

## Dates to Remember in October

October 1-31: Pastor Appreciation Month

October 14 – Columbus Day

October 24 – Fun Craft for Shoebox

October 31 - Halloween

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

All during this month, please let the Pastor and his wife know how much they are appreciated!

Oct 13 – Please join us for service at 11 for guest speaker Rev Billy Hardwick. He is on his way to Kenya for missionary work. After the service we will have a covered dish luncheon in honor of Billy and his family.

Oct 24 - The Seniors are teaming up with the help of Ronda Riggan to make a fun craft project for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. At 6:30, Thursday evening we are going to make puppies for the boys and bunnies for the girls from wash cloths. There will be light snacks. Please come it will be fun and bring a friend.

Oct 31 - We will have a Trunk or Treat for the kids. Come on out from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Nov 1 - Paint class at the church, Friday Evening at 5:30. We will be painting wooden door signs for \$25. These make great gifts for Christmas presents. Relatives and friends will love them.

Dec 1: Homecoming Celebration.

Dec 15 - Christmas Cantata named "Celebrate the Day". It will be presented on Sunday morning at 11:00. So excited to celebrate the Lord and his birth! Please come and celebrate with us. We will be rehearsing hard to make it a great event! God is good!!

Dec 31 – Announcement of the Volunteer of the Quarter will be in the December Newsletter. Stay tuned. ☺



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## October 2019 Newsletter



*A note  
from the pastor*

*Rev. Dathan Hall*

The church will be having a yard sale on October 19<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for this year's Easter Drama production and we need your help. Any items that you can donate to be in the yard sale would be greatly appreciated. You may simply bring them to the church and put them in the side room of the Sanctuary. If you have items that you need help moving, you can call Pastor Dathan at 704-322-7177.

We are also excited to be having a Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> and are asking all to come decorate their cars and pass out candy to kids from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thank you for your help as we work together for God's glory!



**Don L. West,  
Minister of Music**

Sounds of Praise Choir rehearsal every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. If you have thoughts about singing with us, this would be a good time. We would love to have you join us as we continue rehearsing our Christmas Cantata named "Celebrate the Day". It will be presented on Sunday morning, December 15, at 11:00. Please join us for this special celebration of our Lord and Savior's birthday.



## HAPPY HEARTS

Please let me know if you would like to visit the shut-ins. I have added phone numbers by the shut-ins so that you could call them just to say "Hi". Visit or call a shut-in. While visiting ask if there is something they need or is there something we can do for them.

Oct 24 - The Seniors are teaming up with the help of Ronda Riggan to make a fun craft project for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. At 6 o'clock Thursday evening we are going to make rabbits out of wash cloths. This is free and there will be light snacks also. Please come it will be fun and bring a friend.

### Join us for prayer meeting,

**Oct 10,24** – Prayer meeting at Bayberry Inn Senior day at 10.

**Oct 3,17,31**- Prayer meeting at First Baptist church at 11

**Please join us!!**

	<p>The song Jingle Bells was originally written for Thanksgiving.</p> <p>The type of music you listen to affects how you perceive the world (happy, sad, etc.)</p> <p>An Australian study found that rock stars really do die young. In fact, they usually die 25 years younger than the average person.</p>
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<p><b>Every month, we have been collecting different items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. For October, we will collect the shipping fee of \$9.00 per shoebox. Please give your cash donations to Mrs. Jeanne West. Please pick up a shoebox from the table in the lobby and start filling it with items. There are gift suggestions and packing instructions in each box. Please feel free to add a note or write a letter to the children. There are coloring pages on the table by the bulletin board for you to fill out and put in your box. Please return your gift filled shoeboxes to FBC by Sunday November 17th. Our goal is 125 shoeboxes. Thank you so much!! 😊</b></p>	
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### First Baptist Church Staff/Committee

Pastor: Rev. Dathan Hall	Minister of Music: Rev. Don West
Administrative Assist: Ms. Angela Love	Pianist: Mr. Jeff Riggan
Social/Decorating: Jeanne West	Finance: Pete Smith
Ladies Ministry: Amy Hall	Senior Coordinator: Harlean Shook
	Youth Leader: Amy Hall



## Nursery Update

Our nursery attendance has grown by leaps. **HELP!**  
We need nursery workers. If you would like to help  
and care for a little, please contact Tori Allen or  
Ronda Riggan.



## CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILDRENS CHURCH

Please attend Sunday school before our service on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. We are encouraging more people to attend. Please come or visit the Bible class that fits your age group or time. Come study the gospel and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

### 9:45 Sunday School

Age	Teacher
0 – 4	Mrs. Victoria Allen and Ronda Riggan
5-11	Kathy Abernathy
12 – 18	Amy Hall
19+	Roy Barnes Keith Williams

### 11:15 Children's Church

Ages 4 through 11 – Lessie Johnson, Lisa Jackson, Faye Wallace, Lauri Johnston

**Congratulations!**

**Luke and Angela on their engagement!!**

Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



## Study of Galatians

Paul's letter to the Galatians is very personal, providing help to understand Paul's character and his strong beliefs. This controversy about law vs grace and Paul's response to it had a great effect on the way God's message about Jesus Christ was preached. Paul stated that God's message is that people become God's children by faith in Jesus Christ (3:26), not by following the Law of Moses. Please join us for worship services during October.

