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***GOD IS MY WITNESS: 2nd Corinthians 5:18** “All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”*

In the Old Testament, Nehemiah who led the reconstruction of the temple after the return from exile back to Jerusalem, had the whole assembly of God at the temple court for the reading of the law. Because the people had been so far removed from their religion and had not heard the word of God for over 70 years. They began to weep. They wept because they realized how distant they were from their fellowship from God. Nehemiah's response to the weeping was as follows: This day is holy unto our Lord, do not grieve for the Joy of the Lord is our strength.” **Nehemiah 8:10** It marked the beginning of massive spiritual revival, deep remorse, and joyous celebration. When we are far removed from God's word, and thus His fellowship we lose sight of who we are. That's kind of what happened at the NC Annual Conference 2026. Thursday June 18th a resolution resoundingly failed consideration. One that shouldn't have failed if we truly understand our Christian identity. **Resolution II Repairing the Breach** invited the NC Conference to consider repairing relationship with those of Global Methodist Church. The response to the resolution was viscerally negative. People had brought up past infractions. (Some of which I too had experienced) Though some claimed it was too soon to even consider; it wasn't even tabled for future consideration. It died completely on the floor by acclamation. Only a handful of delegates out of thousands voted for its passage. I was very disappointed at the attitudes toward forgiveness and reconciliation. Those holding on to grudges and hurts that are appeared more powerful than the divinity of Christ forgiveness. All these rigid feelings of unforgiveness, brought up in me, all the hard feelings and all the old wounds of disaffiliation but from a new, raw place of despair. How far-removed we are from the very grace of God that has set us all free. Like the

people of Nehemiah, I weep at how far we have strayed from the Godly ministry of reconciliation. What does this testimony say about our denomination? I plan to re-write and resubmit the resolution next year at Annual Conference 2027. Please pray that when that the people of God remember who we truly are, and there will be revival. For the Joy of the Lord is our strength, and not the bitterness of unforgiveness.

BC Liturgist

July 5th Allen Gubert

July 12th Lynn Frost

July 19th Ruby Parks /Jennifer Negron

July 26th Mason Lutterloh

PH liturgist

July 5th Aaron Fogle

July 12th Lisa Baaske

July 19th Jennifer Negron

July 26th Caleb Stevenson

America 250: One Nation Under God: July 4

There are many events in Pittsboro and showing on TV to observe the 250th birthday of the USA. May we all be grateful for those who have fought for or died for us to have the freedom we have today.

BC Choir Practice

Choir practice resumes July 1 as they prepare for Homecoming. Come have a joyful noise evening and join the choir for practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. All are invited.

BC First Thursday: July 2

The First Thursday for July will be July 2 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish (if you can) and come join us for food, fun and fellowship! Our program will be the second program on bereavement by Duane Cutlip from Donaldson's Funeral Home. Duane will be including something for younger adults. Michelle Rash, the new youth director, is also planning to be there! The following meetings have been planned:

On Aug. 6, we will have a presentation by Bud and Kathy Hansen on The Empty Cross sculpture prayer gardens in Texas.

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 FBI.

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

BC Men's Club

The Men's Club breakfast will be Sunday, July 12 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jamie, Steve, Mike and John look forward to sharing fellowship and good food!

BC Yoga

There will be no yoga classes in July but will resume in August.

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 The Evening Prayer Service for July has been cancelled.**BC UWIF MissionU District Meeting**

On Saturday, July 25 from 9 until 3:30 p.m. our UWIF will host a Fairway District Mission U study. "A Deep Knowing: Experiencing Emmanuel through Every Part of our Lives" will help us grow in our faith as we compare Biblical "God with Us" our leader, using a study book by same title. It is available on Amazon, but not required. This annual event always brings joy in fellowship, leadership and learning together. All women are invited to be a blessing and receive a blessing at this great opportunity. Registration is 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. with light refreshments we provide, and lunch at noon.

BC Homecoming: 180 Years

On Aug. 3rd, 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.

BC Progressive Dinner

Progressive dinners are a fun fellowship idea where multiple people host courses of the meal and it gives you the opportunity to have fun and learn more about the people who come. Our next dinner has been scheduled for August 22 at 5:00 pm:

Appetizers/Salad: Gail's Sloane's house

Main Dish: Megan Alvord and Mitch Houk's house

Dessert: Bud and Kathy Hansen's house

BC CORA

As we continue the 5th Sunday food collection for CORA, we contributed 141 lbs of food in April and 101 lbs of food in May. Mark your calendars as the next 5th Sunday for food collection is in August.

