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THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

September 9, 2026 #33

UPCOMING EVENTS

BROTHERHOOD Breakfast
ALL MEN & BOYS ARE INVITED

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13
7:30 AM IN THE CLC**

SUNDAY NIGHT

Small groups

KICKOFF

SEPTEMBER 13

5:00 PM IN THE CLC
A MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.

ADULT LEADERS

- Evan Humphries/Cindy Brown
- David/Dee Dee Bailey
- Alain Kaboré/Brenda Nowell
- Meredith Humphries/Candace McKay
- Ryan Jenkins/Ryan McKay
- Gary Keen/ David Durant

YOUTH LEADERS

- Austin/Hannah Aultman
- Austin/Whetley Harrison
- Allen/Shannon Howell

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN LEADERS

- 1 Yr. Olds: Angie Gordon
- 2-3 Yr. Olds: Ashley Richardson/Melanie Smith
- 4-5 Yr. Olds: Jackie Cheatham
- 1st - 5th Grade: Morgan Jay

CHILDREN SINGING

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13**
WORSHIP SERVICE • 11:00 AM
NURSING HOME • 1:45 PM

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

BURGIN MCCLELLAN
and
STEPHEN LOMBARD
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING

SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY 19 AT 5 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Church Family,

We are looking forward to small groups kicking off this Sunday night at 5 pm in the gym. Small groups exist to **reach the lost** with the gospel and **encourage biblical community** and **spiritual growth** within the church. It is hard to believe that this is our fourth year doing small groups and we have seen them achieve these goals. For some, small groups have been the first steps for them to hear about the good news of Jesus. For our church family, the groups have helped bridge the gap between the older and younger generations. It is always a joy of mine to see our senior adults passing along wisdom and encouragement to the generations below them. If you have not joined a small group before, I hope you will consider joining one this Sunday. If you know of someone who is curious about the church and what we believe, this is a great opportunity to invite them. If you know someone who has not gotten plugged into a church family, invite them to join your group.

Our small group meeting times are made up of 4 key components. First, we share a meal with our group. Second, someone will share their testimony. Third, we pray together. Fourth, we study God's Word. This year, we are going to do something a little different with the testimony time of the small group. When the group leader determines, each small group member will be given an opportunity to share their testimony in 100 words or less. (We won't kick you out if you say 150 words.) To help with this process, each person will be given a sheet of paper to answer the following questions. 1) What was your life like before you became a Christian? 2) When and how did you commit to following Christ? 3) How is your life different because of Christ? It is our hope that this will help us be able to share our faith more effectively.

In Christ,
Evan



- **JEFF CARTER** NESHOPA, RM 2216
- **CHRIS JONES** TOM MAYNOR REHAB, RM 437
- **DON MCKAY** NESHOPA, RM 2218

Preschool Extended Session

SEPTEMBER 13

Younger: Austin & Hannah Aultman

Older: Jordan Dickerson & Angie Jay

SEPTEMBER 20

Younger: Brenda Barnett & Allison Boatner

Older: Laurel & Michael Beckham

FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday Deacon

SEPTEMBER 13

David Durant

SEPTEMBER 20

Robert Warner

MARGARET LACKEY
STATE OFFERING
CHURCH GOAL: \$4,500
GIVEN TO DATE: \$1,825

Flower Calendar



We are beginning a new church year flower calendar. Dates are now available through August 2027!

If you would like to reserve a date for sanctuary flowers in memory or in honor of someone special, please contact the church at 601-656-1507 office to reserve your date.

Wednesday Night Supper

SERVED: 4:45-5:45 PM

SEPTEMBER 16 M • E • N • U

Volunteers

SERVERS
BRENDA BARNETT • BRENDA NOWELL

CLEANUP
GAYLE BELENCHIA

PAYMENT TABLE
NANCY WILLIAMS

PIZZA

SALAD

DESSERT

KIDS: SAME



WILLIAM'S NOTES

Whether you have rung handbells with us before or have always wanted to give it a try, your opportunity is here! We will kick off a new handbell season this Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in Room 207, the "Faithbuilders" Adult IV Sunday School Department classroom. Our season will continue through December 24, giving us several wonderful months to make beautiful music together. Every ringer—and every bell—is needed as we make joyful sounds as unto the Lord!

Another new ministry we plan to start this month involves Children and all students who want to participate. "Hymns in my Heart 4" is a continuation of a ministry we started three years ago to help young people follow the instruction in Colossians 3:16 "With thankful Hearts sing Psalms, and Hymns, and Spiritual Songs to God."

Students and their parents will download an app to a tablet or phone containing twelve hymns—one for each month. Each month, an adult volunteer will listen as each student sings the featured hymn from memory and will record the student's progress. Any child who completes Level Four by memorizing at least nine hymns will receive a special gift at the end of the year. The first award is a hymnal personalized with the student's name engraved on the cover—a keepsake to treasure for a lifetime! With five levels in the "Hymns in My Heart" program, students will have the opportunity to hide sixty hymns in their hearts.

Shouting for joy!
William W. Smith
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ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Brotherhood Breakfast • 7:30 am
 Deacons Meeting • 8:30 am
 Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
 Sunday School • 9:45 am
 Worship Service • 11:00 am
 Handbell Choir Kickoff • 4:00 pm
 Small Groups Kickoff • 5:00 pm
 DivorceCare • 5:30 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

B.A.L.L. Luncheon • 12 Noon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
 Suppers • 4:45-5:45 pm
 Children's Choir • 5:30 pm
 Preschool Choir • 5:45 pm
 Mission Friends • 6:00 pm
 GA'S/RA'S • 6:00 pm
 Youth • 6:00 pm
 Chanel Choir • 6:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting • 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

CLC HOURS: MON.-FRI. • 7 AM - 12 NOON

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan Humphries
Minister of Music William Smith
Minister of Students Austin Aultman
Minister of Children Jackie Cheatham
Financial Ministry Assistant Laura Thrash
Education Ministry Assistant Tiffney Loper
Child Ministry Center Director Sage Mesley
Christian Life Center Director Linda Griffis
Facilities Manager Bruce Bounds

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Budget: \$26,697.02
 Wednesday Night Supper: \$491.00
 Music: \$15.00
 Food Pantry: \$100.00
 Outreach Designated: \$3,500.00
 Renovate Church: \$100.00
 Office: \$2.00
 Ruth's Promise: \$200.00
 Harvest Church: \$100.00
 Mother/Daughter Garaywa: \$275.00
 BALL Trip: \$488.00
 Child Ministries: \$200.00
 Disaster Relief: \$10.00
 Annie Armstrong: \$10.00
 Lottie Moon: \$10.00
 State Missions: \$1,710.00
 Budget Offering Given to Date: \$1,081,437.78
OVER Budget: \$2,706.82
WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,990.20
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 09/06/26: \$26,697.02

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	16
Children	28
Youth	12
Adults	132
TOTAL	188