## Sunday School

**Ms. Kathy Abernathy**

**This is Daniel and Nolan learning the Books of the Bible... Starting with the New Testament...** I am so proud of Daniel for saying ALL the books of the New Testament & without any help...then we had a Bible drill & him & Nolan did very well... I'm one proud teacher. 🙌📖🙌📖🙌 Love those lil rascals. It's almost like teaching Logan and Ethan all over again... 😊😊



## Children's Church

The kids are finishing up the New Testament with Revelation and what each book is about.



## Womens Bible Study Children of the DAY

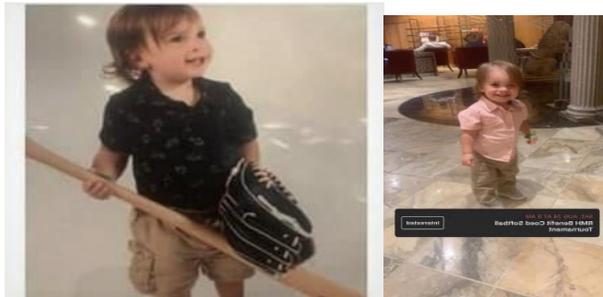
Join Beth Moore in this video-based study with discussion led by Mrs. Amy Hall. Walk the shores of Thessalonica with this verse-by-verse Bible study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. God's timing is impeccable whether facing family crises, medical diagnoses, relationship troubles, doubts, or fears, participants will receive encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns. Study is every Monday night at 6:30.





YOUTH Sunday School is going well. We will continue serving our graduates who desire to remain in the group. We will be in a Youth, College, and Career format until we have enough to begin a new class. This will also be allowed

for Sunday night Youth which started back the second week of September. We ask our church family to pray for our youth always but especially focus on those who have recently graduated and are taking the transitional steps into adulthood whether it be college, career, or military. There are so many decisions and struggles during this time and we pray they keep their focus on Christ first always! Jake Bouchard left for boot camp on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep him and all our youth in your prayers!



Please save can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House for little Ryker Brown who needs Cleft Palette surgery. This is Faye and Bill Wallace's' great nephew's son. He is 19 months old and lives in Jacksonville, NC. The pics above are of sweet little Ryker. Can tabs can be put in the container on the counter in the reception area.info station.

We need clothes, shoes, sheets, towels, blankets, etc., for 2 families whose home burnt to the ground. Also, Walmart gift cards are accepted. We are also collecting housewares, and small appliances and paper products, i.e. paper towels, napkins, cups, plates and TP. All will be greatly appreciated. Please give donations to Mrs. Harlean Shook. Thank you!

First Baptist Church has started a food bank, and we need canned goods and house wares. Please pass the word, and call the church if you need something or if you know others who need food or supplies. Telephone 537-6171. Thank you.

Please bring one item a week that you would serve for Christmas dinner. Just one item for Christmas dinner, like soup, stuffing, cranberries, potatoes, yams, green beans or desert. Then we will ask for donation for a turkey or ham, (can be a small amount). This is for our shut-ins' Christmas dinner basket.

First Baptist Church is celebrating 125 years of faithful gospel ministry all year long. There will be fun activities thought the rest of the year and we are asking you to help us celebrate! We formed a team to help plan and promote different activities. If you can help, please see Jean Hux.



We are starting a "Volunteer of the Quarter" Award! Our church has so many wonderful people that do so many wonderful things. Mention briefly what that person does with their name and their deeds. Submit them in the volunteer can on the Information Station desk and they will be confidentially reviewed and carefully chosen. Starting October – December.



Oct 31 - We will have a Trunk or Treat for the kids, and we need candy. Please donate a bag of candy for the Trunk or Treat party. Come-on out from 5:30-7:30.



Please ensure we have your correct e-mail, postal, and phone numbers so that we can include you in any distribution from the church. Thank you. Phone: 252-537-6171 or E-mail [info@fbcrweb.org](mailto:info@fbcrweb.org).



If you didn't get a newsletter  
no problem now it is on the  
web page at:  
[www.fbcrrweb.org](http://www.fbcrrweb.org)  
Thank you, Angela.



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### HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

**Don't miss out on the celebration  
December 1**



**ROY BARNES**

**Pastor William (Billy) Hardwick  
Director of Finance/Professor  
Kenya Baptist Theological College/IMB**

Billy accepted Christ at age 15 in Nichols, SC. Finding that discipleship was dramatically lacking in the local church, he would waiver in his faith. During a mission trip at age 18, the Lord began working in his heart to call him to ministry. It was at this point that he was sent to Southeastern College in Wake Forest, NC where he received an Undergraduate in Biblical Studies and the History of Ideas. He then continued to the Seminary there and received his Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry in 2005. During this time, he met and married his lovely wife Heather.

After this he began preaching and ultimately training and preparing for what doors God would open to him next. Billy was Associate Pastor for FBC in 2016-2017. Throughout his ministry he has always pushed and promoted missions and discipleship. God has blessed him and Heather with two wonderful boys, James (10) and Andrew (9). In August of 2018, God allowed them to begin pursuing being sent out by the International Mission Board.

Billy is being sent on his first term to Nairobi, Kenya for two years to serve as Director of Finance and Professor at Kenya Baptist Theological College. Heather and the boys will be going with him. Please pray for them as they are off to the mission field!

Any events or information that you would like to submit in the upcoming newsletter must be turned in to Harlean Shook at 252-678-8209 by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month or to the church assistant Ms. Angela Love, 252-537-6171. Thank you!