



# NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## A Word from the Pastor

the responsibilities of day-to-day leadership. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Dula, who is chair of the Preschool Committee.

Hello Friends,

I regretfully inform you that Nan Benfield has resigned from her position as First Baptist Church Preschool Director. Nan has been a stalwart on our staff for over 20 years, where for the last 18, she was Preschool Director. Nan transformed our preschool from a morning only service to an all-day care center for our children. Our numbers have never been higher, and the amount of information the kids are learning has never been greater. Thank you, Nan, for all the time, effort, and personal sacrifices made. We wish you well as you depart, and we will always be appreciative for what you have accomplished here, and more importantly, in how you have helped transform the lives of so many children over the years.

With that said, our preschool will continue to run just as it has been doing all year long. The teachers are secure, and the students are present and learning daily. The Preschool Committee is already at work seeking someone to take over

Secondly, I want you to know that beginning Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, nominations will be open for Deacons. As passed at the Forum on September 17<sup>th</sup>, there will no longer be a long, master list of deacon nominees. You as a fellowship will get to choose who will serve you. I ask that you prayerfully consider the ones you may want to lead here, and go to them personally and ask them if you can nominate them to be a deacon. Once they agree, you may place their name on a deacon nomination card and place it in the nomination box at the front or rear of the sanctuary or you can email their name to the church office at [bwalters@fbclenoir.com](mailto:bwalters@fbclenoir.com).

Nominations will close Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and a list of eligible nominees will be made available by Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We will vote on Sunday, October 23 and will announce the top twelve nominees shortly thereafter. On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will then vote for the final six who will become deacons. Thank you for your patience and and consideration  
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### CALENDER

#### Sundays

Sunday School 9AM  
Worship 10 AM  
Adult Choir 11:15 AM  
Youth Supper 6 PM  
Youth Program 6:30 PM

#### Wednesdays

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

#### Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday  
WOM Bible Study 6:00 PM

#### Tuesday, October 4

WOM Bible Study 9:30 AM

#### Sunday, October 16

Adult Choir Pot Luck Lunch & Rehearsal 11:15 AM

#### Tuesday, October 18

Dr. Smith's Book Club 7 PM

#### Monday, October 24

Deacons Meeting 7 PM

#### Sunday, October 30

Trunk or Treat 3:30-5 PM

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as we are beginning a new nomination process which I hope will be meaningful for years to come. If you have any questions, you may contact Derrick Walters, Deacon Chairperson, at 828-228-4017. The current deacons are listed below.

Thank you to all who made the Discover First Class so wonderful. The food and fellowship were both outstanding. Please pray for those who attended as they discern their place in our congregation going forward.

Finally, Trunk or Treat will be on October 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great community event for the entire church. Please come and decorate your car and be ready to give out candy to all the kids as they come by. There will be inflatables, games, and great food as well. I'm counting on you to help lead us as we bless those around us.

May God bless you and keep you as you love and serve Him.

Josh Hughes

### Current Deacons

Jerry Brooks	Joe Gibbons	Todd Perdue	Seth Stilwell
Millie Brooks	David Gray	Derek Reeves	Cotton Triplett
Steve Bumgarner	Jenny Greene	Megan Reid	Bill Wakefield
Martha Chase	Paul McCurry	Carmen Saunders	Derrick Walters
Crystal Dula	Tom McRary	Jon Smith	Elisabeth Winkler
Randell Dula	John Moore	David Stevens	Courtney Wright
			Jared Wright

### New Members

We welcome the following families into our membership:

Josh & Jessica Anthony  
and their sons  
Brooks and Clarke  
and

Chase & Audrey Bentley  
and their daughters  
Maecyn and Sutton

We are excited you have chosen to worship and serve with us at First Baptist!



### October 30 3:30-5:00 PM

Kids: Mark your calendar to join us for family friendly fun. Dress in your favorite costume, bring a bag for lots of candy and enjoy inflatables, games, and snacks!

Adults: We hope you will come and decorate your car and pass out candy/treats. We can't wait to see your decorations! If you can't bring your car and would like to donate candy, there will be a collection box in the 1st-floor hallway.

Please sign up at church or by contacting the office if you are planning to decorate your car. Cars should be parked in the parking lot behind the church no later than 3:00 PM.



