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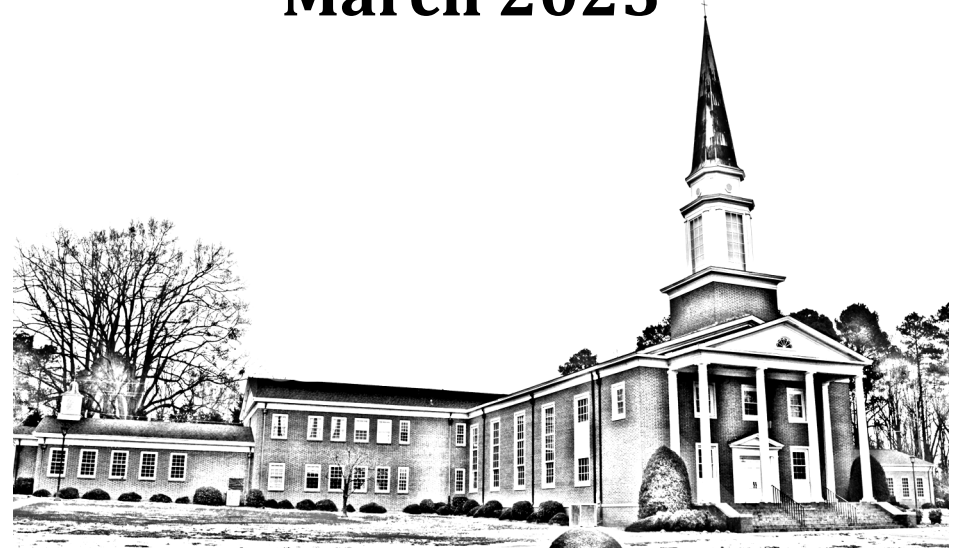
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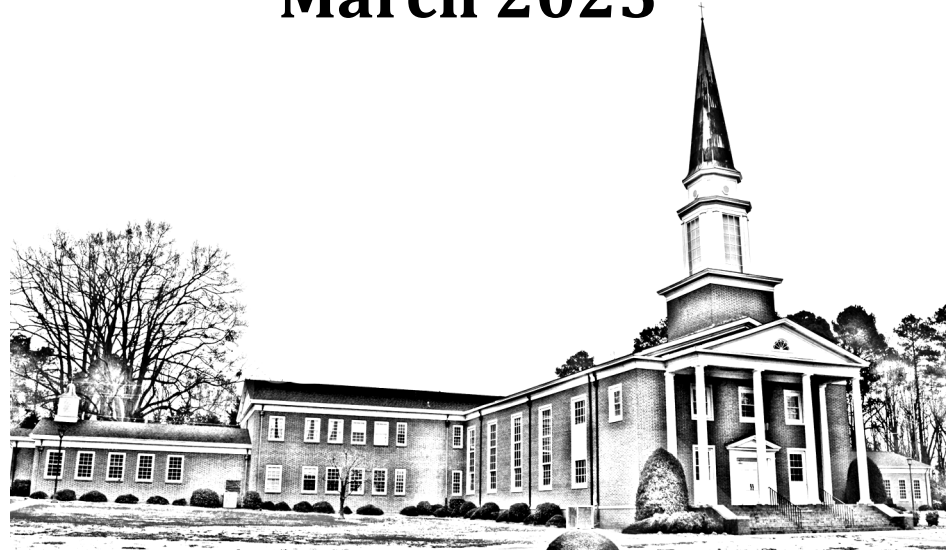
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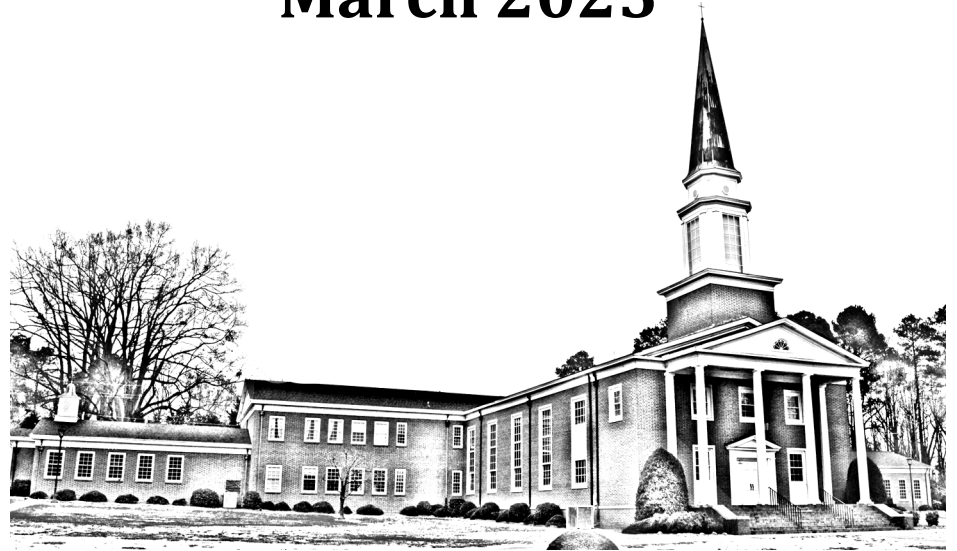
