



# NEWS and VIEWS

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA**  
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September, 2021

## Calendar

### Sundays

9:45 AM Sunday School  
11 AM Worship  
6 PM Youth Supper  
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study

### Wednesdays

5:15-6 PM Supper Served  
6 PM Bible Study, Adult  
Choir, Children's & Youth  
Activities

### Saturday, September 4

4 PM Room at the Table

### Sunday, September 5

No Evening Youth Activities

### Monday, September 6

Labor Day—Office Closed

### Thursday, September 16

7 PM—Zoom Book Club

### Wednesday, September 22

Church Forum

### Monday, September 27

7 PM Deacons Meeting



## A Word from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

School is back in session, and all of the FBC Lenoir activities are in full swing. Let me remind you of what is offered so that you will be prepared to participate:

- Sunday School begins at 9:45 A.M. every week. There are numerous classes available for all ages. Sunday School is a great way to not only get to know the congregation, but to gain a deeper understanding of the faith.
- Worship begins Sunday morning at 11A.M. This is the most important hour of the week. Your commitment to worship demonstrates your faith before God, your family, and your community. Please join us and be prepared to see God at work.
- On Sunday evenings, our youth meet at 6 P.M. in the Youth Suite for Bible study.
- Wednesday night activities begin at 5:15 P.M. for Supper, and at 6:00, we divide for Children's Activities, Adult Bible Study, and Adult choir. Come and participate and you will be blessed.

One item of business that I must make you aware of is that we will have Deacon Elections in October. As we have done before, on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have Deacon Nominations. You will circle 12 names from the long list of church members who meet the Deacon Qualifications. After tallying the names, a list of 12 deacon nominees will be given to the church. Two weeks later, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, you will choose from that list of 12, a final six who will become your deacons. Please be prayerfully considering who you feel reflects not only the core values of Jesus in their personal lives, but consider who is best qualified to serve this fellowship going forward. Those people will need to be our new deacons.

I appreciate the way you lovingly serve our community and the way you tell others of the Good News of the Savior.

Blessings on you and yours,  
Josh Hughes



FBC Church Family,

We give thanks unto the Lord for your prayers, visits, cards, gifts, phone calls, food, and the wonderful meal served to us before Ray's memorial service.

Thank you to all the staff that worked preparing for the celebration of Ray's life and the loving care you always gave him as you watched for us to get there and then helped him get to the sanctuary. Thank you, Beam Sunday

School Class, for sitting together to honor Ray. Martha Wilson and Ray would race on their walkers in the hallway—Ray would always let Martha win. Thank you Rev. Hughes—he went far beyond his service as a pastor. Thank you Rev. Robert Livingston for sharing your life experience with Ray and myself. Thank Carla Reid for playing the piano—great job. Thank Monteen and Sherrill German for singing “It is Well With My Soul.” It was beautiful. Thank you Thomas Hinton for direction so we would be where we need to be. Thank you media for the great job you do. Because you live streamed, Ray's oldest son was able to watch this service. We do so appreciate you and cannot truly express just how much our FBC Church Family means to us.

Father, You have defeated death. Thank You that we will live with You forevermore. “My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.” Exodus 33:14

Mary Ann Robbins & Robbins Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, food, visits, and call during Bill's healing time. It has been a hard journey back to health; but we had our church family we could count on when we needed mental and physical support.

Thank you again for being a loving and caring church family.

Barbara & Bill Donaldson

Dear Church Family,

My family and I would like to thank Rev. Josh Hughes, Dr. David Smith, Dr. Thomas Hinton, and Mrs. Carolyn Sosebee for the wonderful memorial service for Geneva. The entire church staff showed nothing but extreme kindness in all their help to us during this sad time. We also thank the members of the church who prepared the delicious lunch for the family. It gave us an extended time to be together, and we appreciate it so much.

First Baptist is a loving and caring church, and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

Louise Bradshaw

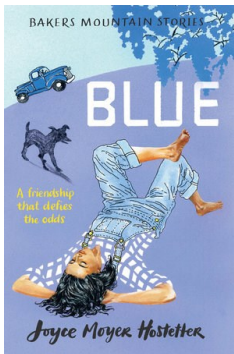
## New Member

We welcome Drew Martin into our membership by profession of faith. Drew is a member of our Youth Group and is the son of Scott & Tracy Martin. Drew was baptized on Youth Sunday, August 22, 2021.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 9/2 Terry Campbell (15)
- 9/6 Beth Fox  
Laurie Clawson  
Grayson Clark (19)
- 9/7 Sandy Kahill  
Evelyn Laxton  
Sandi Triplett
- 9/8 Brenda Walters  
Adam Waters
- 9/9 Bill Carter  
Terry Reid
- 9/11 Jason Tucker
- 9/12 Lynne Daughtridge  
Kenny Miller
- 9/13 Jennifer Sime
- 9/14 Vern Saunders  
Beth Walker
- 9/15 Jackie Washburn
- 9/16 Claire Chase  
John Powell
- 9/17 Audrey Smith (18)  
Olivia Smith (18)  
Elijah Byers (2)
- 9/18 Lydia Sanders
- 9/19 Jane Carter
- 9/20 Beth Johnson  
Ally Johnson  
Addie Tucker  
Chapel Davis
- 9/21 Kandra Setzer
- 9/22 Roxanne Smith  
Lori Holder
- 9/24 Ella Hughes (10)  
Gabriel Clawson (7)
- 9/25 Hazel Warlick
- 9/26 Renee Davis
- 9/28 David Gray  
Steven Campbell
- 9/30 Lee Chase  
Tony Gragg  
Bud Hathcock  
Shirley Orrell



## Dr. Smith's Book Club

Our book club will meet again on September 16 at 7:00 PM. Due to the continuing prevalence of COVID, we will meet by Zoom. The contact link will be sent a few days before we meet. Our first book this Fall will be Blue by Joyce Moyer Hostetter. I was introduced to this book by my 11-year-old granddaughter. It is officially classified as

a children's book, but it is timely for adults as well. I believe we have a copy in the church library. This book should generate good discussion.

I am looking forward to our gathering again.

David Smith



Sunday, September 5 ..... No Night Activities –  
Happy Labor Day

Sunday, September 12 ..... Sunday Night Kick Off  
6:00 Supper, 6:30 Bible Study

Sunday, September 19 ..... Regular Schedule

Sunday, September 26 ..... Regular Schedule



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT *meal*

Supper is served from 5:15 to 6:00 PM each Wednesday. Please add your name to the permanent reservation list or contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday.

September 1..... Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Green Peas, Sweet Carrots, Sliced Tomato & Cucumbers, Roll, Dessert

September 8..... Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Roll, Dessert

September 15 ..... Biscuit & Gravy, Sausage & Egg Breakfast Casserole, Fruit Salad

September 22 ..... Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

September 29 ..... BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Potato Wedges, Dessert

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE NOW HIRING

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2021

**\$833,698.00**

YTD Budget Receipts

**\$511,220.83**

### STAFF

**Rev. Josh Hughes**

SENIOR PASTOR

**Rev. Fred D. Barnes**

PASTOR EMERITUS

**Dr. Thomas R. Hinton**

MINISTER OF MUSIC & YOUTH

**Dr. David B. Smith**

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PASTORAL CARE

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**Carla Reid**

ORGANIST

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