

FLAT BRANCH COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

by Tom Cox

Have you considered joining Flat Branch as a member?
Would you like to understand the commitment involved?
Could you benefit from learning more about what we believe
as a church?



If you answered *Yes* to any of the questions above, then the Inquirer's Class is the place for you! Taught by Pastor Tom, the Inquirer's Class surveys the beliefs and practices of our church. Taking this class does not obligate you to join the church but it will help you to understand what it means to become one of our Covenant Partners, if the Lord should lead you to take this step of faith.

The class will meet during the Sunday School hour this fall, **starting on September 7th**. Stay tuned for more details in next month's newsletter...

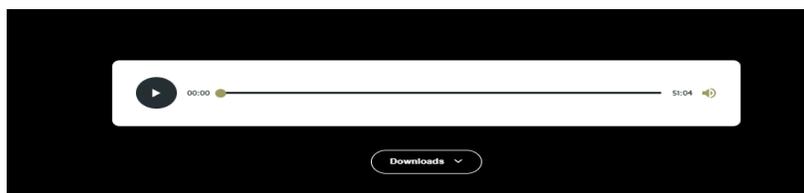


Romans 12:12

*Rejoice in hope,
be patient
in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.*

Flat Branch CPC Media Report

Did you know? Audio sermon is on the church website. [Flat Branch Presbyterian Church: Bunnlevel, NC > Sermons](#) You can listen online or download



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DISCIPLE-MAKING 101 #3: THE DISCIPLE'S ASSURANCE

Facebook Usage: 06/24/25 – 07/21/25

Views	Reach from followers
11,500	1,800
Interactions (Content)	Users
500	647

Website Usage: 06/24/25 – 07/21/25

Active Users: 67, Page Views 290, Event Count 928

Countries USA 60, Nigeria 3, France 1, India 1, Sierra Leone 1, Laos 1

USA Cities – Boardman, Ashburn VA, Atlanta, Fuquay-Varina, Holly Springs, Raleigh, Buies Creek, Charlotte (Listed in order of usage)

15 Things Pastors Can't Do

<https://chucklawless.com/2024/10/12-things-pastors-cant-do/>

Pastors are, in my judgment, amazing people. They faithfully serve Sunday after Sunday, often with no desire for recognition or fame. In faith, they can do a lot – but here are several things they can't do:

- 1. Read minds.** Everybody knows that, but many church members hold pastors accountable for unstated expectations.
- 2. Be everywhere.** No human being can be every place at once, yet some members still get angry when pastors have to say, "No."
- 3. Change hearts.** Only God can do that.
- 4. Know everything.** Most pastors study hard, but nobody can answer every question somebody asks.
- 5. Please everybody.** Even Jesus couldn't do that.
- 6. Avoid temptation.** They're tempted just like we are. The battle is real for them, too.
- 7. Live sinlessly.** Nobody can. Including you. And me. We're all sinners.
- 8. Grow healthy churches.** If the church does grow, it's because God does it.
- 9. Multiply dollars.** That's too bad, too, since some churches don't pay their pastors well.
- 10. Escape mistakes.** All of us will mess up sometime, often unintentionally and even unknowingly.
- 11. Avoid favoritism.** Pastors minister to everybody, but having better (and best) friends is natural.
- 12. Reveal everything.** No matter how much you may want to know the details, pastors may not be in a position to tell you.
- 13. Ignore sin.** Pastors must address this issue, even when it's not popular to do so.
- 14. Escape the "fishbowl."** Even pastors who seek to avoid the spotlight cannot get out of the fishbowl. Somebody's always watching.
- 15. Serve well without the support of a congregation.** We need our pastors, but they need us, too.

If you are a layperson, say a prayer for your pastor today. If you're a pastor, pray for another undershepherd you know. Pastors have a tough job.



