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Notes



Welcome to Ball Camp Baptist Church

We're glad you're worshiping with us today. Whether you're visiting or call Ball Camp home, we hope you feel welcomed and encouraged.

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July 12, 2026

"Be the Good Seed"
Matthew 13:1-9; 19-23

Sermon by Rev. Lee Fox

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Musical Prelude	Thea Carter
Call to Worship: Hymn No. 619	Sanctuary Choir & Congregation
<i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine</i>	
Opening Prayer	Carolyn Greenwood
Welcome to Worshippers	Rev. Tina Collins
Congregational Hymn No. 617	
<i>Heavenly Sunlight</i>	
Communion	
Invitation to the Table	Pastor Lee & Pastor Tina
Feasting at the Table	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Holly Farler
Choral Worship	Sanctuary Choir
<i>Speak the Name</i>	
Pat Cabbage, soloist	
Congregational Hymn No. 278	
<i>We are Travelers on a Journey</i>	
<i>(Please remain standing as you are able for the Gospel reading.)</i>	
Sermon	Rev. Lee Fox
<i>“Be the Good Seed”</i>	
Matthew 13:1-9; 19-23	
Hymn of Response No. 71	
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	
Commissioning Prayer for Pastor Lee	Rev. Tina Collins
Benediction	Rev. Lee Fox
Postlude	Thea Carter

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LEE

Ten years ago, Robin and I walked through the doors of this church with eyes open to possibilities, hearts full of anticipation, and a deep sense of calling. Today, I write to you with a heart overflowing with gratitude, but also with the sorrow that accompanies every meaningful farewell.

When I look back over the last ten years, I do not just see a calendar of Sundays, sermons, and committee meetings. I see a tapestry of sacred moments. We have stood together on the mountaintops of celebration, dedicating infants, rejoicing at weddings, and cheering on the growth of our faith community. We have also walked hand-in-hand through the deepest valleys, holding one another in prayer through grief, illness, and unexpected hardships. Through every season, your resilience, hospitality, and unyielding faith have been a profound testament to the living Christ we follow.

You invited me to be a part of your families, and you became an inseparable part of ours. Thank you, Ball Camp Baptist Church, for your patience with me when I stumbled, your encouragement when I was weary, your laughter when I sang Happy Birthday to you, and your unwavering partnership in sharing God's love both within these walls and out into our community. A pastor is nothing without a congregation willing to roll up their sleeves and serve, and you have always been steadfast in your service. Don't stop.

As I prepare for the next chapter of my ministry, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:3-5: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

This scripture captures the posture of my soul today. Every memory of this church will remain a treasure to me, and my prayers for your future will always be filled with joy.

Change is rarely easy, but I leave you with absolute confidence in the future of this church. The ministry here was never built around one person; for 229 years this wonderful church has always been anchored in the unchanging grace of God and sustained by the collective devotion of its people. Keep loving one another, keep seeking justice for those on the margins, and keep building a space where grace and mercy abound.

Thank you for ten unforgettable years of partnership, growth, and love. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Peace and Hope,
Lee and Robin

COMMUNITY NOTES

Wednesday, July 15

Wonderful Wednesdays – 10am-12pm
Quarterly Business Meeting – 6:00pm
Choir Practice – 6:45pm

Sunday, July 19

Sunday School (all ages) — 9:45 AM
Worship Service — 11:00 AM
Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Door Greeters

9:30–10:30 – Lisa Thompson
10:30–10:55 – Don Gordon

Service and Mission Opportunities

Blessing Box

Please check expiration dates on donated items

Children’s Mission (Christmas Boxes)

July Focus: Washcloths

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesdays: Ball Camp Kids Summer Fun

Join us each Wednesday in July from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM for wacky summer fun with Ball Camp Kids! If you would like to volunteer please let Holly know at holly@ballcamp.org.

Quarterly Business Meeting will be Wednesday, July 15th at 6:00 PM. All committee and team minutes and any agenda items need to be submitted to the office no later than Monday, July 13th.

Join us for **Church-wide Christmas in July** on Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:00pm. Please bring your favorite Christmas snack or dessert. We'll also have a fun Gingerbread Decorating Contest, so come ready to show off your creativity and enjoy a little friendly competition!