

# Hands & Feet

The monthly newsletter of Salisbury First Baptist Church



## Before Vision Comes Humility

The ability to see is a wonderful gift from the Lord. With our eyes we can see the beauty that was created by our Lord. With our eyes we see the faces of those we love, we experience the emotions of movies and we can see the danger that may be coming our way. Vision has a way of impacting our hearts and how they feel, with them we judge what is right and what is wrong, but we also know that our eyes can lie to us.

Sometime what we see is only a mirage, it looks good for a moment, but on the inside it is rotten. Take a tree for example. You find the most beautiful oak tree to make lumber for a new kitchen table and as you begin to cut into it, something just isn't right, its hollow and dead inside. What you thought was a beautiful healthy tree, was really dead inside.

As I think about church vision, the God given purpose, mission, and forward direction of the church, I think about those trees and though the trees look healthy and as if they have a purpose and everything looks great, sometimes they are hollow when you cut into them. What looks good on the outside may not be so great on the inside.

### This Month

July 26-30  
CBA Youth Camp

July 31  
CBA Day Camp

August 1-4  
CBA Children's Camp

August 4  
Ladies Movie Night

August 8  
MBCH Sunday  
Alan Caulkins Preaching

August 8  
Ryan & Becca's Class  
Get together

August 11  
Church Council @7

August 15  
Deacon Meeting @7

August 22  
Prayer Walk

August 23  
First Day of School for  
Salisbury

September 5th  
Church Vision Sermon  
Series Begins

Church vision is an interesting thing. It is a mix of wants, desires, big dreams, and a leadership that is solely focused on the Kingdom of God. It is and should be a prophetic word from the Lord as we seek and pray and fast together for the same good, not our good but the greatness of God displayed in our church, and yes sometimes that means cutting down some proverbially long standing trees that are hollow on the inside.

Over the next few months we are going to spend time in God's Word and in prayer with some fasting added in there as we seek to align ourselves with the Kingdom of God and look to the future of Salisbury FBC and the work the Lord has ahead of us. You may be asking what that looks like? To be honest I am going in with an open mind and without preconceived ideas. We could look at other churches and what they are doing, but they are not us, nor are they in our community or unique ministry location. We are going to take the past and look to the future as we attempt to fulfill our purpose here right now.

It all begins with you and your relationship with God. Humility always comes before vision and it is the hardest part of the entire process. Sometimes it means dealing with our own prideful issues before we can come to the table together and hear from God. I believe humility always begins in prayer and fasting, and yes you are part of that journey. So, join with me as we seek the Lord and attempt to honor the kingdom of God here at Salisbury FBC. It's going to be a blast!

Serving Him, Pastor Kurtis

## Super Summer 2021

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Super Summer was held at HLGU June 13-16 and Madisyn Conway and Morghyn Munden attended. The theme this year was Paragon, and focused on Jesus being the perfect example for us. "[Jesus] is the radiance of the glory of God, the exact imprint of His nature." – Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)

Our time was spent doing small group Bible study, large group worship, entertainment, and recreation. We had wonderful conversations and were all challenged to walk closer with Jesus.

— Cloe Billington





# Crossroads Baptist Association Mission Trip

Forty-one members of the Crossroads Baptist Association traveled to Wadena, MN to assist Grace Connection church. The progress made on the building in 4 days is a testament to God's provision; the weather was great, everyone worked together in unity, and grace and patience abounded. The summer mission team worked to make connections in the community by leading backyard Bible clubs (VBS) in 3 different communities around the area. The unity, love, respect, grace, and fellowship of the week was very encouraging and fulfilling! — Cloe Billington



As school is getting ready to start join Pastor Kurtis and Melissa to pray for our schools. We will be having a Prayer Walk on Sunday August 22nd at 7:30 pm, join us at the Elementary where we will walk around the school and pray for the teachers, administration and students. After we pray at the Elementary we will move to the High School and do the same.



# KAA Sweet Corn Harvest





## Club 2:52

Club 2:52 will be starting up in September. If you are interested in leading an age group or being a helper please let Becca Britt know. Club 2:52 is a great ministry where the children will learn scripture, songs and lessons in the Bible. It is a great way for us to point our children to Christ.



## Young Adult Lake BBQ



All Young Adults, graduated high school to 30 years old, are invited for a BBQ and fun on the lake at Ryan and Becca Britt's. Sunday August 8th at 3:00 pm. All food will be provided. For more info see Ryan or Becca.



## How to pray this month

There are several ways you can be praying this month. Pray for our youth and children who will be attending camps this week. Pray that they would encounter Jesus and that their lives would be drawn closer to Him.

Pray for our school as it begins on August 23rd. Pray that the students would be protected from the virus and that school could go on as normal.

Pray for our teachers as they teach and lead our children and youth this year. Ask the Lord to show us how we can bless our school staff as a church.

