



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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November 2022



A Word from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

The Fall colors are at their peak, and the beauty of this transition of seasons is life-giving to all who behold them. In many ways, we as a church are going through a similar season of transition. With that said, I take confidence in God who has led us safe thus far, and who I know, will lead us home. Part of the transition is a change in leadership in our church. One aspect of that is on our deacon board. I want to remind you of the importance of your vote for our deacons on November 6th. Please remember, the true calling of a deacon is not to power, but rather to servanthood. Choose those who exemplify the qualities of Christ: compassion, kindness, generosity, humility, and love, and you will certainly make the right decision as to the future leadership of our church.

Sunday, November 6th will also be an important day in the life of our fellowship as we remember those who have gone before us as part of our All-Saint's Day Service. This day is a reminder of

the good things that these church members did while alive, and it is also a reminder of the high calling we have in our everyday lives as saints in today's culture. The families will be present with us as we light a candle in their loved one's honor celebrating lives well lived.

I am so excited to see how you will respond to our Faith Promise Ingathering on November 13th. What I want you to understand about this opportunity is two things: first, when you make your pledge to the budget of First Baptist Lenoir, you promise to provide not only for yourselves, but for future generations. And secondly, whatever you promise to give, you can never out-give God. So, I challenge you to think very carefully about your pledges. I ask you to give not only as God requires, but perhaps just as significantly, give cheerfully in response to all the good God has done in your life and in the life of the church. Every gift matters no matter how great or how small. My prayer is that you may be blessed in your life, just as you richly bless the church in this meaningful way.

Though so much of this world has changed during these

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CALENDER

Sundays

Sunday School 9AM
Worship 10 AM
Adult Choir 11:15 AM
Youth Supper & Prog. 6 PM
WOM Bible Study 6 PM

Tuesdays

WOM Bible Study 9:30 AM

Wednesdays

Supper Served 5:15-6 PM
Bible Study 6 PM
Children's Activities 6 PM

Saturday, November 5

Room at the Table

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday
Deacon Election
WOM Bible Study 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 20

Adult Choir Bonus Rehearsal & Lunch 11:15—2:30 PM
Hanging of the Greens Lunch & Workshop 11:15

Sunday, November 23

No Wed. Meal or Bible Study

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens 10 AM

Monday, November 28

Deacons Meeting 7 PM

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

Following are the names of those who were nominated on Sunday, October 23, and will appear on the deacon election ballot on Sunday, November 6:

Laurie Clawson

Chapel Davis

John Dockery

Frances Malcolm

Darrell Pennell

Harry Polly

Phillip Pritchard

Anita Redding

Beth Reeves

Jennifer Sime

Kenny Story

Mark Transou



It will soon be time to prepare our sanctuary for the Christmas season.

On Sunday, November 20, we welcome all who would like to help prepare the decorations and building for the coming season. We will meet immediately following the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided for those who would like to help.

Our Hanging of the Greens service will be on Sunday, November 27, during our morning worship service.

We hope you will plan to be here to help on November 20th and enjoy this time of fellowship with your church family. Please sign up at church or by contacting the church so that we can prepare enough food for everyone.

Operation Christmas Child



We have the opportunity to share the love of God with children around the world by packing virtual shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. We have set a goal of 75 virtual gifts this year to be "packed" by December 1. The cost per gift is \$25. Use the following link to pack your gift or send your monetary donation to the church office and we will process your gift for you.

[Build A Shoebox Online \(samaritanaspurse.org\)](http://samaritanaspurse.org)

If you prefer to shop and pack a shoebox yourself, please bring your gift to the church by November 21.



Sunday, Nov. 6

Combined Youth Activity with CABC & Hudson Youth Groups (Kent Farm—2276 View Lane)

Sunday, Nov. 13

Regular Schedule at FBC Lenoir

Sunday, Nov. 20

Bo's for Bowling (tentative)

Sunday, Nov. 27

Regular Schedule at FBC Lenoir

Our Angel Tree committee is gathering the names of students in our local middle and high schools who need our help at Christmas. The committee will be happy to do the shopping for you. Please send your donation to church office by Tuesday, November 22, so that the gifts for these students can be purchased, wrapped, and distributed before the school's Christmas holiday. If you would like to do the shopping yourself, please contact Amy Moore at 828-244-2975 for an angel. Please bring your purchased gifts to the church no later than Thursday, December 8.