## 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.

- October 5 Ham, Potato Casserole, Butter Beans, Slaw, Roll, Dessert
- October 12.....Homemade Meatballs with Rice, Green Peas, Slaw, Dessert
- October 19.....Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- October 26.....Chili with Toppings, Cornbread, Dessert

### Dr. Smith's October Book Club

The October selection for Dr. Smith's book club is The Book Woman's Daughter by Michele Richardson. We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, October 18, at 7:00 PM for discussion. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

### WOM Bible Study

Women on Mission will begin a 6-week Bible study in October, Pray—Cultivating a Passionate Practice of Prayer. The study will be offered twice each week—Sundays, beginning October 23, and on Tuesdays, beginning October 25. Please order your copy of the book from The Daily Grace Co. using the following link:



<https://thedailygraceco.com/products/pray-cultivating-a-passionate-practice-of-prayer>

Contact Crystal Dula at [\[828\] 323-7039](tel:8283237039) for more information.

## 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    |

### October

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 10/1 Charles Thomas
- 10/2 Reba Wiggins  
Amy Clawson
- 10/3 Shirley Rowen
- 10/4 Carol Frye
- 10/5 Easton Braswell (11)
- 10/6 Cathy Barlow  
Derrick Walters  
Wendy Sims  
Stephanie Macchia
- 10/8 Reba Austin
- 10/9 Tiny Pennell  
Buzzy Sims (5)
- 10/10 Martha Wilson  
Derek Reeves  
Ashley Byers
- 10/13 Todd Perdue  
Margaret Seagle
- 10/15 Rita Joines  
Rich Lien
- 10/16 Bo Hughes  
Kenny Story
- 10/18 Courtney Wright
- 10/19 Keith Orrell
- 10/20 Elam Hughes (8)
- 10/21 Newell Shull  
Zach Bryson
- 10/22 Kelli Sanders (20)
- 10/23 Anita Redding  
Weston Parker (12)
- 10/24 Jerry Brooks  
Elisabeth Winkler  
Jon Land
- 10/25 Wilma Sanders
- 10/26 Francisco Matzuy  
Tom McRary
- 10/27 Stephen McCorkle  
Jennie Chase (17)
- 10/28 Liam Braswell (8)
- 10/29 Carolyn Campbell

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2022

**\$836,680.00**

YTD Budget Receipts

**\$584,048.11**

*Thank you*

Dear Church Family,

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our church family for the many cards, flowers, phone messages, and food we received following the sudden death of our beloved father and husband. It was such a comfort to know that Freddie had touched so many lives. Freddie loved his life as a member of First Baptist Church. We are blessed to have such a loving church family, especially during this difficult time.

Love in Christ,

The Freddie Moore Family

Dear FBC,

We want to express our sincerest gratitude for your generous donation to Davenport A+. With your donation, we were able to purchase furniture for our school-based therapy room and create a comfortable, welcoming environment to best serve the needs of our students. Also, thank you for providing a wonderful lunch for our teachers on August 25th. We appreciate your ongoing support of our school and community.

Davenport Staff

Dear FBC,

Thank you for your assistance in purchasing a wheelchair for a releasing offender. Your help was vital in helping him to be released.

Your compassion and generosity have made a huge difference for a person with great needs. Thank you for being the type of people we should all strive to be.

Mike Ramsey, Chaplain  
Randall Weatherman,  
Mental Health Social Worker

We are one month into a new school year and going strong! Thank you for all of the donated paper products and school supplies—everything has been so helpful. We appreciate your generosity and support, this year and always.

Nan Benfield  
FBC Preschool Director



- Sunday, October 2 .....Regular Schedule (meet at the Dula's, 1839 Bellcroft Lane)
- Sunday, October 9 .....Youth Outing (details TBD)
- Sunday, October 16 .....Regular Schedule (place TBD)
- Sunday, October 23 .....Regular Schedule (place TBD)
- Sunday, October 30 .....Help with Trunk or Treat at FBC—Youth will go to dinner after Trunk or Treat (you buy)

## STAFF

- Rev. Josh Hughes**  
SENIOR PASTOR
- Dr. Aaron Rice**  
INTERIM MUSIC MINISTER
- Dr. David B. Smith**  
ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE
- Rebecca K. Lawing**  
CHILDREN'S & INTERIM YOUTH MINISTRY
- CARLA REID**  
ORGANIST
- Nan R. Benfield**  
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
- Gary Johnson**  
BUSINESS MANAGER
- Diane Palmer**  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
- Brenda Walters**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- Kathy Keck**  
MISSIONS ADMIN. ASSISTANT
- Nicki Blevins**  
CHURCH HOSTESS
- Robert Benfield**  
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
- Bill Wakefield**  
MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT
- Krista Hamby**  
CUSTODIAN