How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:14 (KJV)
To Our Pastor,
Dr. Linda Anderson,
You lead our congregation by opening God’s word, and then you live your life reflecting all we’ve heard. You care for others deeply and lift them up in prayer, and when we face misfortune, we know that you’ll be there. We really love you, Pastor Linda, for everything you do and we thank God for giving us a Pastor like you.

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To Our Pastor, Rev. Ronnie Chamblin and his wife Kay, for 23 years of dedication and service to our church. We are truly blessed and grateful, and we look forward to continue serving Christ with you.

Rev. Ronnie Chamblin & Wife Kay

Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. 1 Thessalonians 1:3. May the Lord bless you and give you peace and joy. Thank you for your 56 years of devoted service to God by preaching His word without compromise and bringing sinners to Christ. We sincerely appreciate your love for the church, your spirit, your teachings, and your wisdom. Brotherly Love, Maranatha Baptist Church
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We would also like to thank our Pastor’s wife, Rebecca, because we know the sacrifices and hours of commitment given by her both in labor and in support of Sandy. Thank you, Pastor Sandy and Becky, for showing us God’s love.

Rev. Sandford Hendrick & Rebeca Hendrick

We truly thank God for our Shepherd Pastor Alvin, for his humbleness as a servant as he guides us on this journey. His willingness to give of himself as he always goes above and beyond, not only for his family, but his congregation, community, and anyone or anywhere there is a need. Thank you for your dedication and service not only to God but to us!

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In Honor of Our Pastor Winford Davis
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Thank you, Pastor Nathan and Sister Esther, for your faithful service to God and to our congregation. We are grateful that you preach the uncompromised Word of God with conviction, love, and compassion. You are a true servant of God and a wonderful friend to everyone. Sister Esther, we appreciate your willingness to serve in any capacity. You are a talented asset and a special blessing to us. We love and appreciate both of you!

Mitchell Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church
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Pastor Nathan and Esther Phillips

We love and appreciate both of you!
October 2021

**Pastor Appreciation Month**

Why is it appropriate to set aside a special time each year to give recognition and affirmation to our clergy and their families? How are their needs and circumstances different from those of carpenters, grocers or dentists?

One distinction lies in the nature of the service these leaders provide. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments— the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered.

When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

Another problem lies in the expectations placed on pastors. Numerous surveys have found that a very high percentage of pastors feel pressure to be the ideal role model of a Christian family—which is impossible, of course. As a result, four out of five pastors feel their families are negatively impacted by unrealistic expectations—whether self-imposed or congregation imposed—and that ministry is an outright hazard to the health of their families. Indeed, the "pedestal" is not all it’s cracked up to be.

As pastors and their families try to please the God who called them to ministry while also trying to meet the expectations of their congregations, one result is dangerous stress. In fact, 75 percent of those surveyed reported experiencing a significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry.

Then, of course, there is the “fishbowl” aspect of ministry, whereby the entire lives of pastoral families seem to be on public display. Every private family situation quickly seems to become a congregational or community issue. This anxiety can only be heightened when financial pressures also come to bear, which is common since pastors typically make substantially less each year than their own board members and deacons.

Nearly 70 percent of pastoral spouses work outside the home, most often due to financial need. No one would choose to live life under these conditions unless they felt obliged to a higher, divine directive.

Unfortunately, all too often, these are exactly the conditions under which pastoral families serve. The good news is that we can make a difference! Pastor Appreciation Month is an attempt to counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with positive affirmation.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. (Luke 4:18 KJV)
My God will raise up a generation who will speak the truth

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: It’s hard to understand why much of society looks down on Christianity when in fact Christianity has been responsible for developing hospitals, children's homes, universities, and has always responded to people from all walks of life who are victims of disasters. – C.C.

A: History has recorded the works of Christian ministries that have demonstrated compassion toward their fellow man and have been used to pave the way for better conditions around the world. John Wesley, for instance, began preaching in the fields, churches, barns, on hillsides, in the rain, in the scorching sun – at any place people would gather to hear God's Word proclaimed. Then he took up his pen and wrote against the evils of his day. He denounced the cruel violations of God's law. He pointed out immorality that opposed God's holiness and undermined the morals of mankind. He pointed out the abuses of labor. He opposed everything that he found to be contrary to the commandments of God. It was the great revival under Wesley that set in motion forces that eventually destroyed slavery around the world.

Conditions in the early to mid-18th century find a parallel in society today. The lawlessness, the crime, the immorality that is a stench to the nostrils of God is hastening God's judgment upon this land. This could be changed and transformed by another great spiritual revival. The ills, divisions, troubles, and difficulties that beset our nation could be turned around if people would humble themselves before God in repentance. Pray that God will raise up a generation that will speak God's truth and pray that hearts and ears will be open to His call. “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know” (Jeremiah 33:3).

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Communication between God and man is broken

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Our ability to communicate around the world surpasses any other time in history, yet society seems frantic when trouble strikes with no clue of where to turn for answers to life. Is this what it means to be spiritually blinded? – C.L.

