



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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September 2022



A Word from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

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

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

Thursday, September 8

Dr. Smith's Book Club 7 PM

Sunday, September 11

Discover First Class Begins
9 AM

Wednesday, September 21

Church Forum 6 PM

Monday, September 26

Deacons Meeting 7 PM

1. Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM. 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 Christian faith.
2. Worship begins Sunday morning at 10 AM. This is the most important hour of the week. Your commitment to worship demonstrates your faith to God, your family, and your community. Please join us and be prepared to see God at work.
3. On Sunday evenings, our youth will meet for Bible study and fellowship time. During the month of September, because of the renovation of the Youth Suite, they are meeting at the home of Randell and Crystal Dula. Contact Becca for more details!
4. Wednesday night activities begin September 7 at 5:15 PM for supper, and at 6:00, we divide for Children's Activities and Adult Bible Study. Come and participate with us and you will be blessed.
5. There will be two options for women's Bible study beginning soon. One on Sunday evenings and the other on Tuesday mornings. Look for more information on page 2.

As you can see, there are numerous ways to get involved here at FBC Lenoir. You are cordially invited to come to one and all. With that said, I want to extend a personal invitation to those who have been visiting our church, or who are new members of our fellowship to join us for Discover First, a new member's class,

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beginning on Sunday, September 11th. The class will begin at 11:15 after worship and will be held in the Dining room on the 1st floor. In this class, we will discuss what it means to be a Baptist, what it means to be a member of First Baptist, and all about the missions and ministries of our fellowship. It will take place over three Sundays and will be very informative for all who are considering membership at FBC Lenoir.

In closing, I, like many of you, am grieving over the loss of several members recently here at FBC Lenoir. The losses are deep because of our love for one another. So, I ask you to lean on each other, make that phone call or dish you have been considering, and lift one another up in prayer. The comfort we have in difficult days is that we do not walk alone. For God promises His faithfulness to us, and we as a church are called to be faithful to one another.

May God continue to mold us and make us after His will,

Rev. Josh Hughes

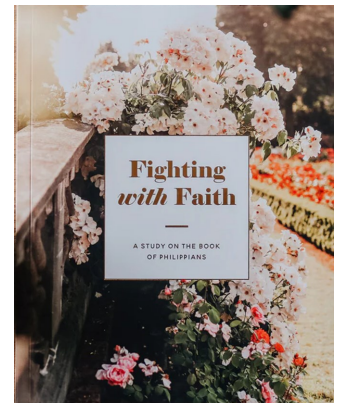
WOM Bible Study

Women on Mission will begin a 4-week Bible study this month, *Fighting with Faith—A Study on the Book of Philippians* from The Daily Grace Company. The study will be offered twice each week.

- Sundays, beginning September 11, at 6:00 PM led by Crystal Dula & Ginger Hughes
- Tuesdays, beginning, September 13, at 9:30 AM led by Deb Lien

You may purchase your book from The Daily Grace Company using the following link:

<https://thedailygraceco.com/collections/books-of-the-bible/products/philippians-study>



Contact Crystal Dula at 828-323-7039 for more information.

New Members

We welcomed Mike & Patty Ramsey and Chris & Chelsey Cloninger into the membership of FBC by transfer of letter on August 7. We are excited to have the opportunity to worship and serve with them at FBC.



Patty & Mike
Ramsey



Chris & Chelsey
Cloninger



WEDNESDAY NIGHT meal

Wednesday suppers resume on September 7, served from 5:15-6PM. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that

Wednesday or place your name on the permanent reservation list.

September 7..... Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tomato/Cucumber/Onion Salad, Rolls, Dessert

September 14..... Chicken Tenders, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert

September 21..... Red Beans with Rice and Smoked Sausage, Cornbread, Slaw, Dessert

September 28..... Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

WORSHIP

volunteers

September

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 Daughtride	Jon Land	Kenny Story
Judy Daughtride	Amy Moore	Libby Tucker
Crystal Dula	John Moore	Courtney Wright
Randell Dula	Shirley Orrell	Jared Wright



Dear Friends,

It was an unexpected and wonderful surprise to receive the generous gift in honor/ memory of Corey & Jessica's family. I

forwarded the gift to Jessica to use as needed. Your love, prayers, and support have carried us through this difficult time and have truly made a difference.

Corey makes improvement each day, and we continue to pray for his full recovery. Thank you again for your gift, love, and prayers.

Sincerely,
Betsy & Rick Shanks

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 9/2 Terry Campbell (16)
- 9/3 Melonie Burch
- 9/6 Beth Fox
Laurie Clawson
Grayson Clark (20)
- 9/7 Sandy Kahill
Evelyn Laxton
Sandi Triplett
- 9/8 Brenda Walters
- 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
- 9/16 John Powell
- 9/17 Audrey Smith (19)
Olivia Smith (19)
Elijah Byers (3)
- 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 (11)
Gabriel Clawson (8)
- 9/25 Hazel Warlick
- 9/26 Renee Davis
- 9/28 David Gray
Stephen Campbell (10)
- 9/30 Lee Chase
Tony Gragg
Bud Hathcock
Shirley Orrell

Discover First

If you have recently joined FBC or are considering membership, you are invited to attend our 3-week Discover First class. The class will meet immediately following worship (11:15-12:00) on three consecutive Sundays, September 11, 18, and 25th.

This class will provide information including what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be Baptist, and what it means to be a member at FBC Lenoir. You will learn about the varied Sunday School classes, programs, and mission opportunities offered here,

If you are interested in being a part of this 3-week special class, please notify the church office by calling 828-758-8428. We would like to keep the class size small to encourage new relationships among its members, so please sign up early.

We want everyone to have this opportunity to find their place here at FBC, so Discover First will be offered again as needed.



The month of September, we will meet at the Dula's for Youth—1839 Bellcroft Lane

- Sunday, September 4..... No Night Activities—Happy Labor Day!
- Sunday, September 11..... Regular Schedule
- Sunday, September 18..... Regular Schedule
- Sunday, September 25..... Regular Schedule



In compliance with church by-laws, the deacons have performed a review of the deacon election process and are proposing a change to how the church nominates members for consideration. This will be brought to the church for approval at the September 21st forum.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2022
\$836,680.00
YTD Budget Receipts
\$521,851.09

STAFF

Rev. Josh Hughes
SENIOR PASTOR
Dr. Aaron Rice
INTERIM MUSIC MINISTER
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ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE
Rebecca K. Lawing
CHILDREN'S & INTERIM YOUTH MINISTRY
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