



OCTOBER 2026

Dear First Baptist Family,

On October 31, 1517, a young monk named Martin Luther walked with purpose up to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He held a mallet in one hand and parchment in the other. On that parchment were listed ninety-five complaints about what the church of his day had become. He hammered that paper to the door. The "95 Theses" of Martin Luther would spark a revolution, the effects of which we still feel today.

At the heart of his complaints was the idea of indulgences. In essence, Christians were told that if they purchased an indulgence from the pope, he could take years off of their deceased family members' time in purgatory. This was how the Vatican was built in Germany, off of money raised through the sale of indulgences. One of the more unscrupulous sellers of indulgences, a man named Tetzel, would even say, "When a coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs!"

Luther was incensed. He fired both barrels against indulgences. What was at stake, he argued, was the gospel itself. Could salvation be purchased with money, or was salvation purchased for us by Christ? Did we have to earn our way to heaven or was that way made clear for us by Jesus?

Out of this Protestant Reformation came the great "solas":

- sola scriptura (Scripture alone)
- solus Christus (Christ alone)
- sola fide (faith alone)
- sola gratia (grace alone)
- soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone)

October is such a great month! On October 28 we're going to have a wonderful time at Trunk or Treat! I'm going to enjoy every moment of it! I hope that all of you will come and participate.

But also find a little time on October 31 to stop and remember that something momentous happened on that day many years ago in Germany. And what happened directly affects, to a large extent, how we think about the gospel and the Christian life today. And when you think about these things on October 31, find a little moment to thank the Lord for the gospel of grace, freely offered by King Jesus, and received by grace through faith.

Happy Reformation Month!
Pastor Wyman

GO →
Boldly
EPHESIANS 6:19-20



Our Church Goal: \$30,000
CURRENT TOTAL: \$13,471

Young at Heart Ministry

October 27
11:45 am

Pot Roast
Rice & Gravy
Field Peas
Turnip Greens
Cornbread
Chocolate Cake

featuring
The Anderson Senior Follies

NOVEMBER 1 AT 6:00 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY

DEACON
ORDINATION SERVICE

QUARTERLY
CHURCH
CONFERENCE

NOV. 8
6:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Changes to church policies and procedures concerning administration of the Phelps Fund, public access to the Constitution and Bylaws, use of church facilities including the fellowship center, and address of the mission house are expected to be presented at the Church Conference on November 8. The updates will be available no later than Friday, October 23 in the Welcome Center, the Fellowship Center, first floor of the East Building, and the church office. The packet will contain both the current wording and the proposed replacement.

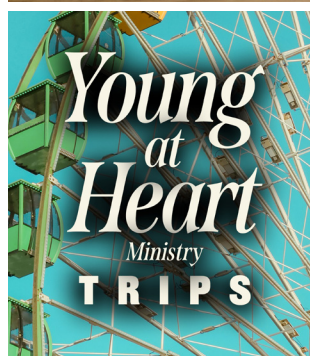
NORTH OF 60 PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

THURSDAYS AT 12:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP CENTER
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17



**FREE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**



NEXT TRIP!



STATE FAIR
OCTOBER 21



FLORAL ARRANGING
\$15 - FELLOWSHIP CENTER



Surviving
the *Holidays*
November 7
10:00 am . Room 230

register by October 31 at
tinyurl.com/FBCGriefShareHolidays26

THE LORD'S SUPPER

October 11
DURING WORSHIP

Please pray about giving
to the Benevolence Offering

TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 28 5:00 PM



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER OR PROVIDE A TRUNK
[TINYURL.COM/FBCTORT26](https://tinyurl.com/fbctort26)

Candy Donations Needed!
(totes for collection available around campus)



FALL BREAK
No Midweek Activities on October 7
(except choir & orchestra rehearsal)

CHURCH-WIDE
Thanksgiving Meal
NOVEMBER 22 AT 5 PM
in the Fellowship Center
Meal Provided - Please Bring a Dessert to Share!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Drop-Off Location



SIGN-UP HERE!



