

The Visitor

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2018 Fall Small Group Studies

These are the small group opportunities for Fall 2018. To sign up or if you have any questions, you may contact the church office or the study facilitator(s). **All small groups will begin Wednesday, September 5th.**

Dancing in No-Man's Land (9 Weeks)

In our divided culture, author and pastor Brian Jennings encourages us as Christians to walk in peace, extend grace to all, AND hold on to truth. With scripture as a foundation, Jennings offers practical guidelines for walking with discernment and love.

Facilitators: Blair & Jan Maust

Cost: \$13 (2018, NavPress)

Time/Room: 6:30 – 7:30p/Ministry Center Room # 110

Membership/Discipleship Matters (6 Weeks)

An orientation to basic Christian Beliefs, Basic Baptist Beliefs, What the church is and isn't, Who we are as FBC Smithfield-our mission and ministries.

Facilitator: Lee Colbert, Bill Galloway

Cost: No Cost

Time/Room: 6:30 – 7:30p/Ministry Center Room # 112

Experiencing God (12 Weeks)

A wonderful study by Dr. Blackaby that explores the following themes. You will also be able to receive handouts/summaries of each lesson for your own personal study.

Week One - God's Will and your Life

Week Two - Looking to God

Week Three - God pursues a love Relationship

Week Four - Love and God's invitation

Week Five - God speaks - Part I

Week Six - God speaks - Part II

Week Seven - The Crisis of Belief

Week Eight - Adjusting your life to God

Week Nine - Experiencing God through Obedience

Week Ten - God's Will and the Church

Week 11 - Kingdom People

Week 12 - Experiencing God in your daily life

Facilitator: Faye Downs

Class Size: Open

Cost: None. (Buying workbook is optional.)

Time/Room: 6:30 – 7:30p/Parlor (Sanctuary Building)

Grief Share (13 Weeks)

GriefShare is a program with direction and purpose. With GriefShare you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where hurting people find healing and hope.

Facilitators: Frank Knott, Bill Clark

Class Size: Open

Cost: \$15 per person

Time/Room: 6:15 – 7:45p/Ministry Center Conference Room

Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

We will be studying the book of James for the month of September with Mrs. Lynda Carroll leading the study. We will begin studying the book of Romans in October with Mr. Henry Wright. If you would like a Large Print study guide, please contact the church office Monday, September 17th. Study guides are \$4.75 each. Payment must be received before books can be ordered. Study will begin October 3rd.

FBC YOUTH INFORMTION

FBC Youth Group will not meet Sunday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

FBC Youth Group will meet in the Ministry Center Sunday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. for Snack Supper followed by Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

PRE-POLE PRAYER MEETING

See You At The Pole (SYATP) will be Wednesday, September 26th at schools throughout our county. Since many in our youth group attend different schools with different schedules we want to unite the night before! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening @ 7p for a time of "Pre-Pole" prayer. We will ask God for His protection and provision for our students, families, teachers, administrators and campuses. Our youth invite our entire church family to participate.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

WE NEED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS! Please contact the church office with your address so we can prepare a care package for you.

OUR KNOWN SICK

Kathleen Bullard (Springbrook), Selma Davis (Home), Carl Spragins (Duke)

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to Jean Williams in the recent homegoing of her husband, Roy Williams.

We express our Christian sympathy to Doug Strickland and family in the recent homegoing of his son.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

As we begin a new church year in September, we are expanding our program of *Welcome to Worship* to include all children and parents who are in this grouping. We are excited about the opportunities we have as we begin preparation for children to be a part of and engage in worshipping with their families in the Sanctuary!

In the past, church staff have worked with 1st and 2nd graders during the worship hour helping our children to get acquainted with what happens during the 11:00 hour and what worship is all about. This year, we want to expand it to include all 4 year olds through 2nd graders and their families during the Sunday School hour.

We will begin on Sunday, September 9th and run for four Sundays, culminating with a recognition/dedication of our children on Sunday, September 30th. We would like children and their families (all of them) meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. for breakfast followed by a time of Praise together and ending with breakout time.

Information has been mailed to each family. If you did not receive a mailing or would like more information, please call the church office.

We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) on September 9th!

Lee Colbert

Bryan Harris

Amy Galloway

DEACON NOMINATIONS

Deacon nominations will be Sunday, September 16th following each service. Deacon elections will be Sunday, September 23rd. Please be in prayer for your selection and that the individuals elected will serve our church as God would lead them. Nominations need to be those who are not serving as active Deacons. Our *active* Deacons are listed on the back of the bulletin.

HANDBELL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendar for the Handbell 50th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday October, 28th. Watch the Visitor for more information in the weeks to come.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, The cards, calls, messages, and visits following my recent surgery encouraged and reassured me that I belong to a loving group of supporters at FBC. I also appreciate your prayers for my continued healing! Love Loretta Langdon

Word cannot express our appreciation for the acts of kindness shown to our family during the sickness and death of Jerry Joe. Your prayers, phone calls and visits were comforting and uplifting during this very difficult time. The family of Jerry Joe Stephenson

Thank you to our church family for your prayers, cards, notes, calls and contacts during the passing our middle son, Brad. He will be greatly missed but his memory and God's promises sustain us. We will always see his beautiful smile and cherish the day we will be united again. Thanks so much to everyone. Doug and Kay Strickland

The Loaves & Fishes Ministry for West Virginia would like to thank everyone for their contributions. The bikes, clothing, hygiene items, money, and prayers all contributed to a successful trip. To all who supported us, may the Lord bless you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mark and Shannon Biesecker on the arrival of their infant son, Charles William Biesecker. The proud great grandmother is Vertie Perry.

