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Facilities/Grounds Report

If any one sees or knows of anything that needs repair or our attention concerning the buildings or grounds, please contact Eddie Coats. Custodian Susie Juma has placed a suggestion box in the Fellowship Hall for church cleaning needs.



Martha's Kitchen Pig Cooker



The cooker is available to Church Groups at no charge, but individual church members are asked to pay a rental of \$60 a day or \$80 for weekend. We do ask that you bring it back clean and tanks full. For information contact Bob Hodge 458-4302

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request please email Frances Ray (frances@fbccb.org), call the Church Office (458-5134), or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.



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Office News & Deadlines

By Debbie



Deadline for the November 2015 Newsletter is October 19th. Please email your articles to me by the deadline.



Al-Anon Meeting

Each Friday evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall., an Al-Anon's group meets to welcome and support family and friends of alcoholics.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm FBCCB hosts the "Only Today" group of AA, which follows the Speaker Meeting format and is open to all.

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Narcotics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm, the church will be hosting a Narcotics Anonymous open discussion meeting group called "A New Way of Life."

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*Putting the Focus on Christ . . . in our personal lives,
in our families, in our church, in our community, in our world!*

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Mission Statement

*"First Baptist Church is
committed to building a bridge
to the community through
outreach, education, spiritual
and personal development.
This is our mission."*

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Change and Blessing

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

—Anne of Green Gables, Maud L. Montgomery

My husband, Eric, loves autumn. The crisp air, the even-crisper apples, the changing leaves—he welcomes all of it. After summer's heavy heat, Eric's mood seems to lift with the dropping temperatures. Over nineteen years of marriage, his gleeful anticipation of October has rubbed off a *tiny* bit on this spring-summer-loving girl.

As a child, I dreaded fall: the growing dark, the loss of the leaves, the forced farewell to bare feet, shorts, and playing outside in the everlasting twilight of summer. By October the thrill of the new school year had faded and Christmas still felt forever away. October seemed to me to bring bad news of endings.

Through the years, I've prayed for God to help me love autumn, too, to be able to hear its blessings more than its sadness. But not much changed until two years ago, when we took a long-awaited spiritual retreat to the mountains of Southwest Virginia in October.

One afternoon, we took a hike on a mountain trail near our cabin. The woods offered every color of October's palette and the views from the top of the trail were absolutely stunning. We couldn't have asked for a better day for enjoying God's creation, to hear it singing God's glory in its own unique way.

On the way back to the car a stand of particularly golden-leaved trees caught my eye. As I positioned myself to take their photo, a sudden thought came to me: "These trees have given the best they could, given everything they can, and now here at the end, they are giving one last gift. Take it."

And just like that, my heart changed. Now, when October begins, I still feel that tug of sadness, but I also feel a tug of anticipation.

Like us, the leaves experience new growth, a flourishing season, and eventually have to let go. But even in their ending, God has found a way to bless us, a way to honor the importance of letting go and prepare us for what's to come by reminding us how loved we are.

Change is a part of life. In so many ways, if we're not growing and changing, then we are stagnant, stuck—and maybe even in danger of withering. Change can be sad and scary . . . and it can also be life-giving.

God promises to be with us through all of our changes, through all of the losses, and all of the goodbyes, letting go, and clearing out for new possibilities. October reminds us that even in the ending of something, God is present, offering blessing and good news even as things change right before our eyes.

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

- Hostess: Angie Leary
4 – Peggy Creech
11 – Tammy Dew & Angie Leary
18 – Beverly Lovingood
25 – Debbie Morris

11:00 am Service

- Hostess: Jennie Gaskell
4 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
11 – Melissa Story
18 – Roxanna Barker & Dianne Tucker
25 – Jane Walker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

- 4 – Marcelle Tyler
11 – Melinda Latta
18 - Sherri Broom
25 – Tina Stanley

11:00 am Service

- 4– Molly Painter
11 – Molly Painter
18 – Molly Painter
25 – Molly Painter

GREETERS

8:30 am Service

- 4 – Paul & Maria Agrillo
11 – Peggy Creech
18 – Young Adults
25 – Ben & Beth Yarborough

Sunday School

- 4 – Marie Underwood
11 – Brian Dew
18 – Tommy Tucker
25 – Lee Latta

11:00 am Service

- 4 – Margie Underwood & Bernie Mitchell
11 – Barbara Bigley & Inez Malloch
18 – Mike Sanford & Jane Walker
25 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class

TELLERS

Bob Hodge & Libby Lowdermilk



**Sunday Morning
Worship & Sunday School**



- 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship Service

Whichever time or style you prefer, come with hearts prepared to worship. Bring your Bibles and plan to spend time studying and discussing God's Word during the Sunday School hour. We offer classes for all age groups



Nursery

During our worship services, the church provides a nursery for children 0-5 years old. Located on the first floor of the Education Building just behind the sanctuary.



