

First Family News

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The calendar has turned and we have entered into one of my favorite seasons – Fall. As I have thought about this season over the last few days something came to my mind. Why not use this season to remind us to Fall more in love with Jesus. In Philippians 3:7-11 the Apostle Paul writes, *“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.”*

I believe Paul was saying he wanted to love Jesus more. How do we do this? I think it comes about by spending more time with the Lord. This may mean increasing your prayer time, studying his word more diligently, and making time to worship him individually and with the church. It may also mean spending more time ministering to the needs of others as he leads you. As we do these things out of a heartfelt desire- and not under compulsion- our love for the Lord will grow as will our love for others. Both of these are good things.

I realize that we are all in different places in our walk with the Lord. Some are further along than others. However, none of us are where we could be, there is still room for growth in each of our lives. So, let's “Fall” deeper in love with Jesus that we might echo the words of Paul, “I want to know Christ...”

Always remember that God loves you and so does your pastor. *Pastor Charlie*

KENYA TRIP PLANNED

We are planning to go to Kenya in February, 2020. It looks like the schedule will be February 18 – 28. The plan is to build four houses with the Houses of Hope Ministry. We will travel Tuesday – Thursday and then build a house a day Friday and Saturday. We will worship with one of the pastor's Pastor Charlie has worked with in the past and do a little touring on Sunday. Monday and Tuesday, we will build two more houses. Early Wednesday we will travel to the Masai Mara Game Park and tour the park. Thursday we will tour the park again and the travel to Nairobi to begin our trip back home.

The cost will be between \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00. As usual the main cost is the airline tickets. If you are interested please see Pastor Charlie. We need at least four people to make the trip happen, but we can take as many as eight. I have been blessed by every mission trip I have ever taken, however, there is something about this trip that is life changing. Please be in prayer to see if this is a trip for you.

Women's Ministry

During September we collected pot-sized spaghetti and jelly in plastic containers for Matthew's Ministry backpacks. These backpacks provide food items over the weekend for 700 students in Brunswick County Schools. Thank you for everyone who brought these items. If you were not able to help in September or would like to bring more, there is still time. See Debbie Adams or Jamie Lloyd. And thank you also to everyone who contributed to the NC State Missions Offering.

On Thursday, October 3 at 7 pm the Lena Early Mission Group is hosting Allysa with StAT USA, Stand Against Trafficking USA. Join us in the fellowship hall that evening to learn more about human trafficking in our area, the Community Resource Center located in Shallotte and ways we may be able to assist these victims of trafficking.

In October we will also be collecting 5-7 stick packages of gum for the annual WMUNC's Red Box Ministry. Associations across the state provide different items for these gift boxes for incarcerated women in North Carolina at Christmas time. As WMUNC tells us "receiving a shoe box full of toiletries may seem like a small gift, but it may be the only Christmas gift they will receive-an outreach of love in Jesus' name."

Be in prayer for our GA's as they prepare a talent show they will share in a local assisted living facility in early November. Girls, thank you for sharing God's love!

It's seems early, but "tis the season" for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. The Mission Action Group will again be leading our church in this ministry. Watch the Welcome Center for more information. Please return your boxes along with \$9 per box by November 17. Please remember, no toothpaste, candy, food items, war related items or liquids.

And, don't forget the Brunswick Baptist Association Toy Store. The closest location to us will be at Southport Baptist Church. Watch for more information in November for needed toys and collection dates as well as opportunities to serve.

Finally, take out your calendars and mark these upcoming dates:

December 8, 11 am service International Missions Speaker, Jack Yates

February 15 and 16, Saturday ladies' event with Renea Henderson, Sunday Women's Sunday with Phyllis Foy

Joan Carter

WMU Director



We will have Jeff Clemmons come and speak during the Morning worship on Sunday, October 13th. Mr. Clemmons will share with us about the ministry of the Gideons International. At the end of this service we will receive a love offering for the work of the Gideons.

On Sunday November 17th we will have a special speaker from the Baptist Children's Homes of NC. Jim Dyer will bring an interesting perspective having grown up as a resident of the Kennedy Home in Kinston, NC. We will also take up a love offering for the ministry of the Baptist Children's Homes at the end of this service. These are two great ministries that we have supported for many years. Please be in prayer for these speakers and seek the Lord's will for your participation in the offerings.

