

PITTSBORO UNITED METHODIST CIRCUIT NEWS

Brown's Chapel & Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches

PH-P. O. Box 1322 Pittsboro NC 27312

BC-P.O. Box 1543

Volume XXIII

Bill Negron, Pastor

May 2026

910-547-1879

wnegron@nccumc.org



Ephesians 4:32 “And be ye kind one to another tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” ***KJ21***

As a parent I am very protective of my children. All my children are on the autism spectrum, and have had various levels of challenges and successes. So, as a parent and advocate for their well-being I was even more diligent in protecting them from the harshness of life. Since, my wife was a school teacher I was responsible for dropping off and picking up my children from school. One day I picked up my daughter Rose from her elementary school and I asked her how her day was. “Fine, but there was this girl...” I sucked in my breath and held it. I thought, am I prepared to hear what she will say next? I wasn’t! “She called me ugly.” I instantly saw red! My daughter is beautiful, sure I’m biased but really if I were to take a poll of random strangers they would all say the same thing. My Daughter Rosie is beautiful! Full stop! And I started to huff and puff. “Well!” I said, “She is clearly jealous! Because you are beautiful.” I said my anger building and overflowing. Then came my strategy. “The next time you see that Heffer, you tell her she’s ugly and she’s just jealous!” My daughter looked at me straight in the eye and said “No, daddy.” I looked her and she held my gaze and she spoke. “Maybe I just need to say she’s beautiful, maybe no one has ever told her she’s beautiful and that’s why she called me ugly, because she feels ugly.” There it was. Out of the mouth of babes. I have to confess I didn’t know what to say or feel. Embarrassed that I who preached the gospel encouraged my daughter to call someone else’s daughter ugly. Gratitude, that my daughter without any seminary training grasped a compassion that could only be taught by the Holy Spirit. But most of all a revelation that the Kingdom of God belongs to those whose hearts are like children. Children whom through the grace of God can grasp the bigger picture that eludes we “so-called’ Adults. ***Ephesians 4:32*** is not a suggestion, it’s not really just a command. It is and indicator of who we are in Christ. Christians are to be kind, because God through Christ was and is kind to us. Because we are so loved

we have no reason to call, or be ugly to anyone. I weep every time I think about that conversation I had with my daughter. God has given all of us beauty for ashes. Now I know How truly beautiful my daughter is, because the love of God guided her response. May we all be like children who are loved by the 'Father' in such a way that we instinctively express loving kindness.



BC's BBQ



BC's BBQ



Easter at PH



Moment with PH's Children

Liturgists for May

BC

Allen Gubert, May 3rd
Lynn Frost, May 10th
Bill Negron, May 17th
Ruby Parks, May 24th
Mason Lutterloh/Jennifer Negron, May 31st

PH

Caleb Stevenson, May 3rd
Aaron Fogle, May 10th
Lisa Baaske, May 17th
Jennifer Negron, May 24th
Aaron Fogle, May 31st

BC Sunday School

Schedules for the Children, Youth and Young Adult will be posted in the weekly emails. The Fellowship Class will not meet on a weekly basis during the spring/summer vacation season. From now until after Labor Day, the Fellowship Class will meet on the **second and fourth Sundays** of each month--but will resume weekly classes in the fall.

BC Administrative Council Call

Meeting: June 14

The Administrative Council meeting scheduled for June 7 has been rescheduled to June 14. Committee Chairs are asked to please send Monica their report by June 1 at mcraigpbo@outlookcom.

BC Mother's Day Roses: Apr 26 - May 3

Orders for Mother's Day roses are due no later than May 3rd. Each rose costs \$5 and the proceeds will be donated to the Methodist Retirement Home. The order forms will be available in the church vestibules. Forms and payments can be turned into the collection plate or mailed

to Teresa Martin at PO Box 1543, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Payments are accepted by cash, check or QR code (on bulletin).

BC Fifth Sunday Food Drive for CORA

As we continue through the spring season, you are invited to continue to support CORA in their drive called **Blessings of Three Meals a Day!** Storage bins will be placed in the Sanctuary Sound Room and the Fellowship Building starting the 5th Sunday in May (May 31) and we will collect thru the month of June. Items needed are canned meat, cereal, oatmeal, rice, salt, pepper and spices, pasta sauce, soup, dry beans, canned fruit, masa, and cooking oil.