NOVEMBER 16-23

YOU'RE INVITED TO A
TECH MINISTRY
Lunch & Learn
October 25 at 12:00 pm



Operation Christmas Child
Packing Party
NOVEMBER 15
5:30 - 6:30 pm
Fellowship Center



THURSDAY WALKS WITH RONI
BEGINS 10/22 @ 9 AM
SCOTT PARK

Ladies
FALL OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN ON MISSION
HEARTSHAPERS
ROPEHOLDERS
10/13 @ 10:00 AM
FIBER FANATICS
10/25 @ 4 PM



WEDNESDAYS
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM:
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
(NO RESERVATION REQUIRED!)

6:00 PM:
ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING
WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS
MDWK FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

6:30 PM:
CHOIR & ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

JOIN US FOR MIDWEEK



10:26 FBC Camden

WATCH LIVE
TODAY AT 10:30 AM

GIVE UPCOMING



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 2026 -

OCT. 7 WEDNESDAY	FALL BREAK - NO MIDWEEK (EXCEPT CHOIR)
OCT. 11 SUNDAY	LORD'S SUPPER DURING WORSHIP
OCT. 18 SUNDAY	12:00 PM - DEACON-WIDOW/WIDOWERS LUNCH 3:00 PM - LADIES CREATIVE WORKSHOP: FLORAL ARRANGING
OCT. 21 WEDNESDAY	9:30 AM - YOUNG AT HEART STATE FAIR TRIP
OCT. 22 THURSDAY	9:00 AM - THURSDAY WALKS WITH RONI BEGIN
OCT. 25 SUNDAY	12:00 PM - TECH MINISTRY LUNCH & LEARN
OCT. 27 TUESDAY	11:45 AM - YOUNG AT HEART
OCT. 28 WEDNESDAY	5:00 PM - TRUNK OR TREAT

SEPTEMBER TOTALS

Monthly Budget.....\$173,626
 September Giving.....\$140,973
 Year to Date Budget.....\$1,562,637
 Year to Date Giving.....\$1,400,306

Average Sunday School Attendance...358
 Average Worship Attendance.....523

September Designated Funds

Acts 1:8 (missions).....\$1,726
 Annie Armstrong.....\$100
 Benevolence.....\$1,581
 Building Fund.....\$200
 Children's Min.....\$70
 CLC Project.....\$50
 Gideon Offering.....\$200
 Janie Chapman.....\$11,856
 Lottie Moon.....\$100
 Sacks of Love.....\$100
 WMU.....\$1,206

*Welcome
to the Family*





Jonathan Bradley



Hayden Bowers



Zy'Cariyah Ellerbe



Mac McInville



Lillian Mitcham



Wake Roberts

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SUNDAY

9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDIES
 9:15 AM FIRST STEPS CLASS
 10:30 AM WORSHIP
 3:00 PM FINANCIAL PEACE
 4:00 PM CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL
 4:30 PM 10/25 - LOVE, SERVE, GIVE

MONDAY

6:00 PM LADIES WISDOM STUDY

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM LADIES WISDOM STUDY
 4:00 PM CRAFT CLASS
 4:45 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
 6:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
 6:00 PM WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS
 6:00 PM FIRST STUDENTS - FBC SET APART
 6:30 PM CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

THURSDAY

6:45 AM MEN'S BIBLE READERS ENCOURAGEMENT
 GROUP AT CHICK-FIL-A
 9:00 AM THURSDAY WALKS WITH RONI (BEGINS 10/22)
 12:00 PM NORTH OF 60 PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

SATURDAY

6:30 AM MEN'S ACCOUNTABILITY
 7:30 AM MEN'S MOUNTAIN BIBLE STUDY

WOMEN ON MISSION

10/13 - 10:00 AM
 HEARTSHAPERS/ROPEHOLDERS
 10/25 - 4:00 PM
 FIBER FANATICS

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Minister.....Every Member
 Senior Pastor.....Dr. Wyman Richardson
 Minister to Students.....Clint Ellis
 Director of Children's Ministries
Stephanie Caldwell
 Director of Senior Adult Ministries.....Mark Derr

Support Staff:

Office Manager/Bookkeeper.....Tracy Collier
 Ministry Assistant.....Angie Black
 Ministry Assistant.....Amber McCaskill
 Communications Director.....Tiffany Ellis
 Tech Director.....Douglas Smith
 Childcare Center Director.....Amy Shivar
 Facilities Manager.....William (Buck) Clyburn
 Kitchen Manager.....Lana Wright

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 Childcare Telephone.....803-432-9069

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