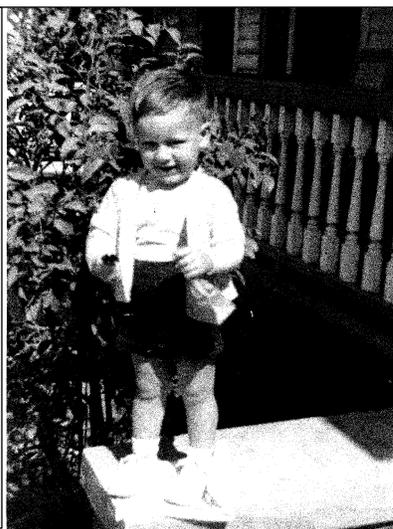
Guess Who?

Can you name this little boy -who according to his babysitter was always a "darling child"?

The first person to call the Church Office (910)278-9511 and correctly identify the photo will win a DQ gift card!

(In order to ensure fairness for everyone, you must stop by or call and speak to- or leave a message for- Michelle).

Telling staff outside of the Church Office will not count toward prize



Want to have your picture submitted? We will do a new picture each newsletter. Couples are encouraged to enter their wedding photos for the contest; Just see Michelle in the office.



December 2019 / January 2020 Newsletter Information is due to the Church Office by Monday, November 12th. All Department or Committee heads submitting information should mark their calendars or set reminders accordingly. E-mail your articles to secretary@fbcoi.org. Thank you.

Trunks of Treats

Make plans to join us, Thursday October 31 from 6-7:00. Decorate your car and hand out treats to the family's in our community. Then, invite them into the Fellowship Hall to join us for carnival games. Sign up on the Welcome Center bulletin board

Contributions of candy can be dropped off in the box in Welcome Center. We are also accepting money to purchase candy; please write "Trunks of Treats" in the memo line of checks



Our church is responsible for the worship services at Liberty Nursing Center each Sunday in the month of November. For this service, we need someone to present the devotion/message; a music leader; pianist, and helpers. The dear residents of this facility love to sing and hear the Word of the God. These services are always a blessing to them and to the individuals leading. Will you be a part? The sign-up sheet will be in the Welcome Center hallway.



Pastor Charlie will be out of the community November 11-13 to attend the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro. Please be in prayer for travel mercies and for the Convention itself.

Make you set your clocks back an hour before going to bed Saturday night November 2nd!



ISLAND YOUTH

reaching for higher ground

CONNECTION

October/ November 2019

October

- Oct 2 6:00p Churchwide Supper
6:45p Youth Discipleship
- Oct 4 6:00p SBHS Tailgate
- Oct 6 5:30p Family Meal
6:00p Bible Study
- Oct 9 6:00p Churchwide Supper
6:45p Youth Discipleship
- Oct 12 4:00p Drive-By Fooding
- Oct 13 5:30p Family Meal
6:00p Bible Study
- Oct 16 6:00p Churchwide Supper
6:45p Youth Discipleship
- Oct 18 6:00p SBHS Tailgate
- Oct 20 5:30p Family Meal
6:00p Bible Study
- Oct 23 6:00p Churchwide Supper
6:45p Youth Discipleship
- Oct 27 5:30p Family Meal
6:00p Bible Study
- Oct 30 6:00p Churchwide Supper
6:45p Youth Discipleship
- Oct 31 6:00p Halloween Party at Good Shepherd Shelter

November

- Blanket Collection for Good Shepherd Center
- Nov 1 6:00p SBHS Tailgate
- Nov 3 5:30p Family Meal
6:00p Bible Study
- Nov 6 6:00p Churchwide Supper
6:45p Gratitude & Grace
- Nov 10 5:30p Family Meal
6:00p Bible Study
- Nov 13 6:00p Churchwide Supper
6:45p Gratitude & Grace
- Nov 15 6:00p Fall Game Night
- Nov 17 5:30p Family Meal
6:00p Bible Study
- Nov 20 6:00p Churchwide Supper
6:45p Gratitude & Grace
- Nov 24 5:30p Family Meal
6:00p Bible Study
- Nov 27 NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- Nov 29 6:00p Living Nativity
- Nov 30 12:00p Good Shepherd Christmas Decorating
- Nov 30 6:00p Living Nativity



Instagram: fbcoiyouth

Facebook: Island Youth/ FBC Oak Island Website: www.fbcoi.org/youth-ministry



Song of Joy

Saturday December 14, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Sunday December 15, 2019

11:00 A.M.

