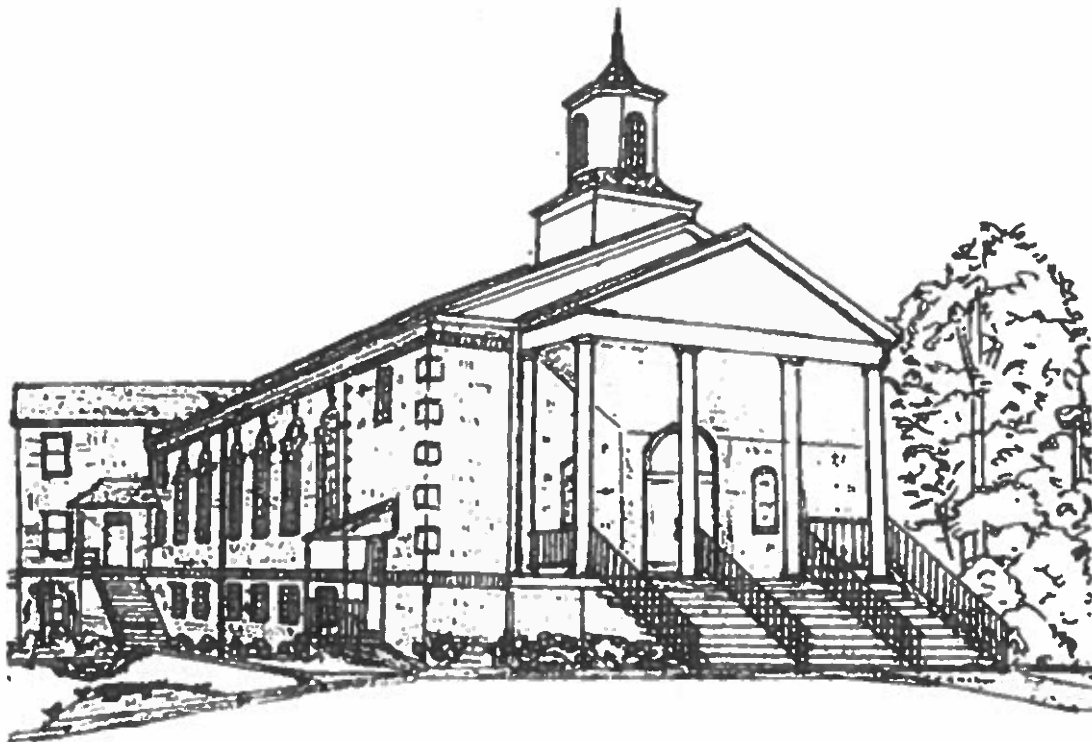


The Messenger

February 2026



Our Mission:
To know Christ and to make Christ known.

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From Pastor Bruce & Sis. Debbie:

Love comes in many forms and is directed in many ways: to family, to pets, to money, to self, to time, and, last, but certainly not least, to chocolate.

Love grows for many different reasons also: due to a heart change, due to an attraction, due to loneliness, and due to a felt need.



Last fall, our son, Jordan, felt he needed a dog. Jordan is in the military, and the military decided he needed to be away for most of the winter and spring. This is how we inherited a dog – through Jordan's needs.

Sadie is mostly a pit bull terrier. She loves to play with us and be where we are. Her love language (if dogs can have such a thing) is touch. She always must be touching us.

When we work out, we take Sadie into our garage gym. Her behavior there has enlightened us to some of the ways in which God loves us – his children.

1. God is always present even when we can't see him. When Sadie can't see us during our workouts, she barks and barks until we reappear.
2. God is always doing what is best for us. While we're working with weights, we put Sadie on her leash – so that we don't step on her or drop a weight on her.
3. God always delights in being with us. We take Sadie's toys in the gym and play tug of war with her – much to her delight.

Sadie doesn't understand when she can't see us – she seems to think that we're not coming back. She doesn't like it when she's on her leash. She doesn't understand that we are protecting her by holding her back. Sadie loves it when we play with her and give her our undivided attention.

During this season when love is magnified, think about the ways the Lord shows you his love and the ways you can love Him in return. Do you trust that He's still there and working even when you can't see Him? Do you trust that He has your best interests at heart when he withholds things from you? Do you delight in spending time with Him?

