

FIRST EXPRESSIONS

First Baptist Church

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

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Hey Church Family,

Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas will be knocking at our door before we know it! Then it's only a matter of a week and we'll be celebrating the New Year. We'll be celebrating 2020!?!? Some of you are reading this and experiencing some anxiety because you're not ready to "go there" just yet. I'm right there with you but I do want to take a moment to challenge you to finish well this year. This time of year, people often tend to retreat from reaching out because of how busy life becomes around the holidays. But statistically, other than Easter, there is no other time of the year more fertile to plant seed and reach the lost. Christmas is the second most effective time to invite friends, family, and co-workers to church. It's also one of the easiest times of the year to talk about Jesus because well...that's what Christmas is all about. So, who will you invite? Who will you share your story with? Who will you tell about the greatest Christ-mas gift ever? Who will you share the hope of Christ with this holiday season?

Hopefully you know "what" I'm challenging you to do as you seek to finish well this year. But before I wrap up my article, I want to share the "why" with you. Why should we leverage our influence this time of year to share Jesus with someone? It's a one-word answer: LOVE! Our chief motivation for wanting to use this time of year as an opportunity to share our faith is because we genuinely love people. After all, love was God's motivation in sending Jesus. Our love for others and our desire to see them experience the forgiveness and cleansing, that comes by grace through faith in Jesus, should have us taking every opportunity we have to celebrate and proclaim the gospel. Here is my prayer: *May God fan to flame a love for others in our hearts and may we be bold in sharing this holiday season. May God enable us, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to see and take advantage of every opportunity He provides. May we see people experience the forgiveness, cleansing, and transformation that comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ. To God be the Glory! Amen.*

Love,

Pastor Casey

FACTS & FELLOWSHIP

"God at Work"

The Harvest is Plentiful: God has been at work in and through our student ministry the past month. God has used opportunities to share the gospel at Huntington Middle Prayer Club and our Basketball Night to see close to 40 students indicate they prayed to receive Christ! If you're not jumping up and down right now I want you to check your pulse. God is good! How awesome we get to partner with Him and experience His work. Please continue to pray for Nick and the other leaders as they follow-up and help these students as they begin this new journey with Christ.

Prayer Warriors: With a revamp of our Prayer & Devotion time on Wednesday (thanks Jon & David) and more intentional requests for prayer over the past month, we are seeing God answer and work in some amazing ways. God is answering prayers of salvation for the lost, prayers for healing, prayers for provision for those in need, and prayers for restoration of broken relationships. We shouldn't be surprised but I've been awestruck at the prayers God is answering. Let's continue to pray boldly for each other, the lost, and that God's kingdom come and will be done.

It's Been 5 Years Since...: Can you guess what comes next? It's been five years since...we've had this many people join our church in a year! The last time we've had more people join in a year was in 2014. As of this month, we've seen 16 people join our church this year! We don't boast in ourselves but in God who has brought these people to our church and planted in them a desire to be a part of this body of believers. Praise Him! Who do you know that is looking for a place to belong? Who could God use you to reach that they might become a part of His family and this church family?

Women's World Day of Prayer
ARISE SHINE
 Monday
 November 4th
 2pm
 WHEN WE RISE UP HE SHINES THROUGH
 Shirley Hills Baptist Church

Keenagers
 Tuesday, November 5th—12pm
 Bring a covered dish and join us!

Wednesday, November 6th
 Quarterly Meeting—6pm

Monday, November 11th
 HONORING OUR VETERANS
 Thank you for your sacrifice
 Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

YOUTH COMMUNITY
KICKBALL
 NOVEMBER 17TH - 4:00pm-6:00pm
 FREE FOOD!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST
 Come Join Our Table
 November 20th @ 6:00pm
 Fellowship Hall
 Sign Up for Food & Pick Up A Ticket at the Welcome Station or RSVP online

HAPPY Thanksgiving
 Wednesday, November 27th & Thursday, November 28th
 Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
 NO Wednesday Night Activities
 HCBE Holiday 25th—29th