Children's Church

Following the time of offering during both worship services, all children in K – 3rd Grades are invited to join our children's leaders in the foyer to be led over to the second floor of the Education Building for a special time of worship and activities.



Prayer Time

Everyone is encouraged to join the pastor every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am in the church library to pray for our church and community.



Children's Choir

All children ages 4 and up are invited to be a part of the Children's Choir. The children will be rehearsing each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.



- October 5 – Jason and Melissa Story
October 7 – Bernie and Donna Mitchell
October 8 – Reggie and Dee Barnes
October 19 – David and Gail Longnecker
October 24 – David and Lori Bowles
October 28 – Stan and Jackje Abramski



CHURCH "GET TOGETHER"

On the third Sunday night of each month at 6 pm, members and friends of the church are invited to meet at Rucker Johns Restaurant for a time of fellowship and meal. Our next Get Together will be Sunday October 18th.



NEED A BIBLE STUDY ?

Wednesday Night Bible Study Esther: Behind the Scenes



In October, we'll be digging into the Book of Esther. Together we will explore how a book that never actually mentions God still manages to show God at work behind the scenes. We will also reflect on how God calls us to be at work behind the scenes in our lives. Come join us at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall!



Be More Women's Bible Study



Come and join the Be More Study on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Bost Fellowship Hall. "Stepping Up", as we travel through the Psalms of Ascent exploring Psalms 120-134 with Beth Moore. We will gain a new appreciation for the life of faith as a journey to greater fellowship with and worship of God. For more information, call Shirley James (233-2829).



MISSIONS AND MORE

Operation Christmas Child



It's almost time to fill our boxes with little gifts and lots of love to bless children around the world! Boxes are out to allow us two months to fill them. Let's see if we can use this extra time to fill more boxes than we ever have! Now is a good time to buy school supply items to fill the boxes. Thanks to Lori Griffin and the Missions Committee for leading this mission.



Meals on Wheels



On the 4th Saturday of each month, our Missions Committee has a team that prepares and delivers meals in the community for the Meals on Wheels program. If you are interested in learning more about how this ministry works or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Lori Griffin (798-5857). We now have volunteers to make desserts. Thanks to all our Meals on Wheels volunteers! We couldn't do this without you! The next opportunity to serve will be Saturday, October 24th at 10 am.



Ladies of All Ages – Come Join the WMU

All women are invited to come out to the church on the second Monday of each month to join the Vera Harris Circle of the WMU as it focuses on missions education and prayer and plans missions projects in our community.

WMU NEWS.....

The Vera Harris Circle will meet Monday, October 12, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sheila Long will bring the program and Lori Griffin will be the hostess. Please plan to attend. Its been a long time since June and we need to be together again. For the Help Center this month, just get real creative and bring what you would want to eat if you were very hungry. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Margie Underwood, WMU Director



Baptist Men



All men are invited to join us for our breakfast meetings/mission projects. For more information, or to recommend possible mission projects, please contact Ben Yarborough, (398-8023).



Needs for the Help Center



The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: Hot or cold cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, or any other canned or dry goods, and toiletries. Please place your items on the table in the sanctuary.



Help Center Christmas Basket



The Help Center of Federal Point is asking us to help them with the donation of **60 Bottles of Pancake Syrup** for their annual Christmas Baskets. Please place them in a box down in the Fellowship Hall by Monday, November 30th. They also invited our congregation to come out and help them make deliveries on Saturday, December 19th at the Seaside Chapel Fellowship Hall between 10 am and noon. It's a wonderful expression of the true Christmas spirit.



Martha's Kitchen



Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 – 7 PM

Everyone is invited to participate in our weekly ministry of offering warm, free meals to members of our community. We really need additional teams to form.

Contact Bob Hodge (458-4302) for info.