thomas and Fellowship Classes
 23 BC: Worship, 11:00 and Blessing of the Backpacks
 23 BC: Back to School Splash Bash, 12:30 – 4:00
 25 1st day of school for Chatham County Public Schools
 25 BC: Bible study 10am
 25 Submissions for Aug Newsletter
 26 PH: Prayer service 6:30pm
 26 BC: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 30 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
 30 BC: Sunday School: 10:00am, Ruth Thomas Class
 30 BC: Worship, 11:00
 30 BC: CORA Food Drive
 Sept PH: Neighbor to Neighbor event, dates TBD
 Sept 27 BC: Administrative Council meeting
 Nov. 7 BC: Brunswick Stew and Chicken Sale – Save the Date

