



Yates  
Baptist  
Church

The

# Messenger



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## All The Places To Go

The walls are returning. Soon. I promise. After many months of demolition and preparation, the new brick walls for the sanctuary are soon to be built. Hasn't it been an interesting time for the church? Our neighborhood and surrounding community have remarked to me often about the changes, many asking what it is we're doing. It has been a great opportunity to talk about the church's mission, work, faith and future.

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**The deadline for the July Messenger is June 15.**

*The purpose of Yates Baptist Church is to be a community of believers who seek to bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and encourage each other toward spiritual maturity.*

Fun and fellowship at  
**FOREST HILLS PARK**  
1639 University Dr., Durham, NC 27707  
**July 19**  
**6:00-8:00 pm**

- Hamburgers, hot dogs, sides & desserts
- Tailgate games
- Splash park
- Playground
- Music

**BIG**  
**WEDNESDAYS**

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Being a church laid bare, a church “without walls,” has become a time of serious reflection for us about who we are and what we do, too. I often ask myself what it would mean for Yates to be a church without walls, even after the walls go back up. What do we need to do in order to have a clear view out into the world – and so the world has a clear view in? Have we cleared away the unnecessary barriers that block a clear view of Jesus at the center of everything we do? How can we uncover the light of Christ that shines so brightly here so others can find their way to a personal relationship with Jesus and grow within this community of believers in ever-maturing faith? We still have much to discern and decide!

I’m very excited that Yates will be dedicating the summer months to reflecting together on the decisions we make and God’s will. While these are timeless topics for Christians, they are quite timely for Yates. In June and July, we will read John Ortberg’s book, *All the Places to Go: How Will You Know?*, together. Many of our adult Sunday School classes, the Wednesday night adult Bible study and several home-based small groups are offering opportunities for anyone and everyone to connect. I urge you to consider being a part of one (or more) of these group experiences. They are chances to get to know others better, share questions and discoveries, pray for one another and orient around some common thoughts and themes.

The overarching theme is that of the open door, leaning heavily on Revelation 3:8: “See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.” The doors God opens for us are the pathways to life with God, opportunities provided by God to act with and for him. While walking through the doors God opens for us are not guarantees that the journey will be easy or even successful (however you define success), God does promise that others will be blessed by our efforts. God uses even our imperfect selves to accomplish his purposes. That is good news, indeed.

Many decisions have been made to bring Yates to this point in time, but a great many more are yet to be made. Many of those decisions will be crucial ones if we are to live fully into God’s will for Yates. Of course, people make decisions every day. One study suggests that the average person makes about seventy conscious decisions a day – that’s 25,550 decisions a year or 1,788,500 decisions over seventy years. Most of these decisions will seem small, but only God knows the eternal impact each one will have. My prayer is that this season of study and response will help form us into people of wisdom who step out in faith, unafraid, and full of excitement for what lies ahead, for it is God’s future.

I look forward to this season of study and reflection with you!

Grace & Peace,


*Christopher*



- **Private, fully covered seating area** (wheelchair accessible!)
- **2-hour buffet** from Bull City Hospitality featuring all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, baked beans, slaw, chips with dip and more, PLUS soft drinks, tea and water!
- **Kids run the bases after the game!**

**Contact the church office to reserve your tickets today!**

# Congratulations!!



We share the joy and excitement of Yates families who are celebrating high school and college graduations this year! Our hopes and prayers precede these graduates as they go forward, and we trust that God will continue to bless them along the way!



**Coming soon — register now!**

**Yates VBS 2017**  
**July 31 — August 3**  
**9:00 am — 12:00 pm**

Sign up today to be a part of this great VBS opportunity — we will learn about a great mission partner at work in our community and find ways that we can be involved. PLUS: we'll see some great tools in action right on our own campus since we are also "under construction." Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/2smvjHI>.

***We're looking for volunteers!*** If you want to help with our VBS, contact J. Muckenfuss or Judy Fenton today!



Lots of great things have been happening! After a long wait, we have new air-conditioning for the education building — those who were in Sunday school on its first Sunday of operation can attest that it works *really* well.



We also have a new floor in the Sanctuary. *Left*, the contractors are getting ready to pour concrete.

*Right*, the floor was poured over several days in multiple sections. You can see the angles for the new sections of pews and how they differ from the aisles, front, and back.



And finally, grading and digging work has begun on the south lot, *above*. We will watch over the next few months as this space is transformed into a new parking lot.

