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#### Office Hours:

M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:30pm



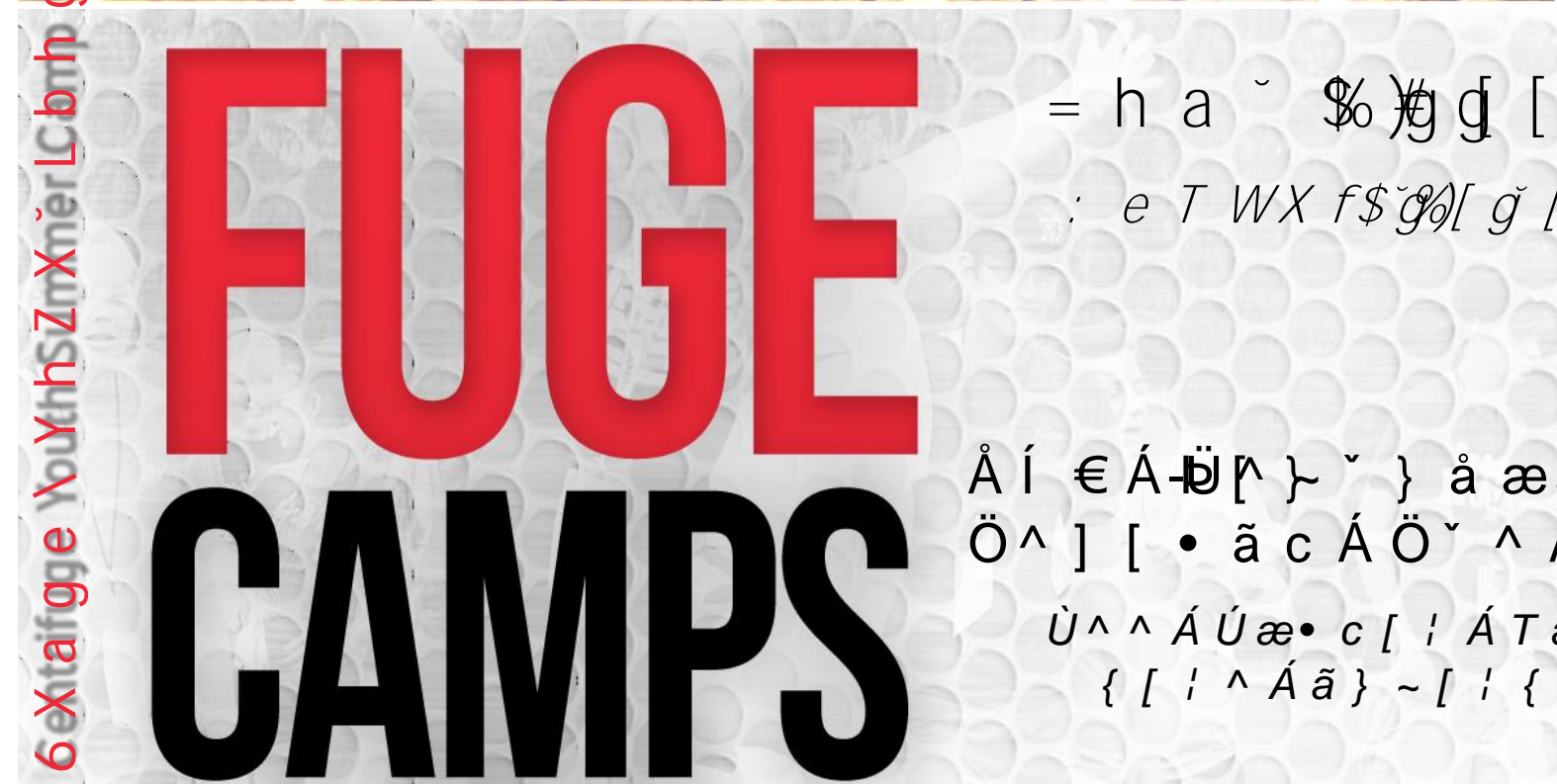
## DAILY PRAYER POINTS

### Focus: Marriages

Ask God for guidance in choosing specific marriage(s) to pray for in February.