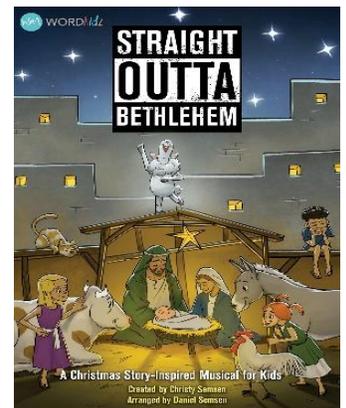
Begin now to invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to one or both of these services.

Join Your Family, Friends and ASMC

For a Night to Remember

Sunday December 8, 2019- 7:00 P.M.

Let me introduce you to **“Straight Out of Bethlehem”** a musical which takes us back to Bethlehem and the night Jesus was born. This season, we will focus on orphans and how none of us are orphans when God adopts us into His family. I’m especially excited about the beautiful song “Orphans of God” included in this musical and made popular some years ago by the group Avalon. The song reminds us that no one is unwanted, no one is alone, and no one is an orphan, because God has bought us with the gift of His Son. What a powerful message to present to our children.



“After School Music Club”

began Monday,

September 8, 2019.

We need 5 or 6 more kids.

All children (2nd – 5th grades) are invited to participate. There is no cost to the children and their families. Transportation is provided from Southport Elementary to First Baptist Church, Oak Island every Monday that school is in session.



Please call the church office to let us know of **Music Club** any possible kids that would like to participate.

For more information. (910) 278-9511

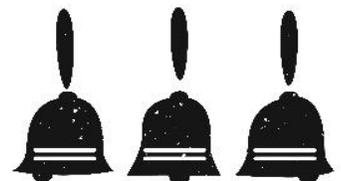
Have you ever played or would like to learn how to play handbells? We have a set at the church.

To establish a "handbell choir" we would need 7 or 8 dedicated ringers. A handbell choir cannot practice or perform without a full contingent of ringers.

You do not have to read music to participate. Reading music would be a plus.

Contact Pastor Raleigh if you would be interested.

Starting date will be January, 2020.



Handbell Choir

**Go into all the world
and preach the gospel to all creation**



In September, Pastor Charlie preached about the ministries of the church – evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, missions, witnessing. The Evangelism Committee has planned and is supporting several activities that will help FBCOI fulfill those ministries.

September 25 was an important day, especially for our youth. On that date See You at the Pole was held at South Brunswick Middle School and South Brunswick High School among other schools in our county. The Evangelism Committee supported the SYATP at SBHS by participating and providing a snack breakfast.

In October committee members will support Trunks of Treats. We will have a station/vehicle that will have information on the church and give visitors the opportunity to share prayer needs.

The Evangelism Committee is spearheading a ministry of providing Thanksgiving baskets complete with turkeys, stuffing, greens beans, yams, pies, rolls, etc. to 10 needy families in our community. The Women's Missions groups are gathering the food items, the youth will be packing the baskets, and the committee will be delivering them.

At the Living Nativity presentations December 6 and 7, the committee will be distributing information about the church and offering opportunities for prayer. At future meetings, we will be discussing other ways to support this outreach.

Our Welcome Center table continues to be manned by church members who have hearts to share smiles and information about the church. Thank you to all who are volunteering to participate in this important outreach effort.

FBCOI Evangelism Committee



It's a wonderful time to be a child of God at First Baptist Church of Oak Island! With school back in session, Children's Ministry weekly events are in full swing and we are grateful to be together learning and growing in Christ.

We kicked off our fall programs at our annual Back to School Bash. We played games together, remembered that we are each fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image, and shared yummy pizza. We had a

wonderful time following Jesus' command from Acts 1:8 by serving our community, state, country, and the world during Serve in September on Saturday, September 21. We worked at the Food Pantry in Boiling Spring Lakes, made non-slip socks for local nursing home residents, tied fleece blankets for disaster victims, and assembled Blessing Buckets for children in the Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian. We are thankful for the partnership of Soldier Bay Baptist Church who is helping us deliver the buckets to the children who need them.