BC Care For Kids Grant!

Care for Kids has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Gary Wayne Locklear Mission Endowment. These funds are highly sought after and the application

process is rigorous. These funds will help Care for Kids expand their mission of assisting homeless and home insecure children in Chatham County. This mission takes over when other assistance has been exhausted or in working 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 Chatham 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: Meet Michelle Rash – Youth Director!

From our new Youth Director Michelle:

I am excited to be joining Brown's Chapel as the new Youth Director! I come from Gibsonville UMC (the farthest east church in the Western North Carolina Conference), where after teaching Sunday School, directing Vacation Bible School and being a leader in the children and youth programs for several years, I have formally served as the Director of Children and Youth since March 2022. I love finding new ways to connect children and youth to the love of God and feel a growing call to find ways to better equip parents for faith conversations at home. I attended Elon, where I was one of the last Elon College Fightin' Christians, and have degrees in journalism and broadcast

communications. I worked for two newspapers and then for a PR agency in Greensboro for several years, before moving to the non-profit sector, allowing me to use my professional background in another kind of ministry. I now serve as the Director of Communications for SAFE, which is headquartered on NC 87 about 10 miles north of Brown's Chapel and operates three (soon to be four) food pantries and resource centers in Alamance County. I have been married to Chris for 26 years, and am the mother of Ainsley, 19, who just finished her freshman year at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. I enjoy a good (or even mediocre) latte, regularly binge watch Gilmore Girls, and like reading historical fiction. Thank you to everyone who has reached out already! I look forward to getting to know all of you and seeing where God is going to lead the children, youth and families of BC!

BC Fellowship Hall Improvements

Thanks to a gift from Cliff and Linda Bampton, more updates are being made to the Fellowship Hall. New appliances are in (stove, dishwasher and refrigerator) and the finishing work is on schedule to be complete before Homecoming.

BC 2026 Carolina Cross Connection Missions Trip to Blowing Rock

Anyone interested in a week-end of construction, service and fellowship

with a missions team from church? We are planning to go with Carolina Cross Connection on another missions trip to Blowing Rock Sept. 17-20 – 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.

Annual Conference 2026

The NC Annual Conference was held in Greenville from June 18-20th. Both Brown's Chapel and Pleasant Hill were represented. Those who attended are as listed: Bill Negron, Lisa Baaske, Robin Brady, Jeanette Mitchum, and JoAnn & Steve Ornat. For any questions, please reach out to one or more of the listed individuals.

Here is a link to the website with all the events and voting outcomes:

<https://nccumc.org/ac2026/>

All are encouraged to view the videos of the conference, which are available on the website. Reports from one or more of the attendees should be available by July. Please continue to pray for our local churches and the UMC denomination.

BC Help Still Needed:

- **Liturgists:** We are happy to have Ruby and Mason as new liturgists. If you are willing to help fill in, especially during summer vacations,

please text or call Pastor Bill at 910-547-1879.

• **Fellowship Class Teacher Needed to alternate or help with one Sunday a month starting in August: Text or call Jeanette at 919-842-2698. Notice that I have provided names and phone numbers to make it easier for you to offer to help.**

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 Back-to-School project – United Women in Faith

We know summer just started, but we're already thinking about how we can 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 – please mark them as Back-to-School 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.

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 Independence Day Celebration

For those not traveling for the holiday, join us for our traditional hot dog meal followed by homemade ice cream to celebrate American 250! We will begin at 5:00 p.m. so folks will have time to enjoy a meal before heading out to find fireworks to watch! There is no sign up to attend but a verbal "rsvp" to Barbara, Lessie, or Jean is appreciated!

Help Request

55+ woman from our neighborhood urgently looking for a place to live until she can obtain long term housing. Current situation has owner's mother moving in so she needs to vacate. Due to her medical situation Brenda needs to stay within Chatham County to keep her medical specialists. Brenda is a strong woman of faith; independent and willing to help with household/outdoor chores as able. She

has no pets. No drugs/alcohol. Non-smoker. She is on a fixed income and can pay up to \$900/month.