NOVEMBER 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 <i>*Match Hulbert</i>	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends Persecution Sunday GROW—5pm Connect—6pm <i>*Aimee Megahee</i>	4 Women's World Day of Prayer—Shirley Hills—2pm <i>*Nathan Faulk</i>	5 Keenagers—12pm	6 Quarterly Meeting—6pm	7 <i>*Betty Johnson</i> <i>*Claire Shugart</i>	8 <i>*Owen Shugart</i>	9 FH & Choir Room in Use—9am—4pm
10 Orphan Sunday <i>*Daniel Ledger</i>	11 Veteran's Day—Office Closed HCBE Holiday GBMB—Fayetteville, GA <i>*David Anderson</i> <i>*Ryan Kegley</i>	12 Deacon Meeting—11am	13	14	15	16
17 Communion GROW—5pm Community Kickball Event—4pm WRHS Feeding Program	18	19	20 Community Thanksgiving Feast—6pm	21 WMU—10am HMS Prayer Walk—3pm <i>*Sarah McCord</i>	22	23
24 Connect—6pm <i>*Brent Cavanah</i>	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed NO Wednesday Night Activities	28 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed FH in Use—11am—4pm	29	30
	HCBE Thanksgiving Holiday					<i>*Erinn Peck</i>

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Recently, I had lunch with another youth pastor in the area to collaborate together about some things God has been doing the last couple months. While we were talking, I was seeking his counsel on parenting and how he invested in his children (now grown). What he said was not novel but profound. He stated the great importance of both parents genuinely pursuing the Lord and walking in fellowship with God. It is often seen that one parent leads the family along spiritually or none at all. Today, we have so many things competing for our time and devotion. Often, Jesus is not at the center. Your children are observing your life and are influenced by what you do. The impact of both parents in the home walking daily with Jesus and in unity with one another is significant. Dad and mom, where is your walk with Jesus today? I challenge you, **do not** miss the most important thing in life and parenting. You are called to disciple your children and it starts with both parents walking with the Lord. If you want to see real faith in your children, let them see real faith in you! Colossians 2:6 states, "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (ESV).

Over the last two months, FBC has hosted two youth basketball events. The Lord has really been working through those. We have been blessed to see two guys profess faith in Jesus. As well, the Lord is at work in Huntington Middle School. As we continue to follow the Lord in what He is doing, please diligently pray for the Spirit to continue to work and to continue to lead us in each step we take. Pray for the seeds of the gospel to be planted and watered. Pray for salvation. Pray for families to be changed by Jesus! Pray for the light of Christ to break forth in the darkness all around us! On November 17th, we will host a Youth Community Kickball night and look to continue to build relationships with youth in our area. Come be involved, and let's ask God to be at work!

Nick

Nehemiah Project Raising the Roof at FBC

Phase One of the Nehemiah Project is complete!
Phase Two Goal: \$225,000
Scope of Work: Education Building Roof



NOVEMBER LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

3—Mike Sullivan 10—David Anderson
17—Chuck Hughey 24—Mark Burquest

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

David Burquest Curtis Dalton
Jon Huguley Bonwell Lipsey

From the Children's Director

The leaves aren't the only thing falling around here; the wall in the old library is d-o-w-n! This means that we are one step closer to transforming the old library into a clubhouse for our Grow and Go Kids! The clubhouse will be used for our Sunday morning hangouts where the kids can learn their verse for the week, sing songs, and enjoy fellowship together before breaking into their age group classes.

Our mission for Grow and Go Kids is to "show children the love of Jesus, to share the Gospel of Jesus, and to make disciples of Jesus." We aim to partner with the parents of kids here at FBCWR to support and encourage them in their most important task - teaching their children about God.

One of the ways that we can support and encourage the parents of Grow and Go kids is by serving in the children's wing. The more volunteers that we have, the more opportunities all parents have to fully engage with their Bible study class, or to attend worship service. Having an hour or two a week to step away and recharge spiritually can be a huge help to the parents here.

Looking back over your childhood, was there an adult outside of your family who was instrumental in your life? Maybe it was a teacher, a coach, a neighbor - someone who took the time to teach you, encourage you, and inspire you. Serving with Grow and Go Kids can be your opportunity to do for a child here at FBCWR what that adult did for you. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact me and I will walk you through the steps to becoming a Grow and Go worker.

Heather

FIGURES

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1-28, 2019

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED \$29,846.77
October 1-28 Receipts \$23,588.40
October 1-28 Expenses \$15,385.36
Surplus as of October 28 \$ 8,203.04

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED \$29,846.77
September Receipts \$32,107.13
September Expenses \$28,680.67
Actual Surplus \$ 3,426.46

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 54 MORNING WORSHIP— 85

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. Join Us! We have groups for all ages!