# News from the CDC

## Dear members of the Uates Baptist Church congregation -

During the month of May we celebrated our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week by inviting parents to bring in flowers, fruit, chocolates or other treats, gift cards, notes or pictures drawn by their child. The WEE Committee provided a delicious lunch (see photos below) on the day we were closed for parent teacher conferences. Our thanks to Deedra Nunnally and the WEE Committee members. Harriet Carter baked delicious homemade desserts and Linda Miller brought in flowers to brighten the classrooms. The WEE Committee members also sent thoughtful thank you notes to CDC staff.



We celebrated Mother's Day by inviting our Moms (and Dads, Grandma's and Grandad's) to come into the CDC for breakfast with their little ones. We served muffins and fruit. Parents and children enjoyed spending some extra time at drop off that morning.

With warmer summer temperatures on the way, we were delighted to have the air conditioning operational again in the Education Building last week. In fact it's almost too cold now! The construction team have nearly completed the work around the new chiller. Fence slats were installed earlier this week and new gates are going up so we anticipate being able to use the entire playground once again within the next few days.

The CDC were able to benefit from the Haiti yard sale again this year. The administration team found some great toys and materials which we can use in the CDC and teachers enjoyed looking for bargains for themselves and their families. Our thanks to all the volunteers who do such a great job of sorting donations and displaying them so attractively.

This weekend while remembering those who risked or gave their lives for our freedom, I hope you will be able to enjoy a restful few days spending time with family and friends.

# Yates on Mission

May 2017

## Spotlight: Youth Missions

**PASSPORT Missions Camp (July 10-15th) and  
PASSPORT MissionBASE (June 25-30th)**

This summer our youth will serve in two mission trip experiences. PASSPORT Missions is a weeklong hybrid of a traditional summer camp experience with a heavy emphasis on service projects and missions education. Students will stay at Furman University in Greenville, SC, and serve the local community through food pantries, Boys and Girls Clubs, community gardens, homeless shelters, and similar forms of service during the bulk of the day. Their mornings and evenings are filled with enriching Bible study, worship, and fellowship times.



A smaller group of our youth will be traveling to Atlanta to work with PASSPORT MissionBASE, partnering with the established ministry of Park Avenue Baptist Church. Park Avenue exists in an underserved community and provides a "literacy camp" free of charge to local elementary school students. The camp helps students retain information and practice reading skills over the summer break in order to help halt the "summer slump" common among underserved children. Our youth will spend their days reading to children, leading literacy-based games, and hearing the stories of the community.

Two of our youth alumni Caroline LeGrand and Jon Chacko will be serving as leaders at PASSPORT this summer. Jon will be teaching music and worship leadership at PASSPORT Choices. Caroline will be the "Community Life Coordinator" at MissionBASE Atlanta.

Keep our youth in your prayers as they serve this summer.



**DO**  
justice



**LOVE**  
kindness



**WALK**  
humbly

**MICAH 6:8**

And what does the Lord require of you but to **DO** justice, and to **LOVE** kindness, and to **WALK** humbly with your God?

**Next Rotation:  
July 5th & 6th**

Because of the July 4th holiday, Yates will not be responsible for hosting duties on July 3 & 4. Volunteers will be needed for food preparation, dinner hosting and child care. The FMF chart will be posted outside the Fellowship Hall on June 4th.

Sign up early to be sure you get a job!



The SonShine Ministry completed another year of fun, fellowship and

discipleship with its annual Pizza Party. The Yates Youth Band provided special music, and great fun was had by all. The evening was also a special send-off for Matthew Greg, our Divinity School intern and SonShine Ministry Liaison, who served us so well.

Plans are already in place for SonShine VBS **June 12-14**. Feel free to stop in and join the fun!



**SonShine Ministry Leaders**

**WMU,NC Mission Trip  
to Vermont**

Aug. 4 - 13

Cost: \$125-150



Do you know how to set up a preschool Sunday School room? Or lead children in Bible study? Join a **women only** mission trip led by WMU,NC to Barre, Vermont. Deborah Taylor from Lumberton is the Team Leader.

If you would like to join Lynn Odom to minister in Vermont, please contact her by July 1 at [care4godsearth@gmail.com](mailto:care4godsearth@gmail.com).



## Food Pantry at Antioch

Yates is especially asked to donate items to the Yates Baptist Association Food Pantry at Antioch Baptist during June. Please leave items in bags or boxes outside the church office and they will be delivered.

