



THE BECKONER

*“TO NURTURE MEMBERS IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND SERVICE,
AND TO WIN THE LOST TO CHRIST”*

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“If You Try, You Do A Good Job”

March 2026

Today, as I write, I am reminded of the Norwegian, Johannes Hosflot Klaebo, who won 6 gold medals as a cross-country skier in this year’s Winter Olympics in Italy. I saw where he was in his final race where they called a particular final climb on the course the Klaebo Climb. This Olympian was competing in the 50 kilometer cross country race and on the last lap he was unstoppable and pulled away from his closest competitor and it looked like the other skier had just stopped in his tracks.

Many times in life we may be out matched or overwhelmed, but should we stop and step aside and quit? Absolutely not! We should continue to try our best and not give up. My dad used to tell me growing up, “If you try, you will do a good job.” While many will probably not remember who came in second in that final race in this Olympic 50 kilometer Mass Start Cross-Country Race. We may not come in second or even third, but if we give up **we will never finish**. Sometimes, just to finish, is a great accomplishment. What if the man who came in second had decided not to go to the Olympics this year and compete, he would not be able to say that he come in second behind the man who won six gold medals at the 2026 Olympics and that that man won all the events he entered, and outside of Klaebo, no one else beat him that day.

Just remember, if the mountain in front of you seems too tall, too wide, or too anything, if you stay at home and not try to traverse it, then you failed even before you started. Like my dad would say, “If you try, you will do a good job” simply because you tried and that is more than what some people do. As we think about this New Year, we have two months behind us with ten more ahead. Don’t walk around with your head hung low and looking defeated because your New Year’s goals haven’t worked out so well right now, there is still time to “do a good job”. In this life each day that God wakes us up and allows us to communicate with Him in prayer, we have a new opportunity to make a difference for Him just by trying. If we ask God to help us and to allow us the strength, **His strength**, then there is nothing better that we can do. We can accomplish so much more by **trying** on our end and by asking God to work through us with His power to overcome and succeed in His plan for us.

Let us ask the Father, each and every day for His guidance and direction to accomplish His plan and purpose for that day. When we do this we will always do a “good job”.

As we go, let us go strong for Jesus,

Pastor Marvin

FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS PLEASE SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEETS

Every Sunday	6:00 PM	Power Hour (Every Sunday Evening)
Every Wed.	4:00 PM	Grief Share
03/01	5:00 PM	Deacon’s Meeting
03/03	6:00 PM	Church Council
03/08		Daylight Savings Time
03/10	11:00 AM	Bible Study I
	2:00 PM	Bible Study III
	6:30 PM	World Issues
03/12	9-3 PM	Stitching for Missions
03/13 & 14		East Coast Men’s Bible Conference, Rocky Mountain, NC
03/15		Baptist Men’s Day
03/17		Happy St. Patrick’s Day
	5:00 PM	Outreach Committee Meeting
03/20	6:00 PM	Friday Night Chill @ Sky Zone in Fayetteville
03/22	11:00 AM	Choir presents Easter Cantata
03/26	12:00 PM	Brotherhood Mtg & Luncheon @ Buck Diner
03/28		Disaster Relief Training, New Hope Bapt, Laurinburg, NC
03/29		Palm Sunday



Online Calendar
<https://74067045.view-events.com>

Children and Youth on Mission

Scripture Sharing Schedule
 Mar. 1st: Jack Bounds
 Mar. 8th: Allie Bounds
 Mar. 15th: Declan Beason
 Mar. 29th: Ava Chambers



\Children and Youth Usher Schedule
 Mar. 1st: Allie Bounds, Addison Price, Connor Beason
 Mar. 8th: Declan Beason, Andy Chambers, Jack Bounds
 Mar. 15th: Connor Beason, Abigail Hawkes, Ava Chambers
 Mar. 22nd: Andy Chambers, Jack Bounds, Addison Price
 Mar. 29th: Addison Price, Jacob Seals, Madison Matthews

Sunday Night "Power Hour"
Gatlin Hall @ 6 pm
 Come join us as we will walk through our core beliefs as Southern Baptists: Such as Scripture, God, Man, Salvation, God's Purpose of Grace, The Church, and several others.



