



## STEWARDSHIP

Treasure  
Time  
Talent

*Thank you for supporting your church!*

Churches, like other organizations, require funds to operate and be successful in their mission. However, churches differ from other organizations, in that, profitability is not the goal. Tithes and offerings, given by members, allows the church to be proactive and intentional with the mission God has laid on our heart. Tithing is the practice of giving one tenth of one's income to the church to support the general operation and mission of the church. Offerings are gifts of any amount made to the church.

Giving, regardless of the amount, reminds us that everything we have, possess, or will one day possess comes from a loving and good God. When we consider all He has done for us, to be with us, the question is always, "How do I respond to a gift like the one God gave me?" The answer is simple, worship! Worshipping God and doing what pleases Him brings God glory! Giving has always been a form of worship. In the Bible we are charged to worship God in this way. In some generations first fruits were brought to the temple, first born lambs, and later we see one widow give her only coin to God's mission. When we give generously and sacrificially, God is glorified.

At First Baptist we are blessed to have a generous and faithful congregation. As we move into November, remind yourself that your giving is an act of worship. Each time you move the focus of your money from yourself to what God is doing in the world, you are testifying to a reality much of the world has forgotten. What the world has forgotten is that this life is a gift from God and we should be grateful. May you believe the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Your friend and Pastor,  
*Nathan*

## Busy Season in FBC Family Ministry!

**"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."**

*L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables*



I love October! Not only is it my birthday month, it's also a time for hayrides, bonfires, crisp, cool nights and the beautiful fall palette of changing leaves.

In October our children's ministry unpacked the theme of Driven, a series designed to look at Integrity, which is being truthful in everything you say and do. Our series was set in a garage and the idea behind this was to acknowledge that a car may look perfect on the outside, but if you don't take care of what's going on inside, the car may not run properly.

We launched some changes in the Sunday morning format, which included the creation of the **Story Spot**; a creative space to begin our morning with opening themed activities, and the first telling of our Bible story, usually with costumes, props and the children acting out the story. The variety of activities allow us to move through the different classroom spaces to engage different learning styles with active games, crafts, discussion, memory verse challenges, along with the second telling of the Bible story and worship on video in our "theater room."

Another one of my favorite October events is a good ole' **Harvest Party/Trunk or Treat**, which we just wrapped up. Thank you to our food committee, to Mickey Hilliard for the *best* hayride experience, and to every person who hosted a trunk and passed out candy.

Finally, we are busy practicing and preparing each Wednesday night for our Christmas musical, **The Light Has Come**. This musical is set in the fabulous fifties and will include many creative elements as our children share the story of Christmas on December 10!

We are just getting started and many exciting days are ahead! - *Sandy*

Sandy Whaples is FBC's Children's Ministry Director





# NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5



9:45 AM - Children's Ministry Volunteers & Families Breakfast, Banquet Room

10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - WORSHIP | ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE



## TUESDAYS | NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que



8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew, retired gentlemen enjoying coffee & cake, and doing tasks around FBC. Join the crew!

9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry



## WEDNESDAYS | NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 29

10:00 AM - Coffee & Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required.

Make reservations at [fbccornelia.org](http://fbccornelia.org) by Monday at Noon, or bring a brown bag supper.

5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of worship and a devotional message from Pastor Nathan!

6:15 - 7:15 PM - Children & Youth Small Groups

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship | **OCC Shoebox Dedication**

12:15 PM - Deacons' Meeting, Fellowship Hall

12 Noon - 3:00 PM - Baby Shower for Tracy & Jeremy Brooks Banquet Room



## NOVEMBER 22-23 | THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | HANGING OF THE GREEN | 11 AM



### Around FBC

The Wiggins WMU group (left) packed 14 backpacks for the Appalachian Christmas Backpack Project. These will be distributed in Boone County, West Virginia. Thank you to all who contributed to the project!



A big crowd at the PrimeTimers event October 6 (picture at left)! Look for the sign up sheet soon for PrimeTimers Christmas event, Friday, December 1, at Noon.

### Notes...

Dear FBC Friends & Kathy Crowe, Nancy Burrell, Jane Ferguson, Jane Foster,

Thank you for the family meal you provided the week of Kim's memorial service. It was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and Christian friendship was greatly appreciated.

Your love and support through Kim's illness provided much encouragement.

Much love,  
Sonja Crawford

## November Service Reminder

### NOVEMBER 5

**Deacon of the Week**  
Shirley Dillard

**Patrol**  
Wade Hasty

**Ushers**  
Phil McClain  
Dennis Tedder  
Ed Vaughn  
Patsy Vaughn

### NOVEMBER 12

**Deacon of the Week**  
Dennis Tedder

**Patrol**  
Ed Vaughn

**Ushers**  
Grant Bentley  
Bill Chandler  
Myra Chandler  
Steve Doran  
Larry Whitfield

### NOVEMBER 19

**Deacon of the Week**  
Dustin Thomas

**Patrol**  
Donald Crowe

**Ushers**  
Doug Burrell  
Donald Crowe  
Kathy Crowe  
Jack Irvin

### NOVEMBER 26

**Deacon of the Week**  
Leigh Thomas

**Patrol**  
Mitchell Trotter

**Ushers**  
Al Carter  
Jason Hughes  
Richard McMullan  
Mark Reed

Save the Date!

## SONG OF THE ANGELS

Christmas Concert by Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 5:00 PM  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORNELIA  
325 OAK STREET

The event is free | donations welcome

## MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT | SEPTEMBER 2023

Receipts: \$38,085.85	YTD: \$374,646.86
Expenses: \$49,484.45	YTD: \$432,339.90
Net: <b>-\$11,398.60</b>	YTD: <b>-\$57,693.04</b>

Average Sunday School Attendance: 85

Average Worship Attendance: 100

## UNIFIED MISSION FUND | SEPTEMBER 2023

Beginning Balance: \$18,622.84	YTD: \$15,325.90
Receipts: \$3,734.34	YTD: \$34,343.96
Investments: \$-2,069.68	YTD: \$-29,382.36
Ending Balance: \$20,287.50	

## SPECIAL GIFTS -

Memorials: Unified Missions - Chester Skelton,  
Budget: Kim Crawford

Honoraria: Budget - John & Ellie Edmonds & family,  
Carol & Wade Hasty

Dear FBC Family,

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the members and staff for rewarding me on five years of employment at FBC. Words cannot say how blessed and thankful I am to be the Church Secretary at our church.

Love, Carol Hasty