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*Autumn Happenings at First
Baptist Church*

“WEDNESDAY”

Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:45 PM

*Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
Adults - \$5.00-Children up to 12 \$3.00*

Adult and Youth Bible Study: 6:00-7:00 PM

Awana: Preschool 4 -6th Grade/6:00-7:30 PM

Adult Choir Practice: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

“SUNDAY”

Bible Study for all ages 9:30 - 10:00 AM

Worship Service: 10:45 - 12:00 Noon

Children's Choir K-6th Grade 5:00 PM

GA's & RA's 1st - 6th Grade 6:00-7:00 PM

Worship Service 6:00 - 7:00 PM



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October

- 6 – Doris Cain
- 6 – Alan Loris
- 7 – Tommy Cannon
Abigail Williams
- 10 – Robert Carter
Lisa Skinner
- 14 – James Williamson
- 17 – David Summers
- 18 – Phylliss Hennessee
Christy Tuck

Sunday

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Wed. Night Fellowship Suppers 5:15-5:45 PM
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.
Awana 6:00-7:30 PM

FBC State of Affairs

2016 Monthly Budget Requirement	\$39,219.00
Received Sept. 18, 2016	7,863.00
Received Sept. 25, 2016	6,702.06
Total received Sept. to date	35,388.13
Repair & Renovation Fund Goal	\$125,000.00
Received to date	\$ 86,129.00
Georgia Barnett Offering	5,638.00

Sunday School Report

	9/18	9/25
Members Present	188	179
Visitors:	36	36
Worship Attendance	199	192

Remember the church wide **Pure Water-Pure Love** Project that will help provide clean water in a country where there is no clean water. If you have already fill a water bottle, please consider filling another one. All donations will be appreciated. This project is sponsored by the WMU.



**Fall Foliage and
Devotional Trip
October 24th thru
October 28th .**

**Sign up today for a
beautiful and inspiring
trip.**

A Note From the Pastor

I guess we are fully in the fall season now. With football games, festivals, fairs, and hunting season in full swing, it is an exciting time. Even though it may still be a little "warm" outside, you can feel the autumn chill trying to push its way in.

I love this time of year; it just seems people wake up from the summer slump and get active again. Now if this is true, I feel it is a great time to fall in love with Christ again. I was reading this week in Psalm 33 and I ran across verse 13 "The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men." How can we not love a Father who keeps an ever watching eye on us from Heaven above, how can we not be amazed by Him who counts every hair on our head, how can we not appreciate the one who counts every tear that falls from our eyes. Even though the distance from Heaven to earth is great, it is nothing for Him to pay attention to our every move. Let's reflect on His great love for us this season.

I am so thankful for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our services lately. A number of people have made decisions to join us here at First Baptist. I do hope you are doing your part to spread the good news, not only about Jesus Christ, but also about what He is doing in this family.

I am so thankful you were obedient and gave what God laid on your hearts to give towards our Georgia Barnett State Missions offering. We surpassed our goal once again. I pray many souls will come to faith and churches will be planted as a result of your giving.

Continue to pray for our children's programs. AWANA continues to grow each week and we will be starting back up RAs/GAs and children's choir this Sunday evening, so pray God will use these ministries to reach our children. Our verse this week comes from Psalm 51:15...

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Have a blessed week and remember to point someone to Jesus.

Music Notes from Bro Craig

Finally fall has arrived. Soon the torrid heat will be over and times of refreshing will arrive. How we have waited for that. However, did you know that you can experience times of refreshing **before** the temperature cools off? We have been experiencing times of refreshing right here at First Baptist Church through the grace of the Lord. I hope that you will join us this Sunday and experience these times first hand.

I want to thank those of you who have been working to make our worship services all that they could be. Of course our TV and sound crews always work hard and do an excellent job, and we thank them for that. Elizabeth has been doing a wonderful job on the piano, and we are thankful for Leigh Ann Prewitt for assisting her in the evening services. The Adult Choir has inspired us with their singing of "Awake My Soul and Sing" "Who Is There Like You" "Forever Glorified" and "You Chose the Cross". Hannah Coleman blessed us with her beautiful singing of "Thy Will". Thank you all for using your talents in the Lord's service.

Our Children's Choir will be kicking off this Sunday, October 2 at 5 PM. We will be starting to learn Christmas Music. This choir is for kids in Kindergarten up to 6th grade. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with Children's Choir, please see me or Karan Brumley.

Also on this coming Sunday, RA's and GA's will be meeting at 6 PM. This is for kids in grades 1-6.

In addition on this coming Sunday, the choir will begin special practices to work on Christmas Music. We will meet after church at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to participate. It is only about 9 weeks until our program. Please be in prayer that God will use it for His glory and to point people to Him.

On October 9, we will also be starting work with the Handbells to get ready for Christmas. If you are interested in doing handbells this year, please see Bro. Craig.

I want to take this opportunity to express condolences to the family of Mel Harris in his homegoing. Mel was a faithful member of FBC for many years and taught the television Sunday School Class. Also, Mel was invaluable in our community using his talents for God's glory and the benefit of others. May God continue to be with his family in days to come.

We are sad to see a few of our folks moving away from Leesville. Josh and Lisa Degley will be moving to Houston where Josh has a new job. Josh has worked faithfully in the television booth and with our computers and projectors. Lisa has been our Nursery Director, and Asher has been an active participant in our children's activities. We will greatly miss them. Please be in prayer for them as they begin this new stage in life.

Also, one of our soldiers, Nick Byrd, is getting out of the military and will join wife, Stephanie, in Kansas where she is working on her nursing degree. Nick has been faithful in church and Sunday School attendance, has worked in VBS, been a part of the Men's Discipleship Ministry, and even striped the parking lot. It was a privilege to get to know him. Please be in prayer for he and Stephanie in days to come.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.

Upcoming Youth Events: Save the Dates!!!

November 20-22 - YEC @ Cajun Dome in Lafayette, La. – Cost is \$50.00 per student and **MUST** be received by Oct 5

DETAILS COMING SOON FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS:

December 16 – Progressive Dinner Christmas Party @ 4:45 PM

December 31 --- Ringing in the New Year – weather permitting



*Thank you, youth, for standing up
and standing out for Jesus!!
We are very proud of you.*

Thank You!!!

To all who gave to the Georgia Barnett Mission offering. You gave \$5,638.00 and there is still time to give. Pray that this will be used to reach people for Christ in our state.

Our state as suffered greatly this year from floods and acts of violence, which makes this offering even more important.

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Tapestry -Tuesday, October 11th @ 6:00 P.M. (For All Ladies)

Hostesses: Ellen Tyree, Jessica Wilson & Wanda Pynes

Bring Peanut Butter and Jelly for LAMA food closet. We will be finalizing plans for the Tapestry

Hospitality Dinner on November 5th @ 6 PM – If you have not yet been invited to this festive event and you would like to attend, see any Tapestry Lady or call the office to reserve your place..



Love and condolences to Bruce and Alice Westmoreland in the death of Bruce's sister, Glenda Holloway.

Love and condolences to the family of Mel Harris, who passed away September 15th.



*Welcome New Members
Jason & Heather Henry with Paige*