

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

Remembering and honoring our loved ones this Sunday. Let us gather in reflection and prayer over these saints:

Gene Bowers
Jane Burch
Polly Clark
Virginia Cooley
Jane Dixon
Helen Faulkner
Kay Gardner
Julie McCormick
Mary Nance
Janie Peacock
Jill Salter
Alvis Trotter
Charlotte Vick



IN GOD WE TRUST

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

*Trust God with what you have.
Trust God with what you don't have.
Trust God with all you have.*

SUNDAY MORNINGS
NOVEMBER 9 | NOVEMBER 16 | NOVEMBER 23

FROM OUR PASTOR

When Change Comes

Change is something we all experience in life. Most are quick to say that they don't like change, but that doesn't keep things from changing. As the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus declared, "Change is the only constant in life." Knowing that change in our world, in our lives, and yes, in our church is inevitable, the question is, how do we deal with change as it happens?

Over the last year, we as a church have faced several changes in our staff. With our student ministry position open, Heather Shores stepped up to be our Interim Minister to Students. After serving so well for the past year, Heather concluded her time on our staff last month, and April Lucas has stepped up to work with our students, leading them to learn, to grow, and to serve. Meanwhile, we have a search committee that is patiently, prayerfully, and faithfully working with God to discover that person who will come to serve among us as our next Minister to Students and Young Adults. Please continue your daily prayers for our search committee and the minister whom God will call.

With the retirement of Tamara Smathers, Jennie Cook joined the church staff in April as our Church Administrator, and earlier this month, Suzanne Reece started as our Minister of Discipleship and Missions. More recently, Mike Holloway retired as our Head of Maintenance, Melinda Duke announced her December 31 retirement from our office staff, and Keith Reaves announced his upcoming May 1 retirement.

No matter how you look at it, that's a lot of change! And while change can be challenging and maybe even frightening, it is also how we grow—as individuals and, yes, as a congregation. As your pastor, I commend you as a congregation for the ways you have handled all the changes we have faced recently and the ways you are committed to trusting God in the days to come. Our trust in God and our ability to adjust to change are clear indications that we are a healthy church that wants to grow and to welcome whatever future God has in store for us.

Changing (and growing) with you,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

COLLIDE TRIP TO CHATTANOOGA

Collide middle schoolers will head to Chattanooga for a day trip on Saturday, November 8. Look out for more info from Kristen on the GroupMe app. If you aren't part of GroupMe, reach out to Kristen to get added to stay up to date!!

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?

The next baptism date in worship is Sunday November 9! If your child has been talking about wanting to get baptized, please reach out to Kristen to set up a time to talk.

ROCKY HOLLOW PUMPKIN PATCH

Join us on Saturday, October 25, for a family outing to Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch. We will meet at 10am and play together until 12pm, but you are more than welcome to stay longer with your family!

STUDENT NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE HOODS

Mark your calendars for our Youth Halloween party on October 26, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Chip and Beth Hood. It will be a fun (and possibly spooky) time of food and fellowship!

MARCH MISSION MADNESS

The 2026 March Mission Madness takes place in Macon, GA, March 13-15. Go ahead and mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information from April!

EXTENDED FAMILY



Recently, some of our Extended Family members visited with our new Minister of Discipleship and Missions, Suzanne Reece. Shown with Suzanne are Helen Clements, Art and Barbara Crowe, and Hildred Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Interested in knitting? Have you always wanted to learn? No matter your skill level, you are welcome to join the prayer shawl ministry! Below is a list of upcoming meetings:

November 4 – Diane Wilson's home

November 18 - Church Parlor

December 2 – Sandra Gibson-Hester's home

All times are 1 - 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST

The 27th Annual Christmas at First Baptist Concert is coming December 7 at 4:30 p.m. This concert features the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra with additional music from the Youth and Children's Choirs and the First Baptist Ringers. If you or your children or youth are interested in participating in this concert, NOW is the time to join, as we are already rehearsing music for that concert. All are welcome! Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