As you ponder these things, don't forget that nothing can separate you from the Love of God. Nothing. Rest in these truths today and maybe eat a little chocolate in celebration of love.

Chrismon Tree

There were five new Chrismon Ornaments on the tree this year:



Cross of Peace



8 Pointed Cross



Angel of Faith



Floral Cross



Embellished Open Heart

Photos Submitted by Eva Keeter



Did You Know?

Singing is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible? God wants us to SING! Come join the choir on Sunday afternoons at 2:00pm for practice & make a joyful noise to the Lord with us on Sundays. This would be a great way to serve the Lord and be a blessing to West End Baptist Church at the same time.

Discipleship Opportunity

If you desire to deepen your faith and explore our community, we strongly encourage you to attend a Sunday School class. We meet Sunday morning from 9:40 -10:40. Contact Jimmie Ayscue (jimmieayscue@gmail.com) if you'd like more information.

Lighting of Advent Candles

Each Sunday morning from November 30th through Christmas Eve we lit advent candles representing hope, joy, peace and love. Not pictured below are Jerry & Faye Parrish and Bob & Will Flowers.



Clyde & Rita Wilson
Photo Submitted by Eva Keeter



Alan & Denise Gill
Photo Submitted by Eva Keeter



Barbara Currin & daughter Rebecca
Photo Submitted by Eva Keeter



Presentation of New Chrismon Ornaments

The presentation of new Chrismon Ornaments was conducted by Pat Ayscue



Photo Submitted by Eva Keeter



Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class had their Christmas luncheon at Ribeyes (pictured above).

Fern Ellington, Nancy Puckett and Joette Allen, from the Ladies Bible Class dropped off toys at NCSECU for a Christmas project (pictured below). Another great outreach to the meet the needs of children everywhere!



Photos Submitted by Joette Allen



More Photos of the
Children's Christmas
Program



Photos Submitted by Eva Keeter

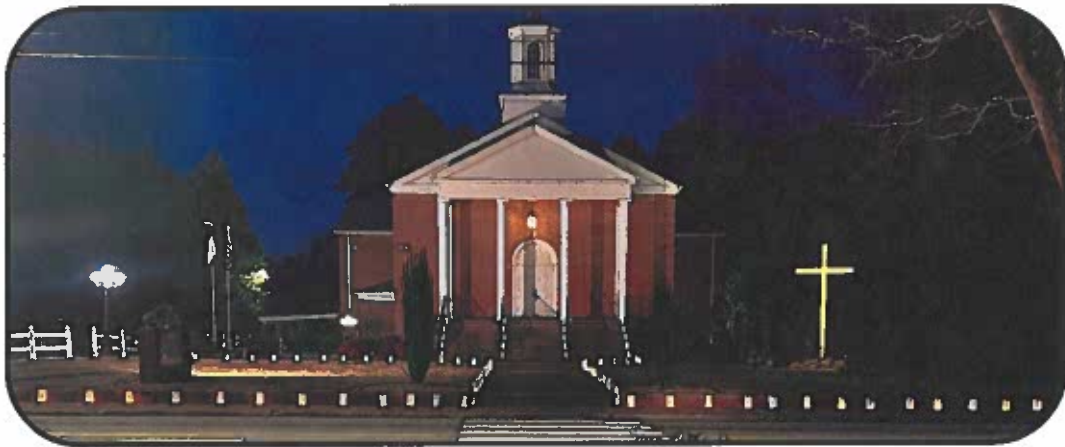


Photo Submitted by Bob Flowers

Luminaries

Our service to dedicate Luminaries was cancelled due to bad weather, but we give a great big shout out to Jerry A. Ayscue and TK Keeter for putting the Luminaries out and Jerry A. Ayscue and Leon Dillard for cleaning them up. This is a beautiful sight to behold!



Rise Against Hunger

What a wonderful representation of West End Baptist Church being the hands and feet of Jesus. A group of 11 volunteered at the Rise Against Hunger event on Monday, January 19th on behalf of the WMU Share Group that meets every second Monday of each month. They worked a 2 hour shift assisting in packing over 40,000 meals for the hungry all over the world. It was a great way to give of our time, and fun was had at the same time!



