



NEWS and VIEWS

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A Word from the Pastor

Hello friends,

Soon and very soon, the temperatures will cool off and the colors of Fall will emerge. This is my favorite time of year, for here in the foothills, we get to see God's creation at its best. With that said, please make sure that you are prepared for all the events that will take place this month. We will be busy, and my prayer is that our times of worship and service will be meaningful.

As part of our worship service on October 1st, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. That means that during the worship time, we will join with millions of other Christians from around the globe remembering Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. As we take the bread and the cup, may we recognize that we are not our own; we were bought for a price. Furthermore, we must understand that Jesus' sacrifice was not just for us, but for all people. May we see others as Jesus sees us. World Communion Sunday will be special, and I am counting on your attendance to help us worship well.

Furthermore, this is also the month that we choose deacons who will serve us for the next four years. You have already nominated those

from the congregation who you believe will serve us best. On October 1st, you will choose six names from that larger list. The votes from all members will be counted and a list of the final twelve will be given to the congregation the second week of October. On October 15th, you will choose six names from the final ballot. Those with the most votes will be our deacons. Please remember, a deacon is a servant of all, so choose wisely those whom you feel would be servant leaders.

Finally, I remind you that "Trunk or Treat" is on right around the corner. "Trunk or Treat" will be held from 4-6 P.M. on Sunday, October 29th, here in the church parking lot. This event gives kids, youth, and parents a safe place to trick or treat. I am asking you to bring your car to the church, decorate it, and as the kids come by, give them some candy from your trunk. There will be loads of games, inflatables, and food to enjoy. As you can probably remember from last year, we will have a large crowd. Community events like this are invaluable tools for reaching those who may never attend church. Please make every effort to attend and participate with us on this community project.

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

Josh

CALENDER

SUNDAYS

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

Sunday, October 1

World Communion
WOM Bible Study 6PM

Tuesday, October 3

Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM

Wednesday, October 4

FBC Academy 6 PM

Sunday, October 8

WOM Bible Study 6PM

Sunday, October 15

WOM Bible Study 6PM

Sunday, October 22

WOM Bible Study 6PM

Sunday, October 29

Trunk or Treat 4-6 PM
WOM Bible Study 6 pm

Monday, October 30

Deacons Meeting 7 PM

Tuesday, September 26

Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM



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.

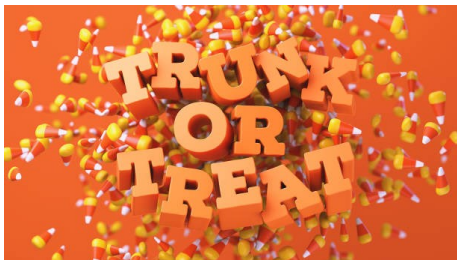
- October 4 Smoked Sausage, Pinto Beans, Slaw, Cornbread, Dessert
- October 11 Breakfast
- October 18 Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls, Dessert
- October 25 Chili, Broccoli & Cheese Soup, Cheese Toast, Dessert

Bible Study Opportunities



October 1– November 12 at 6 PM

Join Women on Mission for the 7-session study Elijah: Faith and Fire by Priscilla Shirer beginning October 1 at 6 PM. This study will be led by Ginger Hughes & Crystal Dula. Books may be ordered from Lifeway.com. Please contact Crystal Dula at 828-323-7039 for more information.

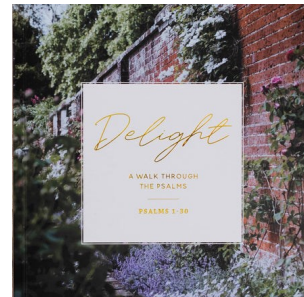


**Sunday
October 29
4-6 PM
Back Parking Lot
at the Church**

Trunk or Treat Checklist

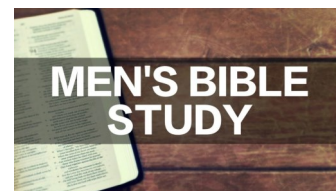
- Sign up to bring and decorate your car/truck/vehicle.
- Be in your parking space no later than 3:30 PM.
- Bring plenty of candy and treats to share with the kids.
- Invite someone to come!

We will have games, inflatables, popcorn & more. If you would like to donate candy and prizes to be passed out, please place your items in the box in the Dining Room.



October 24—November 28

Our Women's Bible Study led by Deb Lien will begin the 6-week study "Delight: A Walk Through the Psalms" on Tuesday, October 24, at 9:30 AM. Books may be purchased from thedailygraceco.com. Please complete the lessons for Week 1 before the first meeting.



