



# NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

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## 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. We have some church members who have walked through a difficult time of transition as they have lost loved ones over the last year. On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will 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.

This month, you will have the opportunity to make pledges for next year's budget. 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.

November is also the month for gratitude as we celebrate Thanksgiving. As the old hymn says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one." God has looked after this church from its inception and God continues to do so even now. I ask you to count your blessings as an individual and as you sit around the table eating turkey in a few weeks, understand that thanksgiving is not a day, but a way of life that God calls all of us to lead.

Though so much of this world has changed during these 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 over the next few months. Your giving to these missions makes a tangible difference in the lives of all who receive them.

It is a joy to serve this church as we strive to become the fellowship God calls us to be.

Josh

### CALENDER

#### SUNDAYS

Worship 10 AM  
Adult Choir Practice 11:15 AM  
Adult Handbell Practice 5 PM  
Youth 6 PM

#### TUESDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Men's Bible Study 7 PM

#### WEDNESDAYS

Supper 5:15-6 PM  
Adult Bible Study 6 PM  
Youth Bible Study 6 PM  
Children's Choir 6 PM  
Children's Missions 6:30 PM

#### Wednesday, November 1

FBC Academy 6 PM

#### Saturday, November 4

Room at the Table 4 PM

#### Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday  
WOM Bible Study 6 PM

#### Wednesday, November 8

FBC Academy 6 PM  
Bonus Adult Choir Practice 7 PM

#### Sunday, November 12

WOM Bible Study 6PM

#### Wednesday, November 22

OFFICE CLOSED  
No Evening Supper or Activities

#### Monday, November 27

Deacons Meeting 7 PM

#### Tuesday, November 28

Dinner Theatre—Wytheville, VA



## 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 1 ..... Chef Salad, Baked Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- November 8 ..... Meatloaf with Rice, Green Peas, Sweet Carrots, Biscuits, Dessert
- November 15 ..... Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Slaw, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert
- November 22 ..... NO EVENING MEAL OR ACTIVITIES
- November 29 ..... Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert



## Church Photo Directory

Remember to see Becca on Wednesday evenings or after church on Sunday mornings if you need

to have your picture taken for our church directory. If you already have a picture you would like to use, email it to [bwalters@fbclenoir](mailto:bwalters@fbclenoir).



- Women on Mission will complete their study Elijah: Faith and Fire by Priscilla Shirer on November 12. The meet on Sunday evenings at 6 PM. This study is led by Ginger Hughes & Crystal Dula.
- Our Women's Bible Study led by Deb Lien meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30. Their study, Delight: A Walk Through the Psalms, will conclude on Tuesday, November 28.
- Rich Lien is leading a Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 7 PM on the book of Ephesians that will conclude on Tuesday, November 28.
- FBC Academy meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the multi-purpose room. Dr. Josh Parrott will conclude a 4-week study on the Gospels on November 8.
- Josh continues to lead our regular Wednesday evening Bible Study each week at 6 PM.

## thank you

Dear Dr. Hughes,

Please pass along our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness shown by First Baptist Lenoir following the passing of A.P. His church and church family meant the world to him. It is easy to see why he loved you so much.

God Bless,  
Anderson & Thomas Families

Dear Church Family,

I just want to say thank you for the outpouring of love shown to me and my sisters during the death of our brother, Clinton Walsh. I am so thankful for this wonderful church family.

Ina Martin, BJ Setzer & Vivian Taylor

**message**  
from **Michael**

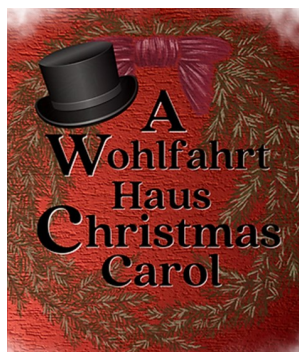
The music ministry is in full swing during this season as we prepare music for Sunday worship and then for Advent and Christmas. Below are some special services during our worship time:

- October 29 ..... FBC Children's Choir to sing in Worship
- November 5 ..... All Saints Day
- November 19 ..... Thanksgiving Worship: FBC Handbell choir will also play in worship.
- December 3 ..... Hanging of the Greens Service
- December 10 ..... Handbell choir plays in worship.
- December 17 ..... The Sanctuary choir will present "O Holy Light" featuring instrumentalists and the FBC Children's choir.
- December 24 ..... 6:00 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**55 and Up Group**

**(We are still working on our new re-imagined name: Stay tuned!!)**

We will be heading to Wytheville, Virginia, to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The day trip will include a lunch at the theatre, followed by the presentation of "A Wohlfahrt Haus Christmas Carol." Transportation will be provided. The tentative time of departure will be 9:30 am. The cost is \$75.00 per person which includes lunch, a show ticket, taxes, gratuity, and help defray transportation costs. Please call the church office to make reservations.