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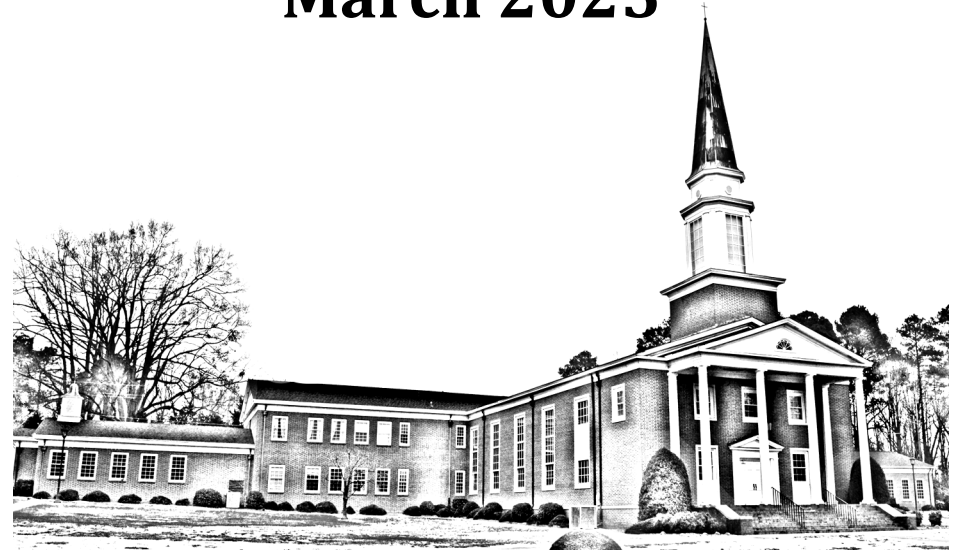
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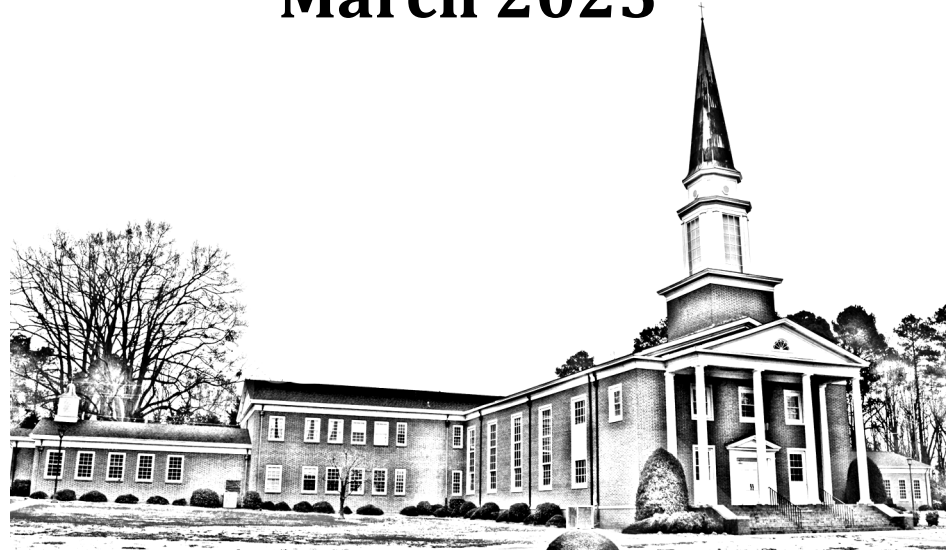
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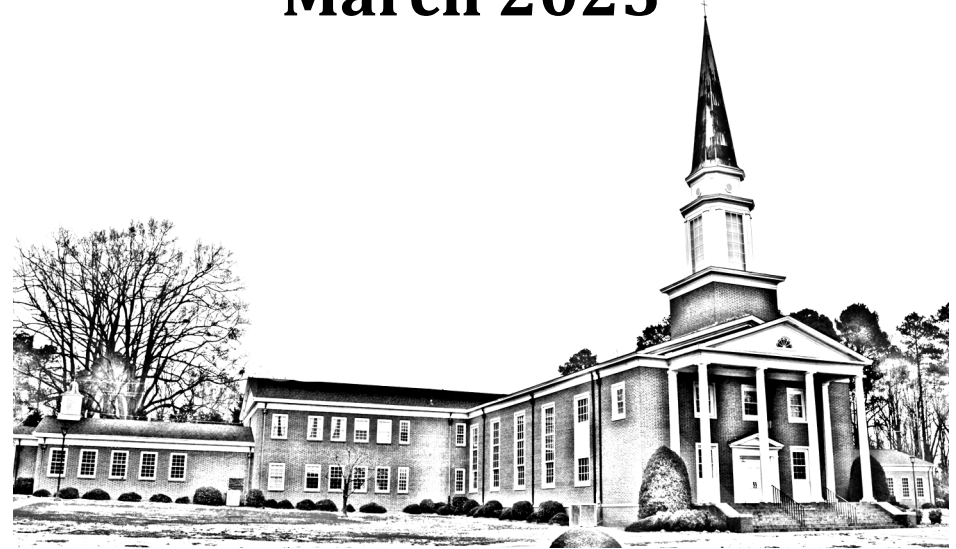
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Pastor Nick's Letter March 2025