Looking ahead, our Annual Trunks of Treats event is Thursday, October 31, from 6:00-7:00 PM. Donations of candy are appreciated and can be placed in the box in the welcome area beginning October 6. Volunteers are needed to decorate trunks with a Biblical theme as well as host games inside the Fellowship Hall. We usually see about 300 children and their families through this outreach. Your assistance in welcoming them to our church and sharing God's love with them is greatly appreciated. We also have a wonderful day of service and fellowship planned for Saturday, November 2. We will meet at church at 9:00 AM, then head to a local nursing home to deliver the non-slip socks created during Serve in September. While there, our GA's and RA's will present a Talent Show to the residents. Afterwards, we will share lunch, then take the ferry to Fort Fisher for the Cape Fear Kite Festival. There's a good chance we will find dessert before heading back to the church. We plan to return by 4:00 PM. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Children's Ministries of our church.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	6:00	TeamKID (Age 4 through 6th Grade)
Wednesday	6:00	Family Meal
	6:30	Children's Bible Study (1st -6th Grades)
	7:00	Mission Friends (Age 3 through Kindergarten)
		GA's (Girls 1st- 6th Grades)
		RA's (Boys 1st-6th Grades)

Children's Church Schedule

October 6- Sanctuary Sunday
October 13 and 20- Pete and Beth Key
October 27- Lauren McCoy and Mary Carter
November 3- Sanctuary Sunday
November 10- Lauren McCoy and Mary Carter
November 17 and 24- Debbie Adams and Elizabeth Whitener



SUNDAY SCHOOL

I am excited to begin our new church year with an uptick in attendance! God is certainly continuing to bless First Baptist Church of Oak Island with knowledgeable teachers and class members who are dedicated to caring for their groups and inviting others to church.

Sunday School is a member-led movement. For over two centuries, God has used the Sunday School as an effective tool for fulfilling the Great Commission. As the Sunday School Director, I'm not seeing our classes as just a group of friends enjoying Bible study and fellowship. I see our classes as Great Commission teams.

I see them praying for people in their class, as well as those outside the class. I see them in a Disciple-making ministry. I see them creating relationship opportunities for the class. Most importantly I see our class reaching out beyond our walls to the unchurched. Inviting unchurched people to enroll is the primary way a Sunday School class grows.

Thom Rainer, in his book *The Unchurched Next Door*, says that unchurched people share some surprising things.

- Most of the unchurched prefer to attend on Sunday morning, if they attend.
- Most of the unchurched feel guilty about not attending church
- Eighty two percent of the unchurched are at least “somewhat likely” to attend church if they are invited.
- Very few of the unchurched have had someone share with them how to become a Christian.
- Most of the unchurched have a positive view about pastors, ministers and the church.
- The unchurched would like to develop a real and sincere relationship with a Christian.
- Many of the unchurched are far more concerned about the spiritual well-being of their children than of themselves.

This wonderful research information should serve as a motivator to all Sunday School members that there are folks in our community just waiting to be invited to attend church! God has equipped us, He has given us everything we need to go out and make disciples!

