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THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

September 16, 2026 #34

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

BURGIN MCCLELLAN
and
STEPHEN LOMBARD

INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING

SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY 19 5:00 PM

We respectfully ask this be an adult-only (12+)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY NIGHT
Small groups

>>> 5-7 PM <<<
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR A GROUP.

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 & Whestley 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

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Do this in remembrance of Me

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SEE YOU AT THE POLE
TIMES VARY ACCORDING TO THE SCHOOLS.

SAW YOU AT THE POLE
6:30 PM • BAPTIST CENTER

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 23



Church Family,

So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God. - Acts 12:5

I wonder what that prayer meeting was like in Acts 12, when they were fervently praying for Peter. I can only imagine how we, as a church body, would feel if one of the leaders of our church were taken and executed. Then, on top of that, Peter was captured and thrown in prison. His fate was obvious. There was no question what Herod intended to do with him. I would imagine their prayers had a certain level of urgency to them that we are largely unaccustomed to in the American church. Nonetheless, they are amazed when their prayers are answered. How could they not be amazed? God had done a miracle and delivered Peter from certain death.

Thankfully, we do not have anyone from our church who has been martyred for their faith, nor do we have a friend in prison. However, we have people all around us who are lost and will certainly spend an eternity in hell. May our prayers be directed toward this most urgent matter. Like the group that was gathered in Acts 12, I believe we will be amazed at what God can and will do. I am confident that He will give us opportunities to share the good news of Christ and see lives changed. It may not seem as urgent because no one is in physical prison and waiting for death. Yet, the spiritually imprisoned are all around us and in need of spiritual saving.

In Christ,
Evan

- **JEFF CARTER** NESHOPA, RM 2216
- **CHRIS JONES** TOM MAYNOR REHAB, RM 437
- **DON MCKAY** ST. DOMINIC, RM 4410

MARGARET LACKEY
STATE OFFERING
CHURCH GOAL: \$4,500
GIVEN TO DATE: \$2,450

Preschool Extended Session

SEPTEMBER 20
Younger: Brenda Barnett & Cindy Brown
Older: Laurel & Michael Beckham

SEPTEMBER 27
Younger: Sam & Tiffany Blaine
Older: Christy & Jennifer Bounds

FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday Deacon

SEPTEMBER 20
Robert Warner

SEPTEMBER 27
Austin Harrison

- Sanctuary Flowers -

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are lovingly placed in memory of Ava James Byars, with love that lives on in the hearts of those who knew and cherished her. They are given by her parents, Clay and Jessica, and her sister Mary Clayton Byars.

- Foyer Flowers -

The flowers in the foyer this Sunday are placed in loving memory of our precious girl, Ava Byars. They are given by Tyler, Carly, Tinsley, and Ty Rounsaville.

Wednesday Night Supper

SERVED: 4:45-5:45 PM

SEPTEMBER 23 M • E • N • U

Volunteers SERVERS Sylvia Stevens • Peggy Van Devender CLEANUP Ashley Peebles PAYMENT TABLE Nancy Williams	HAMBURGER STEAK MASHED POTATOES BROCCOLI PEACHES ROLLS & DESSERT KIDS: SAME
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Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Caleb and Sarah Raines on the birth of their son, Asher William Raines, born on August 28, 2026. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. He was joyfully welcomed by his big sister, Ember and grandparents, Bill and Betty Raines.



Youth Fall Retreat 2026

Building Community. Refocusing on Jesus.

This fall, we're inviting students to step away from the noise of everyday life and into a weekend set apart for growth, friendship, and renewal. Our Youth Fall Retreat is all about creating space to deepen our relationships with one another while drawing closer to Jesus. It will take place at Lake Forest Ranch on October 10th-11th.

Over the course of the weekend, we'll share meals, open God's Word, and take time to reflect on what it means to live with Christ at the center. There will also be plenty of fun, games, and opportunities to connect in meaningful ways with friends old and new.

In a season where it's easy to be distracted or pulled in a hundred directions, this retreat is a chance to pause, reset, and be reminded of who we are in Christ. I hope your students are ready to laugh, learn, and experience the joy of community that points us back to Him.

Don't miss it—this is a weekend they'll carry with them all year long.

Austin Aultman



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 office at 601-656-1507 to reserve your date.

BY LETTER

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SEPTEMBER BALLS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A COLLECTION BOX IS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.

CHURCHWIDE Day of Fasting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Join us as we set aside time to seek the Lord through prayer, reflection, and dependence on Him.

FALL FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 • 5:30 PM

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

There is a box outside the church office for donations collected by October 25. Thank you for your help!

Men's Retreat

LAKE FOREST RANCH
OCTOBER 16-18
\$40
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: SEPTEMBER 30 • PAY BY: OCTOBER 14

Women's Retreat

LEWIS SMITH LAKE • CULLMAN, AL
NOVEMBER 13-15
\$50
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: SEPTEMBER 30 • PAY BY: OCTOBER 14

GENERATE YOUTH CAMP

JULY 10-14

COVENANT COLLEGE
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GA
REGISTER BY NOV 1

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

CMC Team Meeting • 8:30 am
 Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
 Sunday School • 9:45 am
 The Lord's Supper • 11:00 am
 Handbell Choir • 4:00 pm
 Small Groups • 5:00 pm
 DivorceCare • 5:30 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

See You at the Pole
 Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
 Supper • 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
 Chancel Choir • 6:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting • 6:00 pm
 Saw You at the Pole • 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Budget: \$15,505.11
 Wednesday Night Supper: \$503.00
 Music: \$75.00
 Utility Refund: \$250.00
 Designated: \$51,075.82
 Security: \$200.00
 Brotherhood: \$158.00
 Ruth's Promise: \$200.00
 Mother/Daughter GARAYWA: \$110.00
 B.A.L.L. Trip: \$1,478.00
 State Missions: \$225.00
 State Missions Given to Date: \$2,050.00
 Budget Offering Given to Date: \$42,202.13
UNDER Budget: \$5,778.27
WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,990.20
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 09/13/26: \$15,505.11

Sunday School

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	24
Children	40
Youth	27
Adults	148
TOTAL	239

Small Groups

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	24
Children	25
Youth	18
Adults	101
TOTAL	168