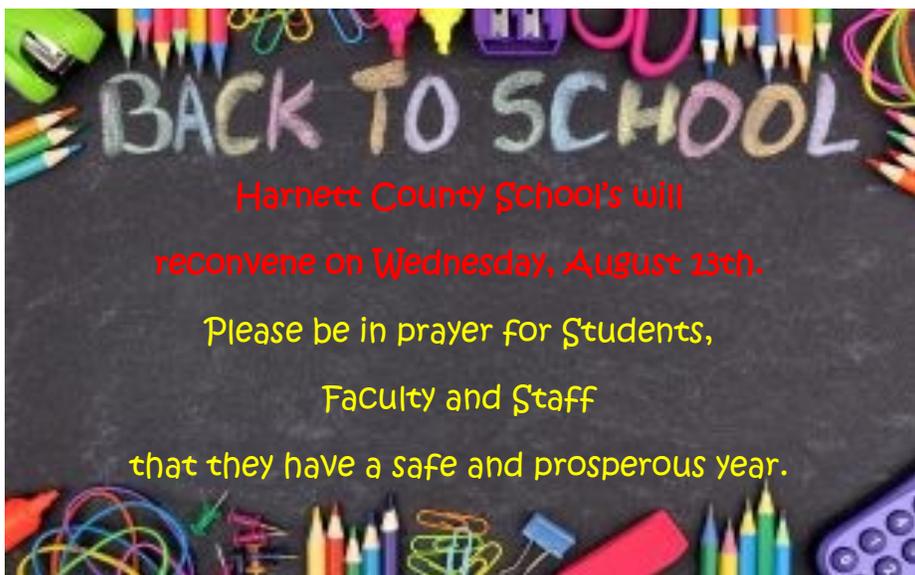
Happy Birthday

Edna Bailey—8/1
Apple McArtan—8/2
Missy Aslund—8/3
Thomas Backus IV—8/5
Heather Backus—8/7
Roberta Keithley—8/12
James Rhodes—8/12
Raelynn Rice—8/16
Yves Akam—8/18
Chris Goodman—8/20
J. T. Twiss—8/21
Wyatt Parker—8/22
Shelia Gifford—8/24
Kim Lee—8/24
Lisa Bass—8/27
Stuart Bond—8/30
Susan Doyle—8/31
Robert Taylor—8/31



Happy Anniversary

Lacy & Ann Taylor—8/4
(63 years!)
Glenn & Marie Coleman—8/12
Robert & Janice Taylor—8/19
Charlie & Missy Aslund—8/25
(52 years!)
Warren & Edna Bailey—8/26
(59 years!)



Harnett County School's will
reconvene on Wednesday, August 13th.

Please be in prayer for Students,

Faculty and Staff

that they have a safe and prosperous year.

Memorials

Pamela T. Byrd
Jo Stone-Ash

Georgette F. Dempster
ARM Landscaping
Betty Bain
Wanda Brown
Mary Lee Comstock
Mary Lasater
Ray & Becky McArtan
Carolyn Shaw
Vickie Wilder

L. Holt Felmet, Jr.
Evelyn Bordeaux

Angus & Myrtle McArtan
Leon Brown

John C. (Boe) McArtan
Evelyn Bordeaux

Bobby P. Wilson
Evelyn Bordeaux

Honorariums

Carol B. Daskal
Evelyn Bordeaux
Joel & Carolyn Frasier
Garry & Tracy McArtan

Alvin R. McArtan
Wanda Brown
Carolyn Shaw

Prayer Requests

Our Pastor, Church Leaders and Church Family

Our Country (and Leaders) for many reasons

Our Military Personnel & Emergency Services

Western NC

The Family of Georgette Dempster

Kristina Magyar—recovery from hip replacement

Marie Wilson—recovery from stint placement

Tommy Shaw—Illness

David Michael Meek—upcoming Dr. appointment

Charlie Aslund— Cancer

Donnie Hamilton—health issues

Betty Bain—cancer

Evelyn Bordeaux—illness

Paul Dempster— illness

Unspoken concerns

Shut-ins who are alone and lonely

Those who are struggling financially, physically, and mentally.

Those doing Mission work, spreading the Gospel of Jesus throughout to World.

The needs are many and these are the ones that we're currently aware of. Please feel free to contact us by the church phone, email, website, or Facebook should you have a specific request.

(Additional updated Prayer Requests are distributed every Sunday at Worship Service)

Lord

help me to remember
that nothing is going to happen
to me today that you and I
together can't handle.

Amen



We wanted to say a huge thank you for the volunteers who helped make VBS a success. We could not have done it without you. We really appreciate your generosity and kindness!

With Love,
 Karin Viox
 Carolyn Frasier
 Susan Ginn
 Patsy Paul

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!
 Psalm 34:3