Photos Submitted by Denise Gill



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Okay folks, you've enjoyed a brief break. It's a new year and time to get back to work!!
LOL

In order to make our Operation Christmas Child Ministry a success, we need to do a little work all year long. During the month of February, I'm asking you to pick up socks for boys and girls ages 5 through 14 and washcloths. There have been some fun, colorful washcloths at Walmart and they're the cheapest price I've seen. I believe there are 12 to 18 pieces for \$4.97. I love the bright colors.

You can bring these items to the Christian Fellowship Class or just give them to me.

Also while shopping this month you may notice some small packaged toys for Valentine's Day and later for Easter, let's think stickers, balls, playdoh, jewelry, etc. If you come across these for a good price, we'd love to collect these small filler items all year long.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. We couldn't fulfill this Gospel ministry without everyone's help.

Denise Gill



NEEDED SUPPLIES FOR ACTS OF HENDERSON

Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the Fellowship Hall

Please help if you can

FOOD SUPPLIES

Cereal (any kind)
12/16 oz. Jelly (any kind)
Canned Chicken or Tuna
Tomato/Vegetable Soup
Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
Canned Greens (turnip greens, collards, cabbage, squash)
Beans (Black, baked, pinto, navy, northern, chili, pork & beans)
Peas (blackeyed)
Crackers (Saltines/Ritz)
Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Peanut Butter
Hot Dog Chili
Individual Fruit/Pudding Cups
Individual Mac & Cheese
Cookies
Flour

FOOD SUPPLIES (con't)

Sugar
Honey
Kool-aid Mix
Lemonade Mix
Bottle Water



CLEANING SUPPLIES

Awesome Brand All Purpose Cleaner
Paper Towels
Dawn Dishwashing Liquid
Laundry Detergent
Bleach
Toilet Paper
Brillo Pads
Comet



Prayer List

Do you have a prayer request or praise report? If you would like the church to be informed, please reach out to our church secretary, Silka Boone (webc619@gmail.com), who can add your request to our prayer list and inform our membership.

Visit our Website

Please visit our website at www.westendhenderson.com. Here you will find information about our services, access to watch sermons, and information updates about the life of our church.

A LIVING BIBLE

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant. Kind of esoteric and very, very bright.



He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students, but are not sure how to go about it. One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now people are looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this church before!)

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now the deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, a three-piece suit, and a pocket watch. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do. And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor, and with great difficulty, lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships alongside him so he won't be alone.

Everyone chokes with emotion. There seems to not be a dry eye in the entire congregation. When the minister finally gains control he says, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read."

If this touched your heart, then pray the prayer below, and believe with all your heart that Jesus will use you to bring His message to those who need it.

"Lord, help me to be as accepting of others as you are of me. You accept me no matter how I am dressed or what I have done. Open my heart to accept others as quickly and fully in love! Lord forgive my sins like I forgive other's sins against me. Help me to become more like Christ. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