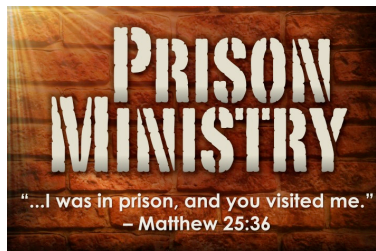
## Emergency Chaplains

June 16-17: Group Crisis Intervention

August 18-19: Assisting Individuals in Crisis

To register, go to: [EChap.org/training](http://EChap.org/training)

If you have questions about training or chaplaincy, please contact: Chaplain Ralph Thompson, (919) 280-8908 or [Ralph@EChap.org](mailto:Ralph@EChap.org)



On Sunday, July 16, you are invited to join a team of Yates members to worship and fellowship at the Orange County Correctional Center in Hillsborough. The team will provide the sermon, prayers, and snacks for over 50 men. The Center's rousing praise band, the Ready Band, will sing and some of the men will offer testimonies of how God is at work in their lives.

You will feel the Holy Spirit's presence in the room and will leave having received a great blessing to your own faith! In order to participate, please contact Christopher Ingram by Monday, July 10 (a list of all participants must be sent to the chaplain's office at OCCC on Tuesday prior to our visit). The team will meet at the church at 6:15 PM and the return by about 9:15 PM.

## Student Missionary Hosting

Back in February, Yates hosted 11 students from Virginia Tech who traveled to Durham to support the refugee ministry of Hope House and World Relief. In March, we hosted 31 students from the University of Wisconsin who spent their Spring Break volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Durham and other locations. In May, we hosted students from the University of Missouri's "Mizzou Alternative Breaks" program by working as part of Habitat for Humanity of Durham's Collegiate Challenge initiative.

It is a privilege to serve these servants of our community and to offer our facilities for such use! In doing so, we all have a part in their ministry.



Virginia Tech students



University of Missouri students "Mizzou Alternative Breaks"



University of Wisconsin students

# Senior Adult Events & Activities for 2017

## *S. O. A. R. Dates*

*(times all 2:00PM)*

*June 27*

*July 25*

*August 29*

*September 26*

*October 31*

*\*November 14*

*12noon*

*(Sr. Adult  
Appreciation  
Luncheon – Staff  
prepare & serve)*

*December 19*

*SOAR is Senior  
Opportunities for  
Activity and  
Recreation*



NCD&CS - Marketing Division

## RALEIGH FARMERS MARKET

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM – Leave Yates parking lot

8:45AM – Breakfast @

Farmers' Market Restaurant

followed by shopping

at the Farmers' Market

Return to Yates around 12:00Noon

**COST: \$3.00 (travel – Pay Ted or church)**

**The rest is up to you! \$\$ for breakfast and whatever you buy at the market.**

**Reservation deadline:**

**Sign up by Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

## CHURCH-WIDE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

(in which Sr. Adults are encouraged to participate)

Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
Fun & Fellowship at  
FOREST HILLS PARK  
6:00PM – 8:00PM

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
Fun & Fellowship at  
FOREST HILLS PARK  
6:00PM – 8:00PM

Vacation Bible School  
July 31 – August 3  
(Volunteer today)

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Fun & Fellowship at  
FOREST HILLS PARK  
6:00PM – 8:00PM

## Jordan Lake Excursion

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM – Leave Yates parking lot

10:00AM – Board Triangle Boat Tours

12:00N – Return to the dock and travel to nearby picnic area for a box lunch.

**COST: \$30.00 for 2 hour guided tour and a box lunch.**

**Reservation deadline:**

**Sign up by Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**LIMITED TO FIRST 23 PEOPLE**

Come explore the lake that's right outside your backdoor! I am sure you will learn things you never knew about Jordan Lake. Bring your camera and binoculars to hopefully see a Bald Eagle.



## **Gospel Singing & Supper @ RON'S BARN**

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00PM – Leave Yates parking lot**

**6:30PM – Arrive @ Ron's Barn**

**7:00PM – Buffet & Gospel Singing**

**by Mercy's Cross**

**~10:00PM – Arrive back at Yates**



**COST: \$3.00** (Travel – pay Ted or church)  
**\$11.00** (pay at the door) for  
all you care to eat buffet plus beverage  
and gratuity.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: Sign up by  
Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**



## **SENIOR ADULT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 NOON**

**Yates Baptist Fellowship Hall**

(Lunch prepared and served  
by Yates Ministerial Staff)

Entertainment by Renea Henderson  
(Christian comedienne)

Sign up by  
Sunday,  
November 12<sup>th</sup>



## **Tanglewood Festival of Lights - Winston-Salem**

**(with dinner/lupper @ Stamey's Barbecue – Greensboro)**

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00PM – Leave Yates parking lot**