**Charles Dicken's beloved characters come to life with a Wohlfahrt Haus twist in "A Wohlfahrt Haus Christmas Carol." Scrooge, a wealthy miser goes on a journey Christmas Eve night with four ghosts to examine how his choices and actions in the past and present will affect his future as well as the true meaning of Christmas.**

**November WORSHIP Volunteers**

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|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Becky Gibbons | Chris Annas | Darrell Pennell   |
| Joe Gibbons   | Lena Annas  | Alvin Daughtridge |
| John Moore    | Halle Annas | Judy Daughtridge  |
| Amy Moore     |             |                   |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 11/1 Nick Tucker (21)  
Ranger Tucker
- 11/2 Sofia Macchia (8)
- 11/3 Chelsey Cloninger  
Mark Transou
- 11/4 Regan Sanders
- 11/5 Paisley Hall (9)  
Scott Hall  
Janice Polly
- 11/6 Tommy Clawson  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Megan Land
- 11/8 Beth Story  
Jama Geouge
- 11/10 Asher Byers (2)
- 11/11 Nelson Brookshire
- 11/12 David Livingston
- 11/13 Nancy Pennell  
Cynthia Suddreth
- 11/15 Cathy Gragg
- 11/16 Greg Wike
- 11/17 Bev Frye  
Bill Suddreth
- 11/18 Mark Price  
Josh Anthony
- 11/19 Tommy Carter
- 11/20 Tressa Powell
- 11/22 Dan Jones
- 11/23 Charles Helms  
Lewis Wright  
Mary Ann Robbins
- 11/25 Jared Moore  
Bruce Roberts
- 11/27 Ervil Anderson  
Janey Hathcock  
Bud Watts
- 11/28 Harry Polly  
Beth Gibbons  
Tom Macchia  
Brooke Craig
- 11/29 Cecelia Stilwell  
JR Spann



Again this year, we want to share with students in some of our middle and high schools in Caldwell County who would not receive Christmas gifts without our help. If you would like to

help in this ministry by shopping for an “angel,” please contact Amy Moore at (828) 244-2975. If you would like for Amy and her team to do the shopping for you, please send your donation to the church office during November. Thank you for participating in this ministry.



Please help us restock the Blessing Box by bringing donations of non-perishable items with you to the Wednesday evening meal and Bible study on

November 1. A collection box will be located in the dining room. Suggested items: canned vegetables and meats, soup, instant mashed potatoes, rice, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, granola bars, crackers, toilet paper, soap, personal care items.

## YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, Nov. 1 ..... Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00  
Sunday, Nov. 5 ..... Winston Momentum Rally  
Wednesday, Nov. 8 ..... Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00  
Sunday, Nov. 12 ..... Regular Schedule 6:00-7:30  
Wednesday, Nov. 15 ..... Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00  
Sunday, Nov. 19 ..... Praise & Worship with Friendsgiving 6:00-7:30  
Wednesday, Nov. 22 ..... Church closed for Thanksgiving Holiday  
Sunday, Nov. 26 ..... Regular Schedule 6:00-7:30  
Wednesday, Nov. 29 ..... Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00



### STAFF

**Dr. Josh Hughes**  
SENIOR PASTOR  
**Rev. Michael Jennings**  
MINISTER OF  
MUSIC & WORSHIP  
**Becca Lawing**  
MINISTER OF YOUTH,  
CHILDREN & CONNECTIONS  
**Zeke Frye**  
CHURCH INTERN  
**Carla Reid**  
ORGANIST  
**Gary Johnson**  
BUSINESS MANAGER  
**Brenda Walters**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
**Diane Palmer**  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT  
**Kathy Keck**  
MISSIONS ADMIN. ASSISTANT  
**Audrey Bentley**  
FBC PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR  
**Nicki Blevins**  
CHURCH HOSTESS  
**Robert Benfield**  
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR  
**Bill Wakefield**  
MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT  
**Krista Hamby**  
CUSTODIAN