A: When a spacecraft returns from its orbital flight, there's a blackout period when all communications are broken, caused by intense heat generated by the spacecraft's reentry into the earth's atmosphere. The Bible teaches that man is in a period of spiritual blackout. Spiritually, he is blind. “We grope for the wall like the blind” (Isaiah 59:10). “The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not” (2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV). Man is also deaf spiritually. “They have ears to hear, and hear not” (Ezekiel 12:2, KJV). Jesus said, “If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead” (Luke 16:31, KJV). Spiritually, man is even “dead in trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1).

All of this means that the communication between God and man is broken. There's a wonderful world of joy, light, harmony, peace, and satisfaction to which millions are blind, deaf, and dead. They search for serenity and long for happiness, but never seem to find it.

Many give up the search and surrender to pessimism. Often their despondency leads to frantic rounds of alcohol, drugs, distractions through entertainment, and the practice of immorality, completely ignoring God on their desperate search to find an escape from sin-blighted existence. But God is there, speaking and beckoning. He sends forth His message of love, but we must be on the right wave-length. We must be willing to receive His message and then to obey it. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life” (John 8:12).

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Pastor Ken Young

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Brother Ken for being a great Pastor and Friend. We appreciate that you have continued to preach the Word of God, never compromising, for the past 37 years. We Love and pray for you and Sister Sue daily!

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Evening Worship.......................6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday.......7:00 p.m.
Pastor Appreciation

October 2021

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“We, at Flat Rock Baptist Church, are truly blessed to have Pastor Rusty Reed and his wife Judy, serving our church. Pastor Rusty is truly a Godly man and a friend to everyone. He preaches the word of God with such enthusiasm. His dedication and love for everyone is so appreciated by the church family as well as all who know him. May God bless you, Pastor Rusty, as you continue to serve our church. We love you!”

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29

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FLAT ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH
proudly honors our
Pastor Jeremy Pegram

Thank you, Pastor Jeremy, for all that you do for our Church as we strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are blessed to have you, Allison, Elliott, and Luke in our Church family.

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Rev. Jim Richland, Associate Pastor

We are so blessed here at Highland Park to have not one, but two wonderful men of God serving our congregation! Both of these men are very involved in the work of our church. Their willingness to faithfully preach the word of God, minister to those in need both spiritually and physically, and lead our church boldly, yet compassionately, in reaching the lost for Christ is truly a blessing and inspiration to all of us. We love and appreciate both of you and thank God every day for you and your sweet families. May God always richly bless you!

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Antioch Baptist Church

In appreciation to Grant Atkins, our Senior Pastor at Antioch Baptist Church for all that you do.

In the past four years, we have had the need to start new Sunday School classes, the Awana and Upward Football outreach programs and our Vacation Bible School has had a large increase in attendance. For these are the future members of our church.

To Courtney and the kids, we thank you for forfeiting so much family time so Grant could spend time with our church families.

To Grant, we thank you for the many Sunday sermons and the great Bible studies on Wednesday night and your Christian leadership.

2 Chronicles 7:14
If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
Marler Road Baptist Church gives praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His many blessings. We feel one of our greatest blessings is our Pastor and our church. Every church should feel they have the best Pastor in the world, and that is certainly our belief because Pastor Randy always points us to the Lord and gives God the glory. One of Pastor Randy's sayings and the motto of our church is “It’s All About Him” (Jesus Christ) and it definitely is.

It’s been yet again, another tumultuous year. We've had to deal with the virus and all the hype that surrounds that, problems within families, our nation and world are facing multiple crises, our environment with storms, tornados, earthquakes, floods, fires, unrest in our and many governments and so much more, truly the world is crying peace and safety. As the Bible tells us in Matthew 24:33-34, there’s much that points to the soon coming of our Lord.

We need as never before to hear from the Lord and Pastor Randy never fails to point us to the fact that Jesus Christ is the answer to all life’s problems. There’s only one God and one way to heaven and Jesus is the way. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me” John 14:6. And still, with the world’s situations, he assures us we can have hope and joy in Jesus Christ. He preaches the Bible in its entirety on all subjects, matters and issues with boldness, passion and compassion. Our Pastor continuously preaches, teaches and encourages people through the precious Word of God. During the pandemic he has and still is keeping in touch with all our people ... calling, texting and visiting those who are not physically able to attend the services. Along with our Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening services, he also sends out telephone messages with a short devotional twice a week to keep us encouraged.

We praise God for the recent outpouring of the Spirit in our services especially now when we need refreshing, for His anointing, encouraging the weary, giving assurance to those who may doubt, and for saving souls. “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations” Psalm 100:5. Truly God is good!

Pastors have a tremendously hard job especially in these days. 1 Timothy 5: 17 says, “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.” Pastor Randy is always ready to serve God and our people to the honor and glory of God. He’s loves our country, loves souls, missionaries, mission works, and is always ready to take opportunities to share Jesus. He truly puts the Lord first. And we praise God for his precious wife Tanya who always is so compassionate, understanding, giving and caring as well. She supports him in the ministry and serves alongside him. They’re always concerned with our welfare and pray daily for us. The Lord truly blessed when He put these two together!