**4:00PM – Arrive at Stamey's BBQ for dinner/lupper**

**6:00PM – Tanglewood Festival of Lights opens**

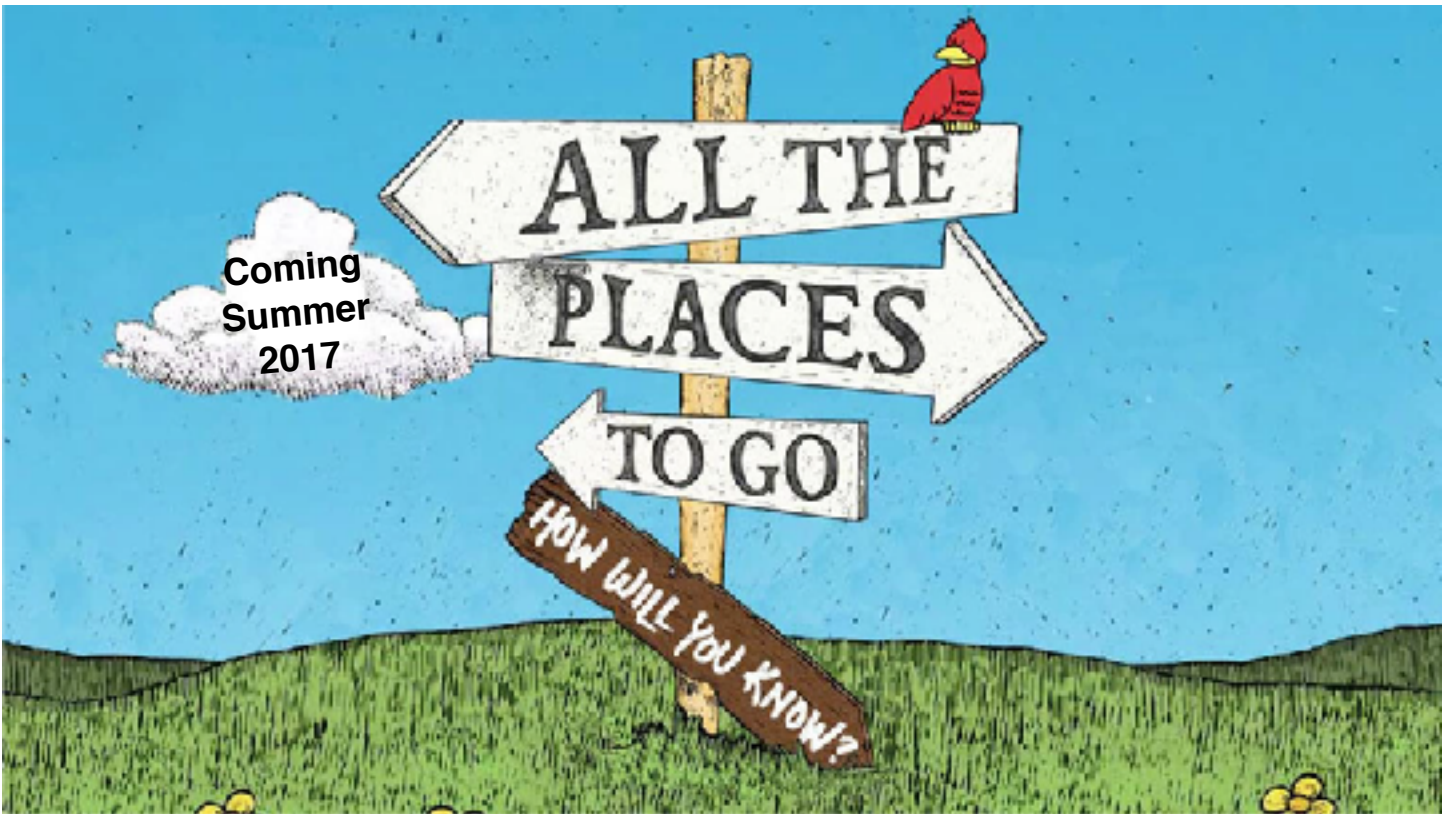
**~10:00PM – Arrive back at Yates**



**COST: \$5.00** (travel & admission – pay Ted or church)  
**\$\$** - Money for dinner/lupper at Stamey's BBQ. Prices range from  
\$6 to \$10, plus drink & dessert (if desired).

**Reservation deadline: Sign up by Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>!**





God has placed before you an open door. What will you do?

## A summer book study for Yates Baptist Church

Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to “Stay.” He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it — into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the life we will lead and the person we will become. In fact, to fail to embrace the open door is to miss the work God has made for us to do.



John Ortberg

In *All the Places To Go... How Will You Know?*, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the

extraordinary opportunities that await.

So go ahead — walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity.