Greetings, Church family,

It's hard to believe we are already heading into March! February was another great month! Dr. Croy and I continued our Sunday morning series through 1 John and finally completed it! As we move into March, we should be diving into 2 John and 3 John. Sunday, February 23rd, we celebrated WMU Sunday. We want to thank the ladies of WMU at Troy First Baptist on their efforts for making the service special. All glory to God! We had a message that Sunday geared towards women from Proverbs 31. I want to thank everyone for their generosity for raising money for the Uwharrie Women's Center from the baby bottle boomerang.

During the month of February, the kids at kids club had their theme verse as 1 John 4:7. We discussed the definition of love, the author of love, God, receiving that love, Jesus Christ, and applying that love by loving others. In Elevate (children's church), the kids have been going through a series called "rock solid" teaching them how to "climb" spiritually with Christ.

This past month, the youth group went skiing in Winterplace, WV and we all came back in one piece, praise God! A big thanks to all chaperones and of course Earle Poole for driving us all there and back safely. The youth group this year has been learning who God is in all of His characteristics. We have had our key scripture passage as Exodus 34:6. In the month of March, we will be shifting to discussing what it means to be a Christian. Bradley and Hailey Wright have started a small group Bible study for youth on the "I AM" statements of Jesus. I am very proud of the spiritual growth of our youth group.

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Jocelyn and I have been hosting a Bible study for young adults at our home and have been studying the parables of Jesus. This has been a wonderful study and we have seen such eagerness to grow in God's Word from those who attend.

Jocelyn and I love serving with you all and look forward to a great month in the Lord's service!

In Christ,
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March 2025 Dr. Dwight Croy A Godly Approach to the Angry



Everyone who spends time in relationships with different people will come across that "one." The one who is seemingly always angry, swears, gets red faced, and the veins come out their neck, yes, the one who is the "hulk." At times it is a boss. Other times, it is one of our relatives, possibly considered the "black sheep" of the family. Perhaps it is that "one" salesclerk that you seem to always get, even if you go to great lengths to avoid the meeting.

II Kings 5 might be an unusual place to find principles to approach difficult and angry people. It is an amazing thing to me that some people find the Old Testament a dark place with little grace and mercy. The story of Naaman speaks wonderful truths about God's grace and mercy. In verse 13 we see some practical ways of approaching difficult and angry people. Believe it or not we will learn some godly application from pagans. (For more of the same principles, see Joseph Genesis 37-50, Hannah I Samuel 1-2:11, and Abigail I Samuel 25). Naaman was in a rage and his expectations had not been met in getting the required healing for his leprosy. Money was not accepted. An important person did not meet him, an incantation was not given, a dirty river was required, and the beautiful rivers of his homeland were not recommended. Naaman's servants who traveled over 700 miles from Damascus with him **did not** say, "Hey, what's the big deal? What do you have to lose?" Naaman went into a rage because his expectations were not met.

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