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Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed

The church needs volunteers to help with Audio/Visual elements during the worship services and musical rehearsals. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact the church office

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.

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."



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.

→ Martha's Kitchen Food Lion Pick Up ←

We need additional volunteers to join our Martha's Kitchen food pick-up teams. Teams are responsible for picking up the donated food from the store and delivering it to the church and putting it away in the freezers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Church Office (458-5134).

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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*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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Back to school?!

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

--Psalm 90:12

“School days, school days,
Dear old golden rule days,
Reading and ‘riting and ‘rithmetic,
Taught to the tune of a hick’ry stick . . .”

September always makes me think “back to school,” even though school now starts in late August around here--and even earlier than that back in my home county in Georgia. In fact, as I write this, our three boys have just started this year’s first day of school. We sent them off with special prayers for this new beginning, their backpacks bulging with fresh supplies, paperwork and snacks.

It seems like I was just attending our then-third grader’s end of year party at the park, watching the kids wolf down ice cream treats. Now here he is marching off to fourth grade with a new lunchbox (no theme or characters—he’s waaaaaay to old for that! ;-). The summer flew by in one big blur of sunscreen and sand!

Psalm 90 reminds us that our days on earth are fleeting. Time really does fly: “for a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is gone . . . like grass that is renewed in the morning . . . in the evening it fades and withers” (90:4-5). God has the eternal view, while we have decades, or a century if we are super-healthy and hardy.

In asking God to teach us to number our days, we are choosing to value the time God has given us. We don’t have to panic and rush. We don’t need to give up in despair that there’s never enough time. We aren’t pretending we have all the time in the world, because we know we don’t.

Instead, with the Psalmist, we unwrap the time God has given us like the gift that it is. We’ve been given days to share with those with love, days to learn to follow Jesus, days to worship our God, the Giver of all good things. We’ve been given days to celebrate the end of the school year and days to celebrate (or dread!) the beginning of a new school year.

Transitions might sometimes seem like days to hurry through. “Hurry up, let’s go on and get to the next thing!” But transitional time can also be holy time, time to unwrap as the gift it is meant to be.

I pray that in this transition time, we will take these days God has given us and unwrap them, number them and count them. I count it a true blessing to be walking with you in these days. In fact, this time feels all the more precious and all the more a gift because I know it will be limited.

Thanks be to God for these days, for this time. May we unwrap them together, joyfully and gratefully.

Blessings,
Alicia



NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Beverly Lovingood
6 – Beverly Lovingood
13 – Peggy Creech & Angie Leary
20 – Debbie Morris
27 – Tammy Dew

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Dianne Tucker
6 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
13 – Melissa Story
20 – Roxanna Barker & Jane Walker
27 – Dianne Tucker



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

6 – Marcelle Tyler
13 – Melinda Latta
20 - Sherri Broom
27 – Need Volunteer

11:00 am Service

6– Tina Stanley
13 - Julie Pinkston
20 – Melissa Story
27 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell



GREETERS

8:30 am Service

6 – Young Adults
13 – Paul & Maria Agrillo
20 – Ben & Beth Yarborough
27 – George Pinkston & Sherri Broom

Sunday School

6 – Marie Underwood
13 – Brian Dew
20 – Tommy Tucker
27 – Lee Latta

11:00 am Service

6 – Mike Sanford & Jane Walker
13 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class
20- David Lehman & Joy Coats
27 – Jerry & Diane Johnson



TELLERS

Diane Johnson & Debbie Buckingham



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.



Welcome Team Volunteers

We would like to extend the opportunity for additional people to serve as Greeters & Ushers. If you would like to be a part of the rotation on Sundays, please contact the church office.



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.



*September 4 – Don and Joy McCormack
September 7 – Steve and Jane Walker
September 8 – Scott and Michelle Whitaker
September 13 – Lee and Melinda Latta
September 16 – Jeff and Jennie Gaskell
September 22 – C.V. and Juanita Bailes*



Wednesday Night Bible Study

We will complete our study of the Psalms on September 2nd. For the next four Wednesdays in September, we will take a fresh look at the Book of Ruth. Come discover the radical nature of God's love in this short, colorful book!



Be More Bible Study

Come and join the Be More Study on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm, starting on September 28th, 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).



Mission Opportunity: 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 will be out by September 15th 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.



Cub Scouts

Each Monday night, starting on September 21st our church hosts Cub Scout Pack #230 at 7 pm in the Education Building.



2015 First Baptist Church Deacons

Front Row: (left to right) – Shirley James, Jeannie Arnold, Julie Pinkston, Marcelle Tyler, DeWayne Guy **Back Row:** (left to right) – Jeff Gaskell, Ben Yarborough, Mike Sanford, George Pinkston, Brian Dew. Not pictured: Matt Treppel and Lucy Bradsher



Heart of Hope Run – September 12th at 8 am

Benefiting Carolina Beach Elementary and the Help Center! Raffles, Face Painting and a Balloon Artist. Pre-registration - \$25 and a team of four \$75. Race starts beside Carolina Elementary School. www.HeartofHopeRun.com.



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 on Monday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sheila Long will be bringing the program and Becky and Margie will be the hostesses. Get creative and bring something for the Help Center that you think will be needed!

We will be planning our projects for the next few months – fund-raising and doing something for others. Be thinking and praying about what you think the Lord is leading us to do. See you then!

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).



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 September 20th.

Needs for the Help Center

The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: Canned meat, 2lb bags of rice, pasta sauce, soup, or any other canned or dry goods, and toiletries. Please place your items on the table in the sanctuary.

