



**Rev. Bruce Landon is New Pastor at Southside Baptist Church**

This is a release from Southside Baptist Church: Southside Baptist Church is pleased to announce that Rev. Bruce Landon has accepted the position of Pastor effective March 26. Pastor Landon holds a Master of Arts in Religion from Southern Evangelical Seminary. He was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in 2004, and served as Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Marshville and Grace Community Baptist Church in Polkton.

Rev. Landon and his wife Kathy have eight children and five grandchildren. He coaches Anson Parks and Recreation youth soccer. The family resides in Polkton.

Commenting on his recent appointment, Rev. Landon remarked, "I am so thankful for the opportunity that God has given me to serve as Pastor of Southside Baptist Church. What a blessing to serve the Lord there with my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am excited to see what God is going to do."

Southside Baptist Church is very happy to have Rev. Landon as its new pastor. The congregation looks forward to him sharing his knowledge of God's Word with the church. Please help Southside Baptist Church welcome the Landon family. All are invited to attend Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays, and Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**Extension Notes Quick Spring Cleaning Tips**

Every spring, our staff at the office gets together and cleans out our back storage room. This year we cleaned out the whole office. Our plan was, if it hasn't been used in three years, and you don't plan to use it this year, it goes. Then we dusted and wiped down offices and meeting areas, cleaned and wiped out refrigerators, even cleaned the stove and microwaves. That got me to thinking, I need to do some of this at home... So here are some quick cleaning tips for all of our homes this spring.

- Plan your work, then work your plan. You have heard that before and it works for spring-cleaning, too. According to the American Cleaning Institute, you can tackle your spring-cleaning in even the smallest chunks of time. Each of the tasks on their list takes just a few minutes, so you can decide how many you can squeeze into your already busy day.
- Prepare first. Inventory your supplies and add what is missing to your grocery list. Make a to-do list for what you want to clean, then divide it up by task or room.
- Sort out clutter. Take everything out of the closets, dressers, shelves, under the bed and off the furniture. Put stuff in separate piles. Separate out what you don't need anymore and donate if you can.
- Next work on window blinds and curtains. If you try to clean all the blinds in one day, chances are that you may not be as thorough on the later ones. Pace yourself and only clean one or two windows (or one room) a day. Take down curtains to wash or take to the cleaners, or vacuum them and use a fabric refresher to neutralize any odors. Don't forget to clean the window sills and frames.
- Work on your walls. Use a vacuum with a soft brush attachment on the hose to clean up any cobwebs in the corners. And remember the ceiling fans. Wipe or vacuum the blades first to get any loose dust, then spray your cleaning cloth to keep any cleaning product from staining your ceiling.
- For your upholstered furniture, vacuum the cushions and under them. While the furniture surface is clear, use an electrostatic dust sheet or furniture polish or wipes to take care of a winter's worth of dust. Then use a fabric refresher to neutralize any odors.
- Dust all surfaces throughout your home, vacuum the carpet and wet mop floors. Every surface in your home needs a thorough cleaning, with the goal of reducing the likelihood that bacteria stick around for spring.
- Prevent mold and mildew from accumulating in the bathroom by using remover products and disinfectant. In the kitchen, give the surfaces a good cleaning and disinfecting. Make sure you allow enough time for the germ kill, per the product label instructions.
- And if it takes a while to get it all done, so be it. Go back to your to-do list and decide which tasks you need to complete and choose one to do each day. The key is finding a system that fits you and your schedule.

By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director

**Commissioner Causey Urges Citizens to Avoid Distracted Driving**

**April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month**

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey has joined the National Safety Council in urging North Carolinians to concentrate on the road and avoid distractions while behind the wheel. April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

"Driving has always been dangerous, but now more than ever, we need to concentrate on the road," said Causey. "The safety of every North Carolinian is my top priority and I urge everyone to put down your phone and concentrate on driving your vehicle."

Distracted driving accounts for nine deaths every day nationally – deaths that are completely preventable simply by keeping your eyes on the road, your hands on the wheel and your mind on driving. Last year in North Carolina 177 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver. Additionally, an estimated 26,962 were injured.

Below are tips to help curtail distractions before they happen:

- Do not use your cell phone while driving
- Let calls go to voicemail or let a passenger talk for you
- Select music before you start driving
- Refrain from eating, drinking and smoking
- Make sure your passengers and pets are properly restrained
- Know your route
- Manage passenger conversation

For more information about distracted driving, please visit [www.distraction.gov](http://www.distraction.gov).

**Wadesboro Civitans Scholarship Opportunities!**

**Deadline to apply is April 24**

The Wadesboro Civitan Club, the oldest civic organization in Anson County, will be accepting applications for college scholarships from now through April 24. The club will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to four college-bound students from Anson County this year.

They welcome applications from all Anson County students, including those who are home schooled.

The applications must be received on or before the deadline, April 24.

Students may return the completed applications to their guidance counselors, or mail them directly to the Wadesboro Civitans at PO Box 751, Wadesboro, NC 28170. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application forms are available through the various high school guidance counselors, from the Hampton B. Allen Library, by telephoning Beverley Getzen at 704-694-7022, or sending an email to [bbgetzen@gmail.com](mailto:bbgetzen@gmail.com).

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