October 24—November 28

Rich Lien will lead a 6-week Men's Bible Study on the book of Ephesians that will begin on Tuesday, October 24, at 7 PM. Please contact Rich or the church office if you have any questions.

thank you

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the support and love you have given to me and my family during Paul's illness. All the cards, calls, and most of all, the prayers have meant so much to me and my family. I am so thankful for my wonderful church family.

Love,
Jama Geouge

Youth activities

Sun., Oct. 1 Regular Schedule 6:00-7:30 PM
 Wed., Oct. 4 Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM
 Sun., Oct. 8 Youth to Winston-Salem—Momentum Tour
 Meet at the church at 2:30
 Wed., Oct. 11 Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM
 Sun., Oct. 15 Regular Schedule 6:00-7:30 PM
 Wed., Oct. 18 Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM
 Sun., Oct. 22 Regular Schedule 6:00-7:30 PM
 Wed., Oct. 25 Youth Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM
 Sun., Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat 4:00-6:00 PM—Setup at 3:00 PM

message from Michael

Thank you church family for your support during the month of September for Judy and me as we celebrated our wedding followed by our honeymoon in Italy. It was truly a magical and meaningful month for us! I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Carla Reid and Derrick Walters for leading worship and rehearsals so well during my time away.

We have so many exciting things happening at FBC Lenoir. Children's Choir is back in full swing on Wednesday nights, the handbell choir has already played beautifully in our worship service and rehearses on Sunday evenings, and the Sanctuary choir is rehearsing and working on their Christmas music on Sundays immediately following Worship. This would be an excellent opportunity to join one of these choirs!

Please mark your calendar for a special luncheon for all adults 55 and up on Thursday, October 12th at noon here at FBC. Nicki will be catering an awesome lunch which will include steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert. It will also be an opportunity for us to discuss, reimagine, and brainstorm ideas and thoughts for activities, events, trips, ministry opportunities, and other endeavors for this vital ministry of our church. We would love to have you join us! Please call the church office no later than Monday morning, October 9th for reservations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



Samaritan's Purse Shoebbox Collection FBC Lenoir October 1-31

The children of FBC Lenoir are excited to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! We will have a packing party and we need your help to reach our goal! Please consider helping us collect items to fill our shoeboxes! You may also make a monetary donation that can be used to purchase items and to offset the shipping cost. If you would like to pack a shoebox at home, please remember to include \$10 for shipping and bring your gift to the church by November 8.

Collection boxes are located in the narthex and in the dining room. Each week in October, we will collect items from the following categories:

October 1- Personal Care Items: Comb or brush, Toothbrush, Washcloth, Fun adhesive bandages, Reusable eating utensils;

October 8- Clothing and Accessories: Clothing and undergarments, Flip-flops or shoes, Hats, Sunglasses, Cold weather items, Flashlight, Hair accessories, Bags

October 15- Crafts and Activities: Pencils and sharpener, Pencil case, Pens, Crayons, Markers, Coloring books or pads, Picture book, Notebooks, Glue stick, Small adhesive tape, Dry watercolor set, Building blocks, Playdough, Stickers, Chalk, Fishing kit, Sewing kit, Puzzles

October 22- Toys: Ball, Finger puppets, Slinky®, Etch A Sketch®, Toy cars, Plastic dinosaurs, Animals, and action figures, Interactive toys, Other small toys and figures, Yoyo, Small board games

October 29 - Wow Item: Doll, Soccer ball and pump, Stuffed animal, Musical instrument, Other large toys



Please see Becca on Wednesday evenings or after church on

Sunday mornings during October if you need to have your picture taken for our church directory.

October WORSHIP Volunteers

Jenny Greene	Martha Chase
Scott Greene	Nelda Simpson
Darin Smith	Jared Wright
Julie Smith	Courtney Wright
Rahn Chase	Paula Capps



Deacon Nomination & Election

On Sunday, October 1, you will have the opportunity to vote for up to six nominees from members placed on the Deacon nomination list during our nomination period. The 12 nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be placed on the final ballot on October 15. Please prayerfully consider those you will elect to serve at FBC.

STAFF

Dr. Josh Hughes
SENIOR PASTOR
Rev. Michael Jennings
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Becca Lawing
MINISTER OF YOUTH,
CHILDREN & CONNECTIONS
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
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MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT
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