BC Bible Study: Apr. 28

Everyone is invited to the Bible Study meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall as they study the book of Romans.

BC Prayer and Healing Service

The Prayer and Healing Service is scheduled for May 19.

BC Yoga: May 4, 7:00 – 8 pm (Note time change)

A new 9 week Yoga session, Fruit of the Spirit, will begin on Monday, May 4 from 7 – 8 pm (time change due to longer daylight hours).

Galatians 5: 22-23- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no

law. In this session we will contemplate the 9 attributes of a Christian life that are produced by the Holy Spirit reflecting the character of Christ and that are essential for living a life that honors God as we move our bodies in connection with breath.

All are welcome regardless of yoga experience or fitness level, modifications offered

BC First Thursday May 7

The First Thursday for May will be May 7 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. Megan and Mitch will be presenting the program. Bring a dish (if you can) and come join us for food, fun and fellowship!

BC Finance Report



General Budget for 2026 \$160,256.00
Needed each week- \$3,081.85
Received Tithes & Offerings 4/26/26 - \$5,532.00
Year-to-Date Needed \$52,391.45
Year-to-Date Given \$49,314.07

BC Men's Club: May 10

The Browns Chapel Men's group would like to show our appreciation for all of the

women that continue to help us grow in Christian faith and service. Your example, prayers, and support are so important as we refine our walk with the Lord. Please come and join us as we share breakfast with all women and mothers on Sunday, May 10 at 8:30 am.

BC Flower and Bulb Exchange

The Brown's Chapel Wellness Committee will host its annual plant & bulb exchange after worship (near the front entrance) on Mother's Day, May 10th. Please bring extra plants, seeds, or bulbs you wish to share! There will also be a flower planting activity for the children.



BC Free Yard Sale

Are items accumulating around your house after the gifts and holidays? The UWIF will be hosting another Free Yard Sale on June 13! Kitchen appliances and dishes, tools for inside and out, old electronics or items that just did not work for you. No Clothes, No Food, No Paint or Chemicals. Please save giveaway items for the yard sale.

Breakaway 2026: You've Got a Friend

Breakaway is a week long summer event for junior and senior high school students at Louisburg College June 22 – 26. If your child is wanting to go to Breakaway, please let Sherri know ASAP (hopefully not too late) with the child's birthday and your email so she can get everyone registered. Registration is paid for by the church!

BC Youth Director position now available for the right Candidate.

Grace and peace be unto you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we endeavor to address the needs of our ever-expanding youth population. A position for a youth director has been posted on the conference website. The SPRC chair Allen Gubert and myself wish to thank the parents who helped in developing the criteria and expectations for this position. Below is a brief summary of what we are looking for. As potential candidates arise, those same parents will be invited into the selection process, as they share their directives to assist in our final choice.

Job Title: Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Position Summary

The Director of Children and Youth Ministries is responsible for planning, coordinating, and leading comprehensive ministry programming for children (nursery through 5th grade), youth (middle school and high school), and their families. This role provides spiritual leadership, volunteer coordination, event planning, and consistent communication to support faith formation, community engagement, and family connection within the church.

**We ask all of you to be in prayer that God through Christ will send us the right person for this very important ministry.*

BC Thank You to Church Family:

Thank you for the outpouring of love we received at our baby sprinkle. I had many "little" helping hands when packing up, so most of the cards were separated from the gifts. We are overwhelmed by the support we have received and incredibly grateful as we prepare for this new season! Thank you, again!

Lauren and Chance

BC BBQ for Sale:

The BBQ sale was a success but we still have over 100 cartons of pork BBQ in the Fellowship Hall freezer to sell for \$10 a container. Money may be: 1) left in the freezer cash box clearly marked BBQ, 2) Put in the offering plate and clearly mark the envelope or memo line on the check with BBQ or 3) Paid for via QR code (on bulletin) designating for BBQ.