BOARD BOOK DRIVE DURING OCTOBER

The Missions Committee is hosting a Board Book Drive on behalf of our community partner, The Family Resource Center during the month of October. Collection locations are in the Fellowship Hall, at the Community Room entrance and the temporary office entrance. If you would like to donate a board book, geared towards babies and toddlers, please drop it off in one of the baskets at the collection locations.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES: FOUR PRAYERS THAT DO NOT WORK

Sunday, October 5
The Prayer for Enough Faith
to Have No Need for Faith
Luke 17:1-6

Sunday, October 19
The Prayer That Quits
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 12
The Prayer That You Didn't Pray
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 26
The Prayer of Comparison
Luke 18:9-14

UPCOMING CHOIR PERFORMANCES

November 2 and 23: First Baptist Ringers play for worship

November 9: Youth Choir sings in worship

November 16: Children's Choir sings in worship



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FBC SENDS TEAM TO NORTH CAROLINA

A team of four men from FBC recently traveled to Western NC to participate in the continued disaster relief work following Hurricane Helene. The team, consisting of Bob Hortman, Jonathan Lucas, Troy Fitzpatrick, and Rick Muller, worked on two different homes in Hendersonville, NC. They did various jobs including installing a shower, plumbing work, laying sub-flooring, and more. A nearby neighbor shared these words with the team – “Your being here, helping us reminds us of what we went through and is a part of our healing process.” Thank you for your prayers and support of this team and the work of disaster relief in North Carolina.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 26, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Natalie Reynolds by the Reynolds family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 26, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Brown by Ann Brown Ryan and children.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dewey Jowers and in honor of Jerrie Jowers on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by the Sklar family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trixie and Dee Couch by Patsy and Jere Drummond.

October 25 - November 7

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, October 26

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/World Hunger Offering	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Youth Halloween Gathering, Hood home	5:30 pm

Monday, October 27

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

Tuesday, October 28

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm
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Wednesday, October 29 - Friday, October 31

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, October 29

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary	9:50 am
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student Rm.	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Saturday, November 1

Prayer Team, Chapel	11:00 am
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Sunday, November 2

All Saints Sunday	
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
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YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	

The Connections Team, D.R.	12:00 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
New Member Orientation, D.R.	4:00 pm
Student Small Groups	5:30 pm

Monday, November 3

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

Tuesday, November 4

Weekday Preschool Wild West Day	
Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm

Wednesday, November 5

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary	9:50 am
Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student Rm.	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 26

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "Four Prayers That Do Not Work"

SERMON: "The Prayer of Comparison"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 18:9-14

ANTHEM: Lord of My Life...Lanny Allen

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mary Donahue

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

OCTOBER 29

Baked Salmon with Lemon Butter, Rice Pilaf,
Sautéed Green Beans, French Silk Pie
Children's Option: Chicken Fingers, Chips,
French Silk Pie

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (OCTOBER 24 - 25):

David Brooks 252.916.7174

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 2

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

SERMON: "The Inheritance of the Saints"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 1:11-23

ANTHEM: Fly Away...arr. Jonathan Reid

SPECIAL MUSIC: Iley Barnes, soprano;
First Baptist Ringers

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 5

Mixed Green Salad, Shrimp and Grits, Steamed
Asparagus with Lemon, Peach Cream Ring Cake
Children's Option: Cheese Pizza, Peach Cream
Ring Cake

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2):

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

SERVICE & SPECIAL PROJECTS

DO YOU NEED HELP FROM OUR DEACON-LED MINISTRY TEAM?

The Service and Special Projects Deacon-Led Ministry Team is here to help you with (almost) any project you may need! If you need assistance with service projects please email a request to John Wilson at

john.s.wilson@verizon.net

or Troy Fitzpatrick at

troyhfitzpatrick@gmail.com.

Examples are, but not limited to, yard work, minor home repairs, moving furniture, and transportation assistance.



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