

FIRST EXPRESSIONS

First Baptist Church

of Warner Robins

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"We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations"

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I love the account of Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman at the well! It is a rich text that you could sit and study for hours. My favorite part is after the disciples come back from town with some food and find Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman. She quickly leaves the scene, even leaving her water jar at the well, and tells everyone in town about Jesus. The people in town start to make their way to Jesus and the disciples, completely unaware of what is happening, urge Jesus to eat. Jesus says, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Still clueless, the disciples discuss among themselves whether someone else might have brought him food. Jesus responds by telling them the food he is referring to is spiritual food. It is to do the will of the Father and to finish His work. (All the while, the people of the town are drawing closer and closer to Jesus, the disciples, and the well.) Jesus asks the disciples about an old farmer's saying and then tells them to open their eyes and look at the fields. He says they are ripe for harvest. Can you picture it? Jesus discussing with the disciples at the well and tons of Samaritans from the town approaching them. Jesus talking about fields ripe for harvest and the disciples still clueless. The story ends with many in the town becoming believers because of the woman's testimony and Jesus' words. Can you picture the moment the light bulb turns on for the disciples? "Oh! Jesus' food was sharing about salvation and these people are the fields ready for harvest."

We could blast the disciples for being so slow to see what Jesus was talking about but we'd have to accept our own criticism because we are often as clueless as they were. Seeds of the Gospel have been sown and there is a ripe harvest all around us. Will you open your eyes and look at the fields? Will you experience the joy of harvesting "a crop for eternal life?"

Pastor Casey

"God at Work"

Mission Trip: We had 17 people participate in our mission trip to Dawson, GA this past month! FBC Dawson has been a hub for helping families in the area and we were able to partner with them as they continue to meet needs in the community. (It's hard to believe families are still recovering almost 4 months later.) Our team was able to remove some fallen trees, encourage and love on several families, and support FBC Dawson as they minister. We saw God move in many ways and can't wait to share more with you!

Deacons: "An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Proverbs 18:15 Our deacons went through a six hour training in March facilitated by Charles Carter. Despite their decades of combined experience, they came with open hearts and were encouraged/challenged in many ways. I'm thankful that they desire to sharpen their skills and become the best servant they can.

Youth Ministry: Recently, our Youth have been discussing in Sunday morning Bible Study different social issues they are encountering in our society, at school and among their friends. They have discussed issues regarding abortion and alcohol and will look at more in the coming weeks. They are engaging these issues with Scripture and learning how to be a testimony for Christ as they take a stand for Him.

GROW

Sunday, April 7th
5:00pm

Please plan on attending and being a part of the growth of our church.



Keenagers

Monday, April 8th—12pm
ALL Senior Adults are encouraged to join us for lots of fun, food, and fellowship. Bring a covered dish and join us!

Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th @ 11am



CHURCHWORKDAY

Saturday, April 13th @ 8am

Church Council

Sunday, April 14th
3:30pm

All Team Leaders are asked to attend!



Baked Potato Night

Wednesday
April 17th
5:15pm



WMU

Thursday, April 18th
10am

WRHS Feeding Program

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Please bring the following items: Granola bars, energy bars, cereal bars, individual packs of baked chips, etc., dried fruit in individual packs, pudding cups, small boxes of cereal, tuna pouches in foil, pop tarts, cups of mixed fruit, small cups of spaghetti or any of those that Chef Boyardee makes.

The collection box is located in the fellowship hall.

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, April 24th @ 6pm

All Church Members are encouraged to attend!

77th Anniversary

Sunday, April 28th

Fellowship Meal following the Morning Service

APRIL 2019

*Birthdays

Sundays

8:30 am Prayer Group
 9:15 am Small Group Bible Study
 10:30 am Morning Worship
 6:00 pm CONNECT—Youth

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Mid-Week Activities
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm Band Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Family Promise Host Week						
	*Sheree Quattlebaum		*Ruth Carter		*Ralph Smith	
7 GROW—5pm Connect—6pm *Juliana Matthews	8 Keenagers— 12pm	9 Deacon Meeting—11am	10 *Adam Dalton	11 *Charlotte Kegley	12 *Linda Anderson	13 Church Work Day—8am
14 Palm Sunday Church Council— 3:30pm Connect—6pm	15 *Meredith Potter	16 *Rusty Grace	17 Baked Potato Night—5:15pm	18 WMU—10am *Ransom Grace	19 Good Friday	20 FH in Use— 11am—4pm *Wanda Burquest
21 Easter WRHS Feeding Program	22	23	24 Administrative Professionals Day Quarterly Meeting—6pm	25	26 *David Burquest	27
28 77th Anniversary Fellowship Meal Connect—6pm	29	30 *Loren Rae Grace *Spencer Shugart	<div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 15px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">Wednesdays @ 6pm</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Tell Someone</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">by GREG LAURIE</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0; color: white;">Evangelism simplified.</p> </div>			

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Do you like being a part of a family? Are there relationships you cherish and savor because of the time together, the fun, the conversation, the encouragement, the sharing of life, and the bearing of burdens? It can be family by marriage or even friendships that are like family. I enjoy thinking about those friendships and relationships. There is nothing like being with these types of people. I believe our relationship with God should be rich and full. Knowing Jesus is not just based on a transaction that got me out of hell. This relationship is not just based on Jesus appeasing the wrath of God so that we might be in right standing with God (though this is pretty incredible). It goes much deeper. That is only the beginning. We can now call God our Father. You get to experience His love, His fellowship, His wisdom and guidance through the Holy Spirit, His mercy and forgiveness, and the beauty of His grace daily. J.I. Packer in his book *Knowing God* speaks of this beautiful, adopted relationship with God in terms of closeness, affection, and generosity. I am reading a book called *Worship Leaders: We Are Not Rock Stars* (funny title, I know), and it has reminded me of this incredible relationship that we have. We are not just seen as right before God, the Judge. We are sons and heirs! This encourages me to walk with God and talk with God. Our pursuit of Him is not a duty but a privilege and delight. There is nothing that is comparable with Him and knowing Him. I encourage you not to just dutifully seek God or try to check off the boxes of different spiritual disciplines but rather approach Him as Father. Enjoy a relationship with God that cannot be matched by anything else, ever!

Nick

FIGURES

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 60

MORNING WORSHIP— 86

If you are not plugged in with a Small Group Bible Study, you are missing a blessing. Small Group Bible Study begins at 9:15 a.m.

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR MARCH 1-25, 2019

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED	\$29,846.77
March 1-25 Receipts	\$26,542.79
March 1-25 Expenses	\$15,616.57
Surplus as of March 25.....	\$ 10,926.22

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED	\$29,846.77
February Receipts	\$26,409.00
February Expenses	\$24,431.36
Actual Surplus	\$ 1,977.64

APRIL LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

7—David Anderson	14—Mike Sullivan
21—Chuck Hughey	28—Jon Huguley

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

David Burquest	Ray Durham
Chuck Hughey	Curtis Dalton

Nehemiah Project Raising the Roof at FBC