Each day focus your prayers for the couple(s) on these topics:

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| œ 1-Feb  | God's Presence        | œ 15-Feb | Thankfulness       |
| œ 2-Feb  | Unity                 | œ 16-Feb | Protection         |
| œ 3-Feb  | Forgiveness           | œ 17-Feb | Vulnerabilities    |
| œ 4-Feb  | Conflict Resolution   | œ 18-Feb | Obedience          |
| œ 5-Feb  | Overcome the Enemy    | œ 19-Feb | Leadership         |
| œ 6-Feb  | Spouses Put God First | œ 20-Feb | Divine Direction   |
| œ 7-Feb  | Discernment           | œ 21-Feb | Health             |
| œ 8-Feb  | Against Insecurity    | œ 22-Feb | A Place of Refuge  |
| œ 9-Feb  | Intimacy              | œ 23-Feb | Submission         |
| œ 10-Feb | Finances              | œ 24-Feb | Unconditional Love |
| œ 11-Feb | Words                 | œ 25-Feb | Perspective        |
| œ 12-Feb | Friendships           | œ 26-Feb | Gifts              |
| œ 13-Feb | Spiritual Growth      | œ 27-Feb | Time               |
| œ 14-Feb | Legacies              | œ 28-Feb | Future             |



## Yard & Bake Sale

Apr 21 | 8

Church Wide Yard & Bake Sale  
Presented by Vision 20/20

Please call the office to set up a delivery time to drop off yard sale donations! All items should be clean and in good saleable shape. No clothing please. We will also need some delicious cakes to sell. Proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign.

# When Bias Is A Good Thing

We gathered, we slid into desks, and we waited for class to start. This was one of my first journalism classes at Wingate College, so I was eager to get going. Our professor was a seasoned journalist who had recently retired from UNC Chapel Hill and had come to Wingate to teach part-time. And that first day he said something that I have never forgotten.

It came mid-way through the class, as he was introducing the class and describing the syllabus. He came to the subject of "straight news reporting," a staple of journalism. The phrase describes those news stories that pepper the front page and, supposedly, distinguishes the reporting of news events from features or comics or, more importantly, opinions and editorials. That is, "straight news reporting," I thought, described the unbiased reporting of newsworthy events.

Boy, was I wrong.

When he came to that section of the syllabus he commented, as if it was common knowledge, "Of course, there is really no such thing as unbiased news reporting. Every reporter and every article are biased." And he kept talking like nothing had just happened.

But it had. Sure, I was young and naïve (it was 1981), but I had lived happily for 18 years with the unchallenged notion that those frontpage articles were unbiased and unprejudiced, that the news was just the unvarnished facts. I had not just learned something new about the lack of objectivity in reporting. I had just learned something unsettling about human nature, and it changed the way I approached my own writing first, and then the way I have consumed information for the rest of my life.

People are biased. And more importantly, we are incapable of being unbiased. God alone is unbiased (Rom. 2:11). But we will always serve our opinions and promote our causes. Even when we are not aware of it. And journalists are not only biased, they have the advantage of a medium to furnish the world with their perspective, and a platform to promote their bias. That's why we have Fox News (right) and MSNBC (left). We choose which bias we prefer and which aligns more readily with our own.

The years have passed and now I am less naïve about bias in the media and more willing to embrace an appropriate bias. That's why I subscribe to a variety of journals and publications, including the NC Baptist State Convention newspaper, The Biblical Recorder.

God calls people to serve the culture in explicitly Christian news reporting, and we should embrace this bias. So, I am delighted to tell you that we will have as our guest on February 11, a prominent leader among NC Baptists, and a key individual in the field of Christian journalism, Allan Blume, the

Editor/President of the Biblical Recorder.

