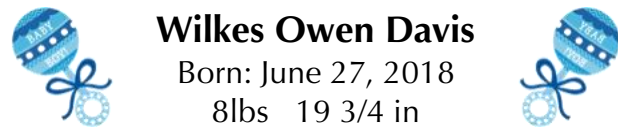


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Wilkes Owen Davis

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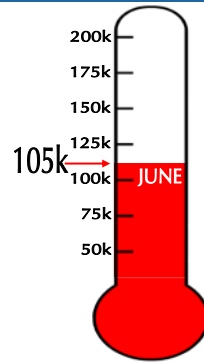
Proud Parents: Michael and Laura Davis

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HARRISON PRUITT PARK

*For Church.
 For Community.*

Contributions Needed: \$200,000
 Harrison Pruitt Fund: \$400,000
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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, July 8

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
 9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
 10:30 AM Bible Study
 11:30 AM Church Council Meeting
 Youth—Passport Camp July 8 - July 13

Wednesday, July 11

12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon

Sunday, July 15

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
 9:00 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
 10:30 AM Bible Study
 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting
 6:00 PM Youth Summer Sundays

Monday, July 16

6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, July 17

9:00 AM Kids Terrific Tuesday—Tubing

Wednesday, July 18

12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
 4:30 PM Youth Summer Bible Study
 5:00 PM GA's Summer Missions

Thursday, July 19

Beacon Mailed
 9:30 AM Youth Boys Day

Our Deepest Sympathy

Family and friends of Mozelle Geisel.
 Avanalle Howard in the loss of her
 sister, Hazel Merck.
 Niki Cox in the loss of her husband, Jeremy Cox.



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Deacon's Meeting

July 15 ~ 11:30 AM
 Deacons' Conference Room

Save the Date!

August 26
 FBC's 197th
 Anniversary Celebration

SERMON SERIES CONTINUES

Freedom Means...

July 8:
Taking Off Your Shoes
 Exodus 3:1-14

July 15:
Making Choices
 Exodus 4:29-5:2, 7:1-4a, 8:29-32

July 22:
Sacrifices Are Necessary
 Exodus 12:1-13

Observance of the Lord's Supper

July 29:
God Is always Near
 Exodus 24:15-29:9

August 5:
Continuing to Grow
 Exodus 33:12-23

August 12:
Choosing to Remain Faithful
 Exodus 35:4-5a, 36:1-5

From one Minister to Another...

As we began our look at freedom from a Biblical perspective last Sunday, I talked about the importance of being honest about our past—being honest about everything really—because, as Jesus told us, “it’s the truth that sets us free.” It’s always liberating to “come clean” about things, even when the truth doesn’t put us in a very flattering light—but admittedly, that’s a hard lesson for us to learn.

Anyway, last Sunday’s sermon was “tailor made” for sharing this experience, but since I’ve told you about this before in a sermon, and sometimes, in private conversation as well, I’ve chosen to pass it along again by way of this Beacon article.

Nearly 23 years ago, when I was still the “new preacher” around here, I toured the Calhoun Mansion over in Clemson with a group of community leaders from Anderson. As the tour was ending, the young tour guide, a senior history major at the university, took us in the house’s living room—a room filled with old family photos. He asked if there were any questions.

I suppose it would have been just another routine tour, except that there was a young African-American attorney in our group who dared to ask if there were any photos of Mr. Calhoun and the children he had with his slaves. Well, as they say, “you could’ve heard a pin drop!”

The young man didn’t respond, so the question was repeated. By now, he had to say something; so he said, “We’re really not supposed to talk about that.” Evidently the young tour guide had only been told what NOT to say!

Well, believing that truth is something we’re Biblically mandated to pursue, I encouraged our guide to tell us what he knew. With that, he pointed to a corner of the room that was occupied by a very prominent chair.

He told us that if we would look behind that chair, we would find the photos in question. Sure enough, they were there. Evidently, back when this picture was taken, nobody tried to cover up (i.e., “not talk about”) this aspect of slavery. Calhoun certainly didn’t—he proudly posed for those pictures—with several children on each side!

We went on to learn from this young attorney that there are lots of stories from that era that are handed down in African-American households that the rest of us don’t hear about—not in our families, or even in our schools.

Maybe, friends, we’d rather not hear stories like these; but I think we need to. It’s become acceptable in some circles to deny truth, or tell it in ways more to our liking.

But then there’s that commandment about “not bearing false witness.” And Jesus’ reminder that it’s the truth that sets us free. Best I can, I’ll cast my lot with the truth-tellers and encourage you to do the same, while realizing that all of us get fooled sometimes. Still, those who love freedom also love the truth, and always seek to speak it... in love.

In a Spirit of Partnership...


James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

July 8

Worship Childcare:

Lori Miller

Deacons of the Week:

Skip Brown, Offertory Prayer
Kathy Adams, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Chad Waters and Glenn Bolt

July 15

Worship Childcare:

Lynne Eaves

Deacons of the Week:

Leslie Walker, Offertory Prayer
Chad Walker, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Donnie Campbell and T. J. Fusco

July Collection Committee

Greg Shore, Fran Singleton,
Rusty Smith, Ed Sokol,
Alene Sullivan, Pat Vickery

Wednesday Lunch

July 11

Lunch

Hamburger Casserole, coleslaw,
Fried Okra, Cornbread,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

(Suppers will resume 9/5/18.)

July 18

Lunch

Chicken Tenders, Creamed
Potatoes, Veggie Casserole,
Marinated Carrots,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch Reservations:

Please contact the church office
by Noon on Tuesdays to make
or cancel your reservations.

SUMMER FUN CONTINUES!

FBC KIDS!

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS:

July 17 - Tubing

July 24 - Swimming

July 31 - The Greenville Zoo

August 6 (Monday) - Carowinds

August 14 - Gravitopia

GA'S SUMMER MISSIONS

Wednesdays: 07/18, 07/25, 08/01,
08/08, and 08/15

5:00pm—Meet at Figs to eat

5:45pm—Study Missions in Russia

7:00 - 8:00pm—Splash fountain / Wren Park

(8:00pm Pick up from Wren Park)

KIDS AT PASSPORT CAMP

Please pray for our kids who will be leaving for Passport Camp in Lookout Mountain, GA July 26 - 29. Let them know you're praying by sending a letter to camp by Tuesday, July 24, so it will be received before they leave Friday morning.

Camper Name, FBC Anderson
PASSPORTkids at Covenant College
14049 Scenic Highway
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750

FBC YOUTH!

YOUTH AT PASSPORT CAMP

Please pray for our youth who will be leaving for Passport Camp in Greensboro, NC, this Sunday, July 8. Let them know you're praying by sending a letter to camp by Monday, July 9, so it will be received before they leave Friday morning.

Camper Name, FBC Anderson
PASSPORT at Greensboro College
815 West Market St.
Greensboro, NC 27401

YOUTH SUMMER SUNDAYS

6:00—9:00PM

(select Sundays during the summer)

YOUTH SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 3:33—5:00PM

(select Wednesdays during the summer)

YOUTH BOYS DAY

Thursday, July 19—9:30am - 6:00pm

YOUTH TUBING

Monday, July 23—10am - 4:30pm