We are still collecting "pull tabs" for the Ronald McDonald House. Please see Katie.



Friday Night Chill, March 20, 2026, 7-9 pm @ Sky Zone in Fayetteville. The church bus will leave at 6:15 pm and return by 9:45 pm. Please plan to bring \$28.00 for your admission & extra for snacks. If assistance is needed for your admission, see Cathy.

ATTENTION ALL ADULTS:

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board outside of Gatlin Hall

- On Friday, March 13th & Saturday, March 14th, 2026, East Coast Men's Bible Conference in Rocky Mount, NC. Friday session includes dinner. Contact: Ricky Sandy ASAP.
- On Saturday, March 28th, 2026, 8:30 AM –3:00 PM, Disaster Relief Training @ New Hope Baptist Church in Laurinburg, NC. Leave church by 7:30 AM. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 22nd.**

Church Report

February 9 - February 23, 2026

Average Sunday School Attendance: 55

Service Attendance: 81

Memorial Gifts
This month we received memorial gifts in memory of: Willie Carl Odom

Designated Funds	
Heck Jones Offering	\$ 515.00
Lennon Building Renovations	\$ 1200.00
Vacation Bible School	\$100.00
Deacon's Offering	\$32.00
Youth Fund	\$1004.00
Brotherhood	\$1140.00



Ava	Chambers	1
Breanne	Chambers	1
Eddie	Dew	7
Christy	Dover	10
Shirley	Odom	11
Connor	Beason	12
Debra	Douglas	14
Tim	Hawkes	15
Eppie	Gracia	16
Kim	Hollingsworth	20
Margie	Reneau	24
Madison	McClendon	27
Billy Ray	Wallace	30
James	Wallace	30
Matthew	Keaton	31
Danielle	Walker	31



Melba Gibson	Autumn Care
Matthew Keaton	Autumn Care
Paul Ellisor	Home
Dot Bounds	Home
Sue Huffman	Home
Mike & Pat McNeill	Spring Arbor
Glen Langdon	Ridge Asst Living
Anna Seals	Spring Arbor
Felicia Monroe	Home



- Family of Kristen Beck
- Family of Willaree McDuffie
- Family of Carol Elkins
- Family of Jody Russ
- Family of Bill Moses
- Family of Mary Register (Betty's Aunt)
- Family of Doris Register

Usher Ministry



Tommy Williams, Linwood Huffman

1st

Allie Bounds, Addison Price, and Connor Beason

8th

Declan Beason, Andy Chambers, and Jack Bounds

15th

Connor Beason, Abigail Hawkes, and Ava Chambers

22nd

Andy Chambers, Jack Bounds, and Addison Price

29th

Addison Price, Jacob Seals, and Madison Matthews



Grief Share begins on January 7th until April 1st, 2026. All are welcome to attend. See Judy Williams for additional information.



Reggie & Stephanie	Pickler	1
Dave & Debby	Ezell	15
Raphael & Lisa	Eubanks	22

Sunday Services	
9:30 AM	Answers in Genesis
9:45 AM	Nursery to Senior Adult Classes
11:00 AM	Worship Service



Nursery provided for Sunday School and Worship Service

PRAYER WARRIORS	
3rd:	Ann Hardin
10th:	Linda McNeill
17th:	Robwert Capps
24th:	Bobby and/or Marla Heeks
31st:	Cathy Bundy

New Church Days and Hours	
Tuesday –Wednesday –Thursday	
9AM - 12 PM and 1 - 3 PM	
Monday and Friday: Closed	



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Cathy Bundy	Director of Youth/Children
Donna Scriber	Secretary
Betty Odom	Music Director
Debby Ezell	Pianist
Bernard Scriber	Custodian
Jackie Hargrove	Nursery