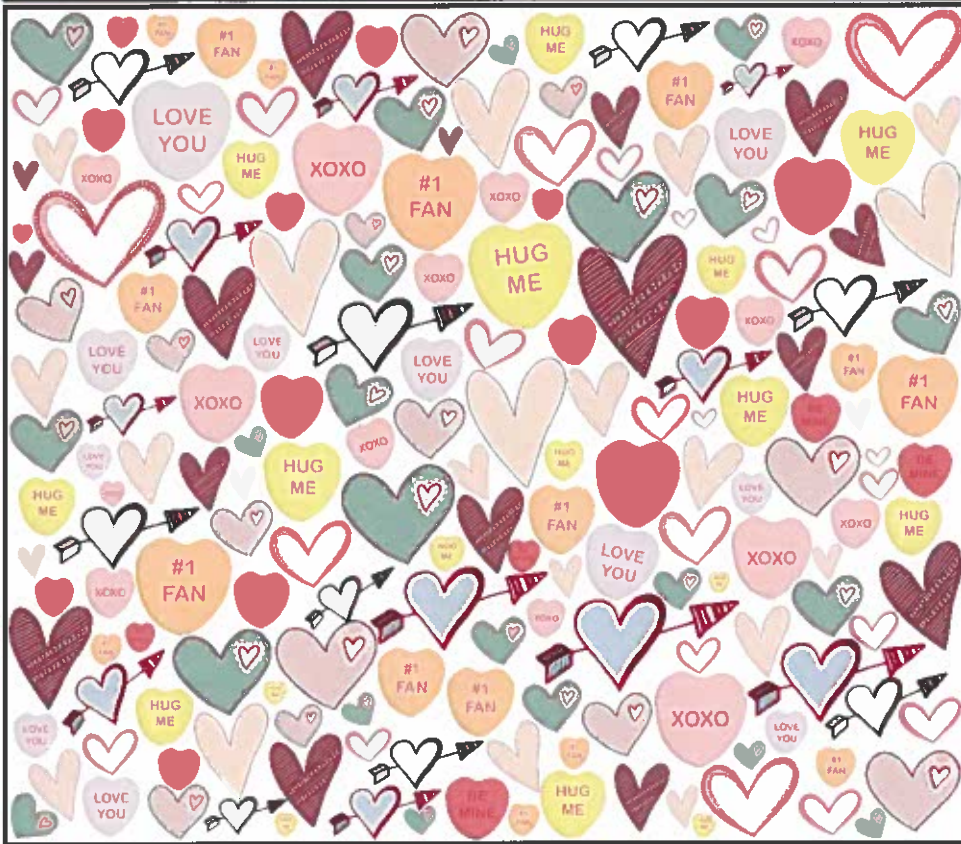
February 2026

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| 1 Choir Practice 2pm | 2 Baptist Men Serve Community Partners of Hope | 3 | 4 Prayer Service 11am | 5 Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class 6pm | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Choir Practice 2pm | 9 Share Group 11am | 10 Katie Oakley Group 11am | 11 Fellowship Lunch 12pm | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day |
| 15 Choir Practice 2pm | 16 | 17 | 18 Business Meeting 11am | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Baptist Men's Breakfast 8:30am Choir Practice 2pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Prayer Service 11am | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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March 2026

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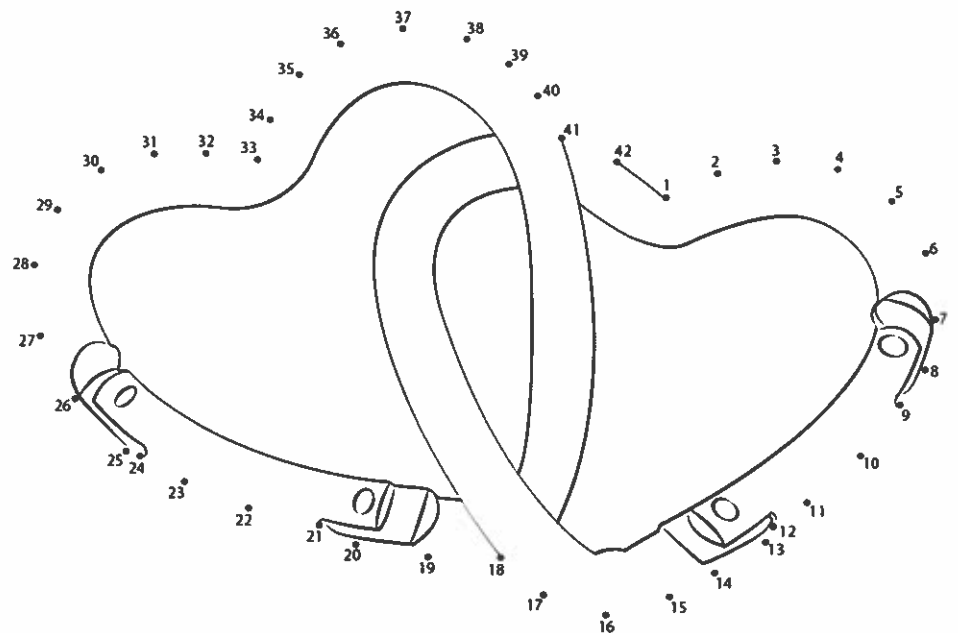
I SPY VALENTINES



What did the Valentines Day card say to the stamp?