Brown's Chapel Website and YouTube:

If you have not seen it, Bud Hansen and others have been updating the website.

Check it out at: [Browns Chapel United Methodist Church](#).

We are also changing our current youtube channel to be

@brownschapelunitedmethodis9241

Content in our previous

channel @BrownChapel-b8t can be

viewed under Subscriptions in our current

channel. Our website now reflects this

change. Other changes are in process to

improve the live stream capabilities.

Thanks Bud Hansen

**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 have changed the date and are now going the weekend of September 17-20.** By changing the date, we should be able 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.

**BC Care For Kids from Brown's
Chapel**

At Brown's Chapel, we continue to live out love for our neighbors through our partnership with the *Care for Kids* ministry. Care for Kids is now helping serve **"in-need" children across Chatham County.** Along with responding to specific requests for individual students, the ministry will now also help **stock small school supply closets** managed by social workers—so essential items are readily available when a child needs them. *To support this mission with your gifts,* make your check out to: Brown's

Chapel and write "Care for Kids" in the memo line.

BC 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.

BC Fellowship Hall Improvements

Thanks to a gift from Cliff and Linda Bampton, we have updated our Fellowship Hall with new flooring and will be continuing to update before Homecoming with new appliances and countertops and other cleaning work.

BC Methodist Alignment Committee

The Methodist Alignment Committee (MAC) of Brown's Chapel will meet **Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.** All are invited.

Those who plan to attend the UMC NC Annual Conference in June are encouraged to attend (you do not have to be part of MAC). During the May 5th meeting, we will begin to review conference information (as available) in order to prepare our church representatives. We will also schedule dates and plan how we share "pre-conference" information with the congregation, so others have opportunities to learn and provide feedback regarding items to be voted on at the Annual Conference.

Please send questions or suggestions to
Jeanette Mitchum
jsmitchum24@gmail.com.

**BC Care and Share Ministry at
Seaforth (from Sherri) through May
15:**

1. The Seaforth ECS Students will be maintaining a Care and Share Ministry for the teachers and staff. If you would like to contribute items to the ministry, items may be placed in the Fellowship Hall. The students will stock and maintain the storage area as part of their vocational training and experience. This project will be an opportunity for the ECS students to build independence, gain responsibility and compassion through service. We Accept Donations Of:

2. Non-Perishable Food Items

- Canned goods
- Pasta, rice, boxed meals
- Snacks, Juice
- Cereal, Crackers, Bread

Hygiene & Personal Care Items

- Soap, shampoo, deodorant
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent
- Paper products

People News:

- Congratulations to Jamie Sirls for retirement from UPS after 31 years of service. We are sure his customers will miss him!
- Congratulations to Sherri on winning the well-deserved Teacher of the Year

award at Seaforth High School and Chatham County CTE Teacher of the Year!

- Shout Out to Herbie, the Stubbs family and Marcus for their heroic efforts to save two youth who were struggling in the water last weekend at Ocean Isle! They have been recognized by the Sheriff's Office and several TV stations.
- After a trying month of a UTI, sepsis and Covid, Helen Lemons has moved back to Cambridge and is happy to be back. The doctors report that she is doing great.
- Olivia Frost has moved to San Diego. Lynn and Andy drove across the country to visit her and stopped at National Parks along the way. Lynn has also travelled with a group of family members from New Elam Church on a train trip to Washington DC to tour the monuments and the Museum of the Bible as well as the Smithsonian Zoo. She says it has been an amazing month of travel full of God's blessings displayed in so many different ways.
- Donna H, Pat and Delores Butler have travelled to Sanibel Island, FL and had a delightful time exploring the beach and shelling.
- River Barber was born to Logan and Stacie Barber on Sunday, April 26th. After going home on Monday, he encountered breathing problems and tests found a brain bleed. He is now back in the hospital in Phoenix for more tests. Prayers for River, Logan and Stacie.