WEDNESDAY NIGHT meal

Wednesday suppers are served from 5:15-6PM. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday or you may place your name on the permanent reservation list.

- November 2.....Chicken Tenders, Broccoli & Cheese Casserole, Corn, Dessert
- November 9.....Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Slaw, Roll, Dessert
- November 16.....Swedish Meatballs with Noodles, Peas, Steamed Carrots, Roll, Dessert
- November 23.....**No Wednesday Meal/Bible Study**
- November 30.....Chinese Chicken, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Fried Rice, Dessert

All Saints Sunday

We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 6 by remembering those in our fellowship who have passed during the past year. Their families have been invited to join us on that day and will light a candle as we read the name of their loved one. We are thankful for those on this list for how they served and blessed our church:

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| Loleta Adkins | Kat Canipe | Terri Clapsaddle |
| Jeri Colvard | Luke Woodbury | Margie Broach |
| Johnny Runnion | Freddie Moore | Bill Johnson |
| Jerry Waters | Ken Barlowe | Tiny Pennell |
| Virginia Mullis | Betty Lewis | Hazel Warlick |
| Henry Holland | | |

WORSHIP

volunteers

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| Chris Annas | Becky Gibbons | Darrell Pennell |
| Lena Annas | Joe Gibbons | Judy Prevost |
| Millie Brooks | Jenny Greene | Beth Reeves |
| Sue Ellen Brookshire | Ann Helms | Derek Reeves |
| Martha Chase | Caroline Land | Nelda Simpson |
| Alvin Daughtridge | Jon Land | Kenny Story |
| Judy Daughtridge | Amy Moore | Libby Tucker |
| Crystal Dula | John Moore | Courtney Wright |
| Randell Dula | Shirley Orrell | Jared Wright |

December

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 11/1 Nick Tucker (20)
Ranger Tucker
- 11/2 Sofia Macchia (7)
- 11/3 Chelsey Cloninger
Mark Transou
- 11/4 Regan Sanders
- 11/5 Paisley Hall (8)
Scott Hall
Janice Polly
- 11/6 Tommy Clawson
Megan Land
Elizabeth Norris
- 11/8 Jama Geouge
Beth Story
- 11/9 Riley Miller (19)
- 11/10 Asher Byers (1)
- 11/11 Nelson Brookshire
- 11/13 Nancy Pennell
Cynthia Suddreth
- 11/15 Cathy Gragg
- 11/16 Greg Wike
- 11/17 Bev Frye
Bill Suddreth
- 11/18 Josh Anthony
Mark Price
- 11/19 Tommy Carter
- 11/20 Tressa Powell
- 11/22 Dan Jones
- 11/23 Charles Helms
Mary Ann Robbins
Lewis Wright
- 11/25 Jared Moore
Bruce Roberts
- 11/27 Ervil Anderson
Janey Hathcock
Bud Watts
- 11/28 Beth Gibbons
Tom Macchia
Harry Polly
- 11/29 JR Spann
Cecelia Stilwell

Church Family,
Thank you My heart is broken from losing my Ken, but I want you to know you have helped me live through his loss with so many calls, cards, food, and hugs.

Josh and David, Ken loved you both so much. Thank you for caring about us and for making his service so special with lots of good memories.

Sincerely,
Shirley Barlowe & Children

Dear FBC Family,

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for the thoughtful notes, cards, and messages I've received and the lovely farewell on Sunday. FBC Preschool is a wonderful ministry of this church, and I am blessed to have been part of it for so long. I will miss it, but I know God has great plans for the future. I am beyond grateful for fantastic co-workers, amazing students, and a loving, supportive church family. Thank you all for everything you have done over the years for FBCP and me.

Nan Benfield

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undulating times, our mission as a fellowship has not. We want to be the Great Commission Church for our community and beyond. As such, we as a church will continue serving those beyond our walls by participating in Operation Christmas Child, The Coat Ministry, The Angel Tree Ministry, and so much more. Though our gifts may be virtual, or though you may feel more comfortable giving your money to the church and allowing our volunteers to buy these gifts for you, one thing is for certain: your giving to these missions makes a tangible difference in the lives of all who receive them.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God as you love, serve, and give to others in His name,

Josh

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Rev. Josh Hughes
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Dr. David B. Smith
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MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
Bill Wakefield
MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT
Krista Hamby
CUSTODIAN

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2022
\$836,680.00
YTD Budget Receipts
\$642,481.12