Stick with me



February Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----|------------|
| 2 | Carson Dixon | 1473 Morgan Rd | Henderson | NC | 27537-9268 |
| 5 | Jerry L. Ayscue | 100 Par Dr | Henderson | NC | 27536-5964 |
| 7 | Frankie Reardon | 237 Garden Walk Dr | Henderson | NC | 27536-2885 |
| 12 | Jackie Ragan | 5320 Dunster Dr | McKinney | TX | 75070-8886 |
| 14 | Kay Overby | PO Box 1082 | Henderson | NC | 27536-1082 |
| 15 | Krystle Stainback | 1533 Bent Rd | Wake Forest | NC | 27587-8560 |
| 16 | Daven Whitby | 1252 David Ave. | Henderson | NC | 27536 |
| 21 | Nancy Stainback | 931 S Williams St | Henderson | NC | 27536-4947 |
| 25 | Shaylyn Harp | 2925 N Lynnbank Rd | Henderson | NC | 27537-7346 |
| 26 | Will Flowers | 850 Terry Ln | Henderson | NC | 27537-4993 |
| 27 | Woody Woodland | 7704 Kensington Manor Ln | Wake Forest | NC | 27587-3908 |



March Birthdays

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|----|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----|------------|
| 1 | Ray Hilliard | 401 Willowood Dr | Henderson | NC | 27536-3803 |
| 2 | Brandon Gupton | 8909 NC 39 Hwy S | Henderson | NC | 27537 |
| 3 | Emily Hilliard | 401 Willowood Dr | Henderson | NC | 27536-3803 |
| 3 | Angie Smith | 4526 US 158 | Oxford | NC | 27563 |
| 5 | Judy Starnes | 562 Wayview Rd | Henderson | NC | 27537-9237 |
| 7 | Vernon Watkins, Jr. | 1423 Perry Ave | Henderson | NC | 27536-3522 |
| 8 | Jerry A. Ayscue | 112 Wildwood Ln | Henderson | NC | 27537-5512 |
| 8 | Cathy Dillard | 412 S Stratford Dr | Henderson | NC | 27537-5090 |
| 10 | Etta Briggs | 3760 Albacete Cir | Punta Gorda | FL | 33950-8962 |
| 16 | Fern Ellington | 1579 Graham Ave | Henderson | NC | 27536-2911 |
| 18 | Greyson Parrish | 1128 Satterwhite Point Rd | Henderson | NC | 27537-7687 |
| 20 | Lora Brummitt | 8909 NC 39 Hwy S | Henderson | NC | 27537 |
| 22 | Nancy Puckett | 879 Carey Chapel Rd | Henderson | NC | 27537-8479 |
| 24 | Pete O'Geary | 100 Fernwood Creek Ct | Henderson | NC | 27536-5819 |
| 26 | Joseph Todd | 247 Dabney Woods Ln | Henderson | NC | 27537-9301 |
| 26 | Bobby VanBrunt | 11 Shell Ct | Surf City | NC | 28445-7867 |
| 27 | Bruce Cullers | 115 Keneipp Rd | Carrier Mills | IL | 62917-2353 |
| 27 | Hazel Foster | 243 Yowland Rd | Henderson | NC | 27536-4061 |
| 29 | Tom Hall | 944 Franklin Ln | Henderson | NC | 27537-4786 |
| 30 | Sabrina Day | 134 Southern Ave | Henderson | NC | 27536 |
| 30 | Adrian Stainback | 79 Strawberry Ln | Henderson | NC | 27537-6294 |



Valentine's Day



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| Hug | Rose | Love | Kiss | Gift |
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| Crush | Candy | Family | Dinner | Cuddle |
| Dessert | Bouquet | Romantic | Kindness | Valentine |
| Chocolate | Affection | Teddy bear | Friendship | Candlelight |

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Make Note of our New Times!

Share Group:

February 9 and March 9 at 11:00am

Katie Oakley Group:

February 10 and March 10 at 11:00am

Fellowship Lunch:

February 11 and March 11 at 12:00pm

Business Meeting:

February 18 and March 18 at 11:00am

Baptist Men's Breakfast:

February 22 and March 29 at 8:30am

Our services:

Sunday: Sunday School 9:40am
 Worship Service 11:00am
 Choir Practice 2:00pm

Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study at 11:00am

Are you Moving?

Please let us know your new address. You can contact us by calling 252-438-6306 (from 9:00am-12:00pm) or by email at webc619@gmail.com

UPDATE: If you have pictures you'd like included in the newsletter, please have them turned in before noon on the **20th** of each month. Please send them to webc619@gmail.com (preferred) or bring them to the office between 9:00am and 12:00pm.

Thank you,

Silka