- We are thankful for the rain received but continue to pray for more steady rain to replenish the severe drought.
- Kim Straughn remains at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill. Ms. Lessie reports that Kim recently was seen with her knitting needles in hand which was a welcomed sight! Prayers for healing and strength so Kim can come home.
- After several trips to the ER for fluid build-up, Jean Copeland had a successful heart valve replacement procedure. She is home and working on building up her strength but feeling much better!
- AB Morrison and family got quite a surprise when they welcomed a new baby donkey to the farm family! Mama donkey was keeping it a secret that a little one was on the way! What a sweet spring surprise and a cute sight to behold!
- Many dapper and elegantly dressed youth from Pleasant Hill and Brown's Chapel attended Prom at Jordan Matthews, Northwood, and Seaforth High Schools recently. A good time was had by all!

PH Mother's Day Roses

Orders for Mother's Day Roses are due May 3rd. Roses are \$5 each and the proceeds will be donated to the Methodist Home For Children. Forms are located in the vestibule. Please place completed forms and payment in the collection plates or give to Barbara Pugh. Acceptable payment methods include check, cash, or QR code (drop down option.)

PH Homecoming

Mark your calendars and spread the word that Pleasant Hill's Homecoming is Sunday, June 14th. Note the change in service time: Brown's Chapel worship at 9:30, Pleasant Hill worship at 11:00 with lunch to follow.

PH Administrative Council Meeting

There will be an administrative council meeting on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 in the upstairs meeting room. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

PH Missions

"Bless Every Bottom" - May Diaper Drive

For the month of May our church family is coming together in a simple yet powerful way to serve our community. This mission focuses on meeting a very real and sometimes overlooked need - providing diapers for individuals of all ages, from infants to adults. We are collecting all sizes of diapers, including infant, toddler, and adult sizes. All donations will go directly to local nonprofit organizations such as The Council on Aging, CORA, Second Bloom, and the Women's Shelter - supporting families, seniors, and individuals with needs in our community. Donations may be placed on the front pew in the sanctuary through the end of May.

Free Yard Sale Update

We are grateful to share the success of our recent Free Yard Sale at Pleasant Hill, which was a wonderful time of fellowship and service. People of all ages from our community came out to participate, and it was a joy to see so many smiling faces. From toys and household items to jars of

pennies and special finds, everyone who attended was able to find a treasure or two. More than just meeting material needs, the event created an atmosphere of connection, kindness, and generosity. Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered their time, and helped make this outreach possible. (And for those unable to stop by, you missed out on Mrs. Vickie Keck's blueberry muffins and sausage balls! What a treat!)

Edward and Kay Straughn
 Susan and George Booth
 Joseph and Bonnie Roach
 Susan J. Kelemen
 Jackie and Susan Rives
 Tracy and Lee Cox
 Phyllis Pettit
 George and Patricia Bucklad

PH Financial Report



Budget \$61,560.00
 Need Weekly \$1184.00
 Rec'd 4/26/26 \$692.00
 YTD Need \$20,128.00
 YTD Given \$19,460.00

Memorial Contributions honoring B. J. Copeland

Our sincere thanks to the following persons for their gracious donations to Pleasant Hill honoring B. J. Copeland. The Pleasant Hill Church family.

Jerry Copeland
 Dixie Clark
 Nancy Davis
 James and Rebecca Cato
 Patricia Dukes
 Wanda Moody
 Duane Obert

May Birthdays

2 Kevin Condrey BC
 2 Thomas Smith BC
 6 Julie Fogle PH
 7 Campbell Parks BC
 9 Lessie Straughn PH
 10 Tiffany Cooper PH
 10 Pam Ard PH
 13 Cameron Stevenson PH
 15 Ethel Lindley PH
 16 Trent Cline PH
 17 Allison Bender PH
 18 Edward McLaurin, III PH
 20 Ruby Parks BC
 23 Willie Haywood PH
 24 Sue Harrison PH
 27 Bill Easterling BC
 27 Kerry Straughn PH
 27 Logan Barber BC
 28 Kendra Goodwin BC
 28 Brian Griffin BC
 31 Kimberly Berens BC