Allan is an accomplished and respected preacher and pastor, having served such prominent churches in NC as Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte and Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Boone. At Mount Vernon, he led the church to focus on missions, and in the 12 years he served as pastor, 20 family units from the church committed to vocational missions.

And since 2011, he has served NC Baptists and the wider Christian community at the helm of our NC Baptist news publication. Under his leadership, the Biblical Recorder has become a trustworthy source of news as well as a voice for the concerns and perspectives of NC Baptists. It is a Christian news publication that deserves your attention. As of this January, the Recorder was 185 years old and is now the only regularly published Baptist state newspaper on the East Coast (bi-weekly), in both digital and hard copy. All other state Baptist newspapers have succumbed to the pressures of digital media, merged with other papers, reduced to monthly publications, or fallen away entirely.

So plan to be here February 11 to hear Allan Blume preach. And in the meantime, get to know The Biblical Recorder. You can find it online at [www.BRnow.org](http://www.BRnow.org). In fact, while you are there, go ahead and sign up for the email subscription and stay informed of news events through a Christian perspective. Or, you may wish to consider a print subscription. You can do that by contacting the Biblical Recorder at (919) 847-2127.

Bias is a fact. And when put to proper use, it can help us stay informed and aware of the world we live in. And through the Christian press, we can stay engaged in our culture and better apply a biblical worldview to the issues in our world. Reading the BR is one great way to do that!

With love in Christ,  
Pastor Bob



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Series: "With All Your Mind"

Guest Speaker Allan Blume  
Editor/President Biblical Recorder  
Feb 11 | 11am

Listen or download messages at FBCC on our website or from iTunes™.

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Kids Choir  
Sundays | 6pm | K-5th Grade

Wednesdays  
Mission Classes | 6 : 30 : 8pm

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Prayer for Our State, Nation and Boston Mission Initiative  
Tuesdays | 5:30pm | Conference Rm

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Winter Basketball & Cheerleading  
Games on Saturdays  
Volunteers Needed  
Contact Pastor Mike

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Sunday School Teacher s Meeting  
Feb 18 | 4:30pm

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Heck-Jones Offering/Week of Prayer  
Feb 1 7-1 8

Romania Mission Trip  
Jul 1 2-2 1 | \$ 2 , 5 0 0  
\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Due Now

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Building Fund Balance: \$16,991

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Monthly Meeting Planet Fun & Starz Grille  
Feb 15 | Planet Fun  
10am | Bowling | \$5  
11am | Lunch  
(Visit [planetfuncenter.com](http://planetfuncenter.com) for Menu and Pricing)

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Men s Bible Study  
Mondays | 6am

Men s Ministry Dinner & Meeting  
Feb 19 | 6:30pm

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Church Bowling League  
Starts Feb 12th  
Contact Graham Davis 910-612-6501  
Eddie Hill 910-612-3184

Join a church bowling league  
The league will run approximately eight weeks, with matches on Mondays starting Feb. 12  
Contact:  
Eddie Hill 9106123184  
Graham Davis 9106126501

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7th— th Grade Girls Small Group  
Sundays | 5 : 30 : 8pm  
Mark & Wendy Giordano's home

11th— th Grade Girls Small Group  
Thursdays | 6pm  
Michael & Brenda Wicker's home

7th-12th Grade Boys Small Group  
Sundays | 5 : 30 : 8pm  
Roger & Beth Hart's home  
Led by Pastor Mike

Wednesdays  
Bible Study | 6 : 30pm

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Sundays | 5 : 30 : 8pm  
Roger & Beth Hart's home  
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Girls Small Group  
Sundays | 5 : 30 : 8pm  
Mark & Wendy Giordano's home

Wednesdays  
Bible Study | 6 : 30 : 8pm

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Ministry Meeting/Dinner  
Feb 12 | 6:30pm

Dance for Joy | Tuesdays | 6:30pm

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