**June 4 – July 23**

### Featuring:

- Wednesday study group with Christopher
- Sunday School emphasis
- Home groups
- Sunday sermon series

  
 \* THIS MONTH'S \*  
**birthdays**

<b>3</b>	<b>Chandler Smith</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Bridger Cothran</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Tom Amoreno, Chris Creech, Rebecca Jones</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Cal Beddingfield, Frank Turner</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Ron Zedick</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Jennifer Norris</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Peggy Barbee, Michelle Cook, Bob Earhart,</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Robert Clay, Gail Zedick</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Will Shelton, Betty Yount</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Stephen Odom</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Alexius Uba, Melissa Weeks</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Al Taylor</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Brantley DeLoatche, Bonnie Gordon</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Benjamin Burgin</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Joyce Lyons</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Amelia Payne</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Claire Sturgill, Nancy Wooters</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Sharon Foy, Terry Handy</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Jay Libutan</b>

**Thank You Notes**

*Dear Yates Baptist Church,  
 Thank you so much for your hospitality this past week.  
 Our trip would not have been possible without your  
 generosity. We're all very thankful that we had such  
 great accommodations for our stay. We'll make sure to  
 tell other MAB trips to contact you in the future.  
 -Emily Hamdt, Deedee Meyer, UMissouri Team*



# Ministry Volunteers for June

## Church Office Volunteers

**Week of Jun 5:** **Mon:** Stephanie Taylor **Tues:** Betty Yount **Thurs:** Laura Barron **Fri:** Tom Amoreno  
**Week of Jun 12:** **Tues:** Betty Yount **Thurs:** Laura Barron **Fri:** Stephanie Taylor  
**Week of Jun 29:** **Tues:** Betty Yount **Thurs:** Laura Barron **Fri:** Alfred Dula  
**Week of Jun 26:** **Tues:** Betty Yount **Thurs:** Laura Barron

**Deacon of the Week:** **4:** Sam Haithcock **11:** Rachael Cruickshank **18:** Lindsay Cook **25:** Jason McGhinnis

## Ushers

**4: 8:30:** Lawrence Whitted, Brian Whitted, Warren Jones  
**11:00:** Courtney Thornton, Gary Stickley, Bryce Bates, Harold Burch, Lamar Willis, Chuck Riley  
**11: 8:30:** Bridger Cothran, John Guyton, Carl Williams  
**11:00:** Jason McGhinnis, Gail Killough, Chuck Riley, John Garcia, Brandon Garcia, Jacob McGhinnis  
**18: 8:30:** Lawrence Whitted, Brian Whitted, Warren Jones  
**11:00:** John Garcia, Lamar Willis, Brandon Garcia, Brian Nunnally Jr., Sam Haithcock  
**25: 8:30:** Bridger Cothran, Kevin Shinn, John Williams  
**11:00:** Lindsay Cook, Gail Killough, Lamar Willis, Diane Beddingfield, Sam Haithcock, Pat Parker

## Greeters

<b>4: FLC:</b> Todd Thornton	<b>Welcome Center:</b> Sherry Turner, Betty Thompson
<b>11: FLC:</b> Alfred Dula	<b>Welcome Center:</b> Larry & Linda Mercer
<b>18: FLC:</b> Sally Pickett	<b>Welcome Center:</b> Gail Zedick, Nancy Young
<b>25: FLC:</b> Alfred Dula	<b>Welcome Center:</b> Sam & Marilyn Haithcock
<b>FH:</b> Diane Beddingfield	

## Worship Away Delivery

**4: Group A:** Carol Treichler **Group B:** Bill & Betty Yount  
**11: Group A:** Donna Athas **Group B:** Australia Clay  
**18: Group A:** Felicia Cothran **Group B:** Alfred Dula  
**25: Group A:** Robert & Mary Ann Mallard **Group B:** Linda Miller

## Memorials

Contributions have been made to Growing God’s House in memory of **Lee Guthrie** by Bill & Betty Howie and Erma Whittington; in memory of **Gloria Wall** by Bill & Betty Howie; in memory of **Helen Young** by Bill & Betty Howie; in memory of **Charles Hinnant** by Bill & Inez Tatum, Mike & Lois English, and the Osborn Daniel Sunday School Class.

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**Christian sympathy** is extended to the family of Charlie Hinnant; to the family of Gary Stickley in memory of his step-mother Mike Stickley; and to the family of Joyce Young.

**Congratulations** to Mike and Lois English in the birth of their granddaughter Anita Grace English; and to Tom and Nancy Wooters in the birth of their grandson Logan Thomas Wooters.

**Welcome new members** Richard and Glenda Poindexter.  
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