Church Calendar for May

- 3 PH Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- 3 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
- 3 BC: Sunday School, 10:00 am; Worship, 11:00 am
- 4 BC Yoga 7:00 pm
- 5 BC Bible Study 10 a.m.
- 6 PH Prayer service 6:30pm.
- 6 BC Choir Practice 7:30pm
- 10 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
- 10 BC UMM Mother's Day Breakfast 8:30 am
- 10 BC: Sunday School, 10:00 am; Worship, 11:00 am
- 10 BC: Sunday School for Youth, Young Adult and UMYF
- 10 BC: Sunday School for Fellowship
- 10 BC Flower and Bulb Exchange – after service
- 11 BC Yoga. 7:00 pm
- 12 BC Bible Study at Brown's Chapel, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Pleasant Hill Prayer service 6:30pm
- 13 BC Choir Practice 7:30pm
- 17 Ascension Day
- 17 Pleasant Hill Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
- 17 BC: Sunday School, 10:00am Worship, 11:00
- 17 PH Administrative Council Meeting, 3:00
- 18 BC Yoga 7:00 pm
- 19 Bible Study at Brown's Chapel, 10: a.m.
- 19 BC: Prayer and Healing Service
- 24 Aldersgate Day
- 24 Pentecost (invited to wear red)
- 24 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
- 24 BC: Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00
- 24 BC: Sunday School for Youth, Young Adult and UMYF
- 24 BC: Sunday School for Fellowship Class
- 25 BC Yoga 7:00 pm
- 26 BC Bible Study at Brown's Chapel, 10:00 a.m.
- 27 Pleasant Hill prayer 6:30 p.m.
- 27 BC Choir practice 7:30pm
- 31 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
- 31 BC: Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00
- 31 BC: Food Collection for CORA
- June 14 PH: Homecoming, 11:00 with lunch to follow

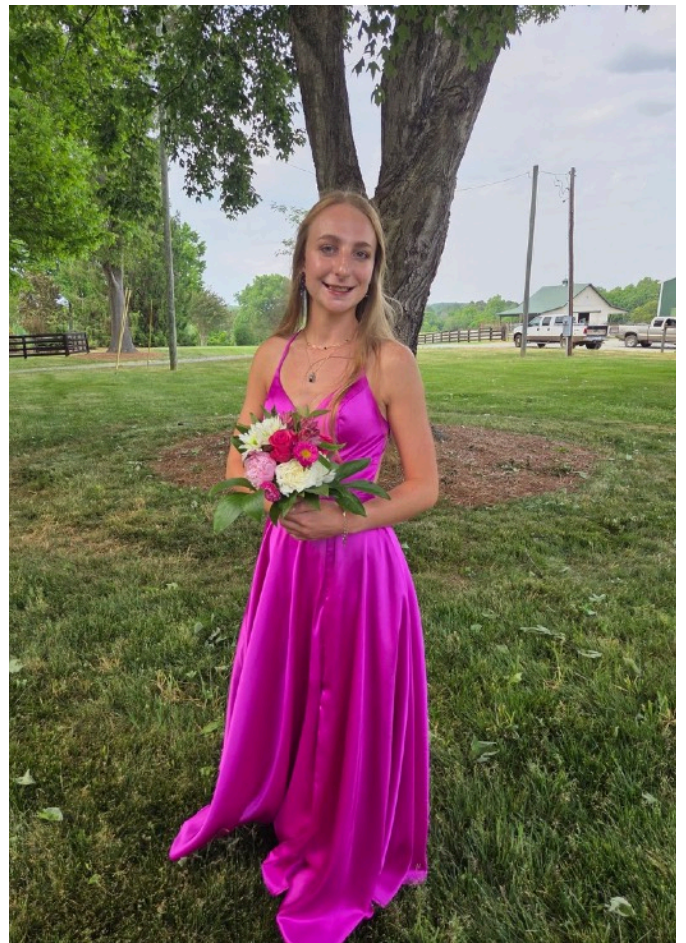
June 14 BC: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45

June 14 BC Administrative Council Meeting, 3:00

Aug 2 BC: Homecoming, 11:00



Savannah Stubbs, Seaforth Prom



Ivey Mitchell, Jordan Matthews Prom



Caleb Stevenson, Northwood Prom



Campbell Parks (in blue), Northwood Prom
If you know, you know!