Congratulations to Barry and Michaela Creech on the arrival of their infant son, William Borris Creech.

Congratulations to Jonathan and Amanda Dengler on the arrival of their infant daughter, Ezri Amanda Dengler. The proud grandparents are Mike and June Ward.

ON THE RADIO

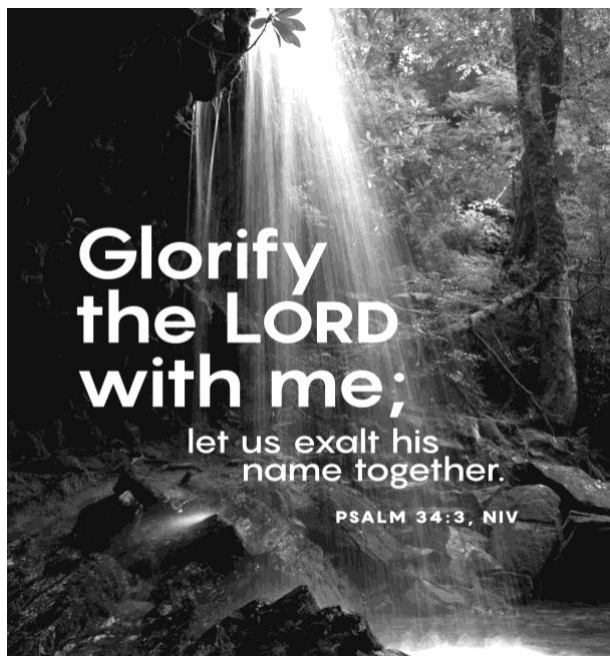
Chandler Lasater, a sophomore at NCSU, spoke at a Thursday night service this summer. His topic was: "Loving our Neighbors as Ourselves". He will be sharing his message on the HOPE FOR TODAY program on Saturday, September 15th at 10:30 a.m. on WTSB radio 1090AM and 105.5 FM. Hope you will tune in and listen to this timely message.

GOLDEN YEARS APPRECIATION DINNER

All seniors are invited to the Golden Years Appreciation Dinner, sponsored by the Adult I Sunday School Class, Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an evening of fun. You have been the backbone of our church through the years and now it is our turn to show that we value you and are we are truly grateful. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Abby Salas.

COMBATING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Celebrate Recovery and Temple Baptist Church (1250 S. Pollock Street, Selma NC) will host the event “Combating the Opioid Epidemic” Saturday, September 8th, noon – 4:00 p.m. Free lunch will be served. Speakers for this event include: Alan Carroll, Dr. Bob Vanderberry, Jeff Stultz, Jeff Schulte, Tisha Roberson, Valinda Barefoot & John Eklund. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP for lunch: 919-796-1333 or cr@templerepresents.com



**The Church Office will be
CLOSED
Monday, September 3, 2018
In observance of Labor Day.**

FROM THE PULPIT

- September 2 Sermon by Bryan Harris
 “Our God Will. Will We?”
 Nehemiah 4:6-20
- September 9 Sermon by Lee Colbert
 “It Is So Hard!”
 Psalm 103, Matthew 18:21-35

WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

- 8:45 A.M. Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM & 105.5 FM
- 10:55 A.M. Morning Worship, broadcast over 1090 AM & 105.5 FM
- 11:00 A.M. Hispanic Worship Service
- 6:00 P.M. FBC Youth Activities, Ministry Center (9/9)
- 6:30 P.M. Praise Ringers Handbells, Alatheia Room

Monday

- 10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Household Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Respite Care, Ministry Center, end at 2:00

Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ministry Center
- 5:30 P.M. Family Night Supper
- 6:00 P.M. Children’s Choirs, Ages 4, Kindergarten: Preschool V; Grades 1-5, Adult II
- 6:30 P.M. Small Groups for Adults
- 6:30 P.M. Book of James Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Friends for ages 2 – Kindergarten
- 6:30 P.M. Children in Action for Grades 1-6
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Activities
- 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Music Room

Thursday

- 10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Household Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Respite Care, Ministry Center, end at 2:00

2018 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$17,832.79
Received as of 8/19/18	\$16,475.00
Budget needs Year to Date	\$578,582.07
Received Year to Date	\$514,579.03

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 8/19/18	\$6,851.00
Needs Year to Date	\$90,605.25
Received Year to Date	\$60,340.84

2018 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$17,832.79
Received as of 8/26/18	\$16,628.00
Budget needs Year to Date	\$596,114.86
Received Year to Date	\$531,207.03

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 8/26/18	\$960.00
Needs Year to Date	\$93,528.00
Received Year to Date	\$61,300.84

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Lee Colbert
Minister of Youth and Education Bryan Harris
Minister of Music Braxton Kubasko
Children and Family Ministries Coordinator Amy Galloway
Organist Marshall Tyson
Interim Director Margie Littlefield
Of After School Care
Director of Weekday Early Education June Ward
Administrative Staff Janice Holland, Glenda Strickland
Margie Crumley