If you do not have a home church, we'd love to welcome you to our services. On Sundays we have Sunday School at 10:00 am for all ages, Preaching at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. We have Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meeting at 7:00 pm. We also have King’s Kids programs for children 2 years old to 5th grade, and a teen program, TOTAL, for 6th grade up on Wednesday evenings. We praise God for multiplied blessings and we thank and praise God for our man of God, our Pastor Randy Johnson. Thank you Pastor for always following the leadership of our Lord. May He give many souls for your labor of love and we’ll give God the glory as you lay many, many crowns at the feet of our precious Savior Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless you and your family, the ministry and our Marler Road family, to the glory of God.

We Love You Pastor Randy and Mrs. Tanya ...
Thank You for Your Faithfulness to our Lord and to His Word,
We thank God for You!
Bible says there are two kinds of wisdom

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Many people in the world brag on the knowledge that mankind has accumulated, and it seems that arrogance of what has been accomplished through education has been idolized. What is the difference between man’s wisdom and God’s wisdom? – T.W.

A: There is more knowledge in the world today than ever before. Computers can transmit information in a millisecond to any part of the globe by satellite. More information has been processed, more facts discovered in this century, than in all of the other centuries of human history combined. Yet man has never been further from solving his basic problems, the basis of which is alienation from others. It is this alienation which produces wars, crime, and all of the other social ills. The United Nations was supposed to be a forum in which people could resolve their differences. Instead, it has been a forum for magnifying them.

The Bible says there are two kinds of wisdom in the world. First, there is wisdom that is given by God, a wisdom which, after the mind of Christ, views life in terms of eternity. Of this wisdom, the Scripture says, “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy” (James 3:17).

The second is the “wisdom of the world” which, God says, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise” (1 Corinthians 1:19), stemmed from the fact that it has followed the wisdom of the world rather than the wisdom of the Lord. Each person has the equal opportunity of choosing which kind of wisdom they will choose. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10).

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God always wants us to live victorious lives

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: The world has been in a different kind of war – a war on disease that brings fear and uncertainty. Churches closed like never before and depression is spreading like the virus. Have people in past centuries been so defeated? – D.C.

A: There are many kinds of battles and wars. The enemy of our souls attacks in various ways leading to defeated lives. But the Bible speaks of victory, and being conquerors. Vanquished armies surrender and retreat, but victors shout with joy! A song was often sung in churches across the country in past generations, but today is seldom heard: “Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,” but so often when Satan mounts an attack against us we behave as if we are prisoners of war, or worse, conscientious objectors.

For Christians, we don’t have to live defeated lives. God wants us to live victorious lives even in the midst of trouble and adversity. The key is to belong to Jesus Christ and walk daily with Him. He brings joy in sorrow, and peace in pain.

Discover what it is to walk in the way of Christ. Know what a thrilling experience it is to wake up every morning and sense His presence! Realize what a joyous experience it is at sunset to know the peace of God, and then as we sleep we can know the Spirit of the Lord is with us, and we will be more than conquerors by His power and His might. “In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Romans 8:37).

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Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

(2 Timothy 4:2 KJV)
We are so happy and thankful as members of The Glory Hallelujah Triumphant Pentecostal Church, Apostolic for our Pastor Kathy Hunt Dobson. We have seen the spiritual growth and wisdom of our Pastor in leadership. She sets the example for all of us.

She has been a light to our community and has served the Lord Jesus with a heart of compassion. Not only has she been a real blessing to us for the past twenty years, but she has been an asset to our neighborhood and surrounding areas.

On Sunday, January 10, 2021, the temperature were 27 degrees (clear), high 48 degrees and low 27 degrees. At 6:24 a.m., another new vision for us at The G.A.P. church came from God, and was shared by Pastor Dobson which was to celebrate life, launching the new mission, “Love, Compassion and Charity”.

Our Father in Heaven has smiled on Pastor Dobson and has blessed her with abundance; therefore, we too have been blessed.

She is a praying Pastor, a loving Pastor, a sharing and caring servant of God who goes the extra mile. Her goals are to witness Christ to all people, so that they may be prepared for Jesus’s return. Her vision is a new church built from the ground up for all the people of God’s will in this area.

She teaches us to love everyone and to put God first. Pray about everything always and to honor and obey his commandments in the Bible.

Our prayer for her in Jesus’s name: May God strengthen and keep our Pastor. May He help her to continue to serve Him. Keep up the good works, to occupy until Jesus returns for the family of God. May she let her light shine bright so sinners see it and ask, “What must they do to be saved?” We pray for her daily and support her totally in the Gospel Ministry. To God be the glory.

You may write to her at: The Glory Hallelujah TP Church, P.O. Box 352, Dobson, NC 27017.

1 Timothy 5:17 (KJV) ... Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Ephesians 4:11-12 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
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Pastor/Founder

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and Right: Deacon Robert Louis Dobson, Sr. Trustee/Treasure

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