



From the Desk of the Pastor

Annual Report to the Lead Pastor Evaluation Team

This year has been one of ups and downs for me. Some health challenges earlier in the year made me feel like it took forever for the year to get started. I was also disappointed when many of the ministries we sought to start were delayed or not possible. However, I am happy to see the new folks that have connected with our church this year and it's always good to welcome new members. I believe our new partnership with the Catawba River Baptist Association is going to provide us with some wonderful opportunities for ministry with other churches in our area.

I remained concerned about some longstanding apathy that I believe is a direct result of our years of difficulty in the past. I am convinced that we will need to shake this off to be what God has called us to be in our community. I believe next year will be a year of refocus and we connect with the new ministries and missions available to us and I remain convinced God has great things for our church.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. S. Pardue', is written in a cursive style.

Humbly Submitted,
Dr. Micheal S. Pardue, Sr.

Data

96	Church membership
25	Regular Attenders
5	Regular guests over the last two months
11	New Members so far in 2023
4	Baptisms
5	Unbaptized children of new members
\$253,696.18	General Fund Receipts Nov. 2022-October 2023
\$297,399.69	Total Giving Receipts Nov. 2022-October 2023
\$4,121.12	Total Giving to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Nov. 2022-October 2023

Church/Ministry Highlights

1. Continued sermon series in Matthew and preached in Joshua during the summer
2. Ordained Greg Carroll
3. Completed update of all church documents
4. Joined the Catawba River Baptist Association
5. Successful youth camp
6. Successful VBS
7. Hosted events for our association and the state convention
8. Four marriage retreats
9. Attend three men's rallies
10. Hosted open gym volleyball and basketball
11. Celebrated our 105th Anniversary
12. Hosted a women's dinner
13. Hosted Christmas dinner for the disabled
14. Participated in the Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup
15. Hosted an Easter Egg Hunt
16. Hosted the School's Out Cookout
17. Successful Youth BBQ
18. Church Pig-Pickin'
19. One month of the Pastors' Book club
20. Missions Sunday with the Websters

Personal Ministry and Family Highlights

1. Will preach 38 Sunday mornings this year
2. Served first year of four-year term on the Fruitland Baptist Bible College Board of Directors.
3. Taught for Liberty University's School of Divinity.
4. Taught for North Greenville University
5. Taught a calls for the North American Bible Institute
6. Preached at the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Banquet at North Greenville University.
7. Preached at the Catawba River Baptist Association, Drexel, NC.
8. Preached at the Eastern Baptist Association Outdoor Weekend, Charity, NC
9. Preached at First Baptist Church, Drexel, NC.
10. Preached at Mulls Chapel Baptist Church, Connelly Springs, NC.
11. Preached at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Connelly Springs, NC.
12. Preached in Chapel at North Greenville University.
13. Vacated in the American Southwest and New England
14. Enjoyed 4-week sabbatical and attended church with friends during this time.
15. Spoke during two separate weeks at Camp Caraway where several children made professions of faith.
16. Attended the Southern Baptist Convention and the North Carolina Baptist Convention.