We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

- 1 Thessalonians 2:8 CSB

In Christ, Jeffery Stutts

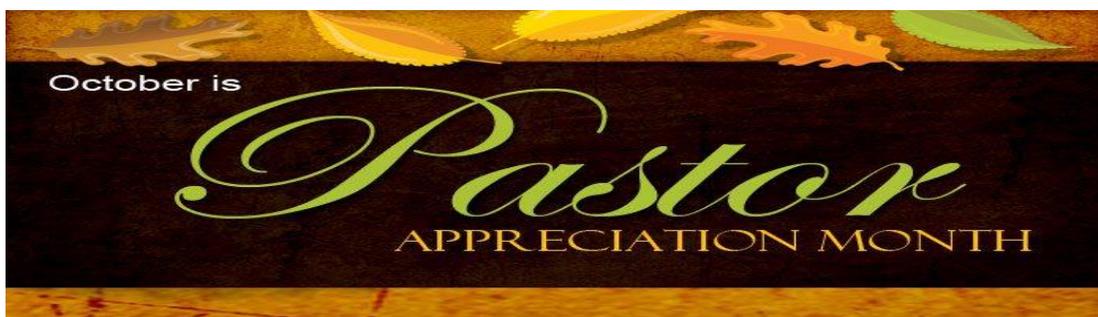
Happy Birthday

October

- 01 *Angela Jackson & Rich Pearce*
- 02 *Roy Joyner*
- 05 *Lulann Sharpe*
- 07 *Lois Bridges*
- 09 *Larry Carriker; Meta Carriker;
Joanne Williford & Andy Broadwell*
- 13 *Jill Eubanks & Carol Overpeck*
- 15 *Chad Staradumsky*
- 17 *Lisa Barker & Hester Williams*
- 18 *Donna Joyner*
- 20 *Helen Ferree*
- 21 *Russ White & Sylvelin Witmer*
- 25 *Denise Justice*
- 28 *Jennifer Gibby & Cammie Ratcliffe*
- 29 *Harriet Seekins Browning*

November

- 01 *Justin Weaver*
- 03 *Teresa Crusenberry*
- 04 *Megan Spivey*
- 05 *Wayne Hyer*
- 06 *Brenda McLendon*
- 08 *Michelle Cheeks; "Punkin" Stutts & Tommy
Williamson*
- 10 *Margie McAteer*
- 13 *Ann Duncan & Don Whitener*
- 20 *Martha Hair & Kelly Williamson*
- 21 *Diane Lowery; Elizabeth McCrary & Barbara
Inabinett*
- 23 *Anna Cummings & Drew Ward*
- 26 *Mike Adams & Dwight Hinnant*
- 27 *Paula Spence & Elizabeth Warren*



Please take time this month to let Pastor Charlie, Pastor Raleigh- Joan & Jane- know how just much they are appreciated.

OCTOBER

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Property & Space-7pm	2 Wed. Night Super-6pm Children's Bible Study-6:30pm Children & Youth Programs Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study- 7pm	3 Lena Early- 7pm	4	5
6 Lord's Supper Men's Sectional Choir Practice- 2:30pm	7 ASMC- 4:00pm	8 Mission Action- 11am	9 Wed. Night Super-6pm Children's Bible Study-6:30pm Children & Youth Programs Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study- 7pm	10 Mary Greene- 6pm	11	12 Youth Drive By "Fooding"-4pm
13 Gideon Speaker- 11am	14 ASMC- 4:00pm Deacons- 7pm	15 Stewardship- 7pm	16 Wed. Night Super-6pm Children's Bible Study-6:30pm Children & Youth Programs Quarterly Church Conference- 7pm	17 BBA Annual Meeting-7pm FBC Shallotte	18 BBA Annual Meeting- FBC Shallotte- 8:30am Youth- SBHS Tailgate-6pm	19
20 Women's Sectional Choir Practice- 2:30pm	21 ASMC- 4:00pm	22	23 Wed. Night Super-6pm Children's Bible Study-6:30pm Children & Youth Programs Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study- 7pm	24 Piecemakers- 10am Men's Prayer Group- 7pm	25	26 ...On This Day  ...Two Become One Cummings- Carlson Wedding- 1pm
27	28 ASMC- 4:00pm	29	30 Wed. Night Super-6pm Children's Bible Study-6:30pm Children & Youth Programs Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study- 7pm	31  Trunks of Treats- 6pm-7pm	 Donations of money or candy appreciated!!	

November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Morning Worship at Southport Health & Rehabilitation Center (Ocean Trail)					1 SBHS Tailgate- 6pm	2  Children's Ministry Nursing Home Service Day & Cape Fear Kite Outing- 9am
3	4 ASMC- 4:00pm <i>DEC/JAN. NEWSLETTER INFO DUE!</i> Church Council- 7pm	5 Property & Space-7pm	6 Wed. Night Supper- 6pm Children's Choir- 6:30pm Children & Youth Programs Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study- 7pm	7 Lena Early- 7pm	8	9
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17 Baptist Children's HomeSpeaker- 11am	18 ASMC- 4:00pm	19	20	21 Piecemakers- 10am	22	23
24	25 ASMC- 4:00pm	26 Stewardship- 7pm	27 Community Thanksgiving Worship- 7pm	28 	29 Living Nativity- 6pm	30 <i>Youth- Good Shepherd Christmas Decorating- 12pm</i> Living Nativity- 6pm