Unfortunately, the Chatham Housing Authority has a waitlist of 700+ and is no longer taking applications. Might you have a mother-in-law suite, or a unused mobile home, studio room, or comfortable camper she can stay in while she continues to look for long term housing?

Please call Brenda Conway at 910-986-4388, (or Lisa Baaske at 919-612-7256 for a reference).

People News:

- Baby News: Emeline (Emme) Gwyn Robison was born on June 4 to the proud family of Lauren and Chance, Russell and Raine, and grandparents Keith and Teresa Martin.
- More Baby News: Brooks Lane Straughn was born on June 6 to the proud parents of Robert and Caroline and grandparents Edward and Kay Straughn.
- Johnny Glosson was honored at a celebration for his 90th birthday on June 14th.
- Our prayers and compassion are with the family of Benton Thraikill who passed away June 9 after being on Hospice and years with Parkinson's. Benton was the brother-in-law of Ava and Sandy Fogleman.
- Carrie Bartholf reports that she was safe and doing well after recent storms hit just 3 miles from her house in Napierville, IL.
- Harper attended the Conference Breakaway at Louisburg College with the theme 'You've Got A Friend'.
- Continued prayers for River Barber, Logan and Stacie (great grandson of Donna Holt). River is gaining weight which is good news! Stacie and Logan are meeting with various specialists about interventions that may be helpful as he grows and trying to consider techniques that can be implemented sooner rather than later to help with hearing and vision difficulties.
- Madilyn performed in the kid's play Madagascar at Temple Theatre in Sanford.
- Congratulations to Clara Brown who has graduated from pre-Kindergarten at Lemon Drops Learning and will be moving on to Bonlee Elementary School for kindergarten.
- Congratulations to Kane Goodwin who has finished 5th grade at Pittsboro Elementary and will be moving on to Horton Middle School.
- Congratulations to Ruby Parks made the First Team All-County Softball team!
- We are thankful for the rain we have received but continue to pray for more rain to replenish the severe drought.
- Ivey Mitchell is recovering well from surgery to repair a torn ACL.
- Prayers for the family of Johnny Covert who passed away on June 24.

BC Stay Connected:

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

Website: [Browns Chapel United
Methodist Church.](https://www.brownschapel.org)

Youtube channel: [Browns Chapel
UMC Pittsboro NC - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBrownsChapelUMCPittsboroNC)

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

Pleasant Hill's QR code



Brown's Chapel's Financial Report

General Budget for 2026 \$160,256.00

Needed each week- \$3,081.85

Received Tithe's & Offerings 6/21/26 -
\$1,760.00

Year-to-Date Needed \$77,046.25

Year-to-Date Given \$71,885.07

BC QR code



BIRTHDAY LIST FOR JULY

- 1. Betsy Mitchell (PH)
- 8 Brenda Gaster (BC)
- 10 Jean Stubbs (BC)
- 11 Renee Williams (PH)
- 13 Oliver Mitchum (BC)
- 14 Faye Culberson (PH)
- 14 Clara Paulus (PH)

15 Jeanette Mitchum (BC)
18 Gene Entrekin (BC)
18 Margaret Lawless (BC)
18 Hazel Yoder-Gall (BC)
19 Megan Alvord (BC)
20 Lauren Robison (BC)
20 Madilyn Brown (BC)
25 Kay Straughn (BC)
27 Brandon Brown (BC)

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY

1 PH: Prayer service 6:30pm
1 BC: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
2 BC: First Thursday, 6:30 Bereavement, Duane Cutlip
4 PH: Independence Day Hot Dog/Ice Cream celebration 5:00 pm
4 America 250 – Celebrate wherever you can
5 PH: Men's Breakfast 8am
5 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
5 BC: Sunday School: 10:00 am, Ruth Thomas Class
5 BC: Worship, 11:00
7 BC: Bible study, 10:00 am
8 PH: Prayer service 6:30pm
8 BC: Choir Practice 7:30 pm
12 BC: Men's Club Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
12 PH: Worship, 9:30; Sunday School, 10:45
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26 Submissions for Aug Newsletter
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August 3rd Homecoming Browns Chapel



Michelle Rash, youth director



Kane at 5th Grade Walkout



Clara - Up next, Kindergarten!



Flowers presented to Ms. Jean in memory of Mr. BJ



Recognition of years of service presented to Thomas Downing



Gracie's Baptism



PH Homecoming 2026