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September 21

**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

September 24.....Davis Stephenson

September 25..... Amy Beheler

September 27.....James Jones

September 28..... Matthew Finnan

.....Hannah Parker

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Team 2:** Calvin McGinnis, Daryl Camper, Scott Lawrence, Emily Kay, Vicki Hughes, Ronnie Wilson, Faith Archer, Stan Clements

**DEACON AT THE DOOR**

Ben Moore

**ACOLYTES**

September 24 ..... Natalie Marsh

..... Melanie Huneycutt

October 1.....Jeremiah Craig

..... Abby Miller

**COLLEGE STUDENT**

**Faith Archer**

UNC-Faith Caroline Archer

Cobb Room #361

110 Country Club Road

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

UNC-Chapel Hill

**Records for September 17, 2017**

Sunday School Attendance..... 122

White Oak.....

Restwell Rest Home ..... 13

Total ..... 135

Morning Worship Attendance .. 178

Budget Requirements..... \$9,638.00

Budget Offering..... \$6,559.00

Special Offerings ..... \$3,828.00

Total ..... \$10,387.00

**Budget to Date**

Required by 9-17-17 ... \$491,538.00

Received by 9-17-17 ... \$443,474.23

**Building Fund**

Received ..... \$1.00

Capital Campaign ..... \$2,900.00

To Date ..... \$400,359.71

**SOUP FOR YOKEFELLOW**

September Soup Goal: 30

September Soup Donations: 65

Wow! We think you've gotten the memo about needing soup! This is the best response we have had since starting this project! Thank you, thank you! **Please continue to check cans for dents.**

**PLEASE WELCOME DANIEL AND LINDSAY HILL!**

Please join me in welcoming Daniel and Lindsay Hill, along with their daughter, Rosie, to First Baptist this morning. Daniel and Lindsay serve with Campus Outreach and are regional Co-Directors for Campus Outreach Greenville (SC), which provides ministry to several upstate SC campuses. We are excited to hear an update on their ministry and to support them in their journey! Please remember Daniel and Lindsay in your prayers as they make an impact for Christ in South Carolina!

**COMMITTEE NIGHT**

**TONIGHT, 7 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please make plans to join us or to stay after Discipleship Training **tonight** as we assign Committee Chairs and provide the opportunity for committees to meet. Instead of having meetings at 7:00 and 7:30, we will have one meeting. I will share some tips on helping a committee to get started, stay organized and best communicate with the church. We are grateful to you all for your willingness to serve!

**WELCOME TABLE**

Our next meal dates are **Mondays, October 2, October 9 and October 23.** Prayerfully consider where you might help. Watch for sign-up sheets. Questions: Nell Bovender or Billy Honeycutt.

**FBCR YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Tonight (9/24): Worship with the FUMC youth next door 6—7 PM

Wednesday (9/27): Series on the book of Job

\*Winterspree (\$50) and Passport (\$75) deposits are both due October 8th  
*Winterspree (January 12—15, 2018), Passport (June 24—29, 2018)*



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**September 24, 2017**  
**10:55 AM**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

*Seen and Unseen Things: The Eternal and the Temporal in the  
Ministry of First Baptist Church*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Greetings and Announcements Tim Marsh  
Leader: The Lord is Risen!  
**People: He is Risen indeed!**  
Lighting the Acolyte Candles  
\*Hymn 612 "Jesus Is All the World to Me" ELIZABETH  
\*Invocation Ben Moore

**REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS**

Children's Message Beth Heffner  
Missions Moment Daniel and Lindsay Hill  
Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Tim Marsh  
\*Hymn of Offertory 671 BEACH SPRING  
"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"  
\*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Malachi 3:10 Boone Hodge  
Offertory

**HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

The Written Word Luke 8:1-3; Romans 16:1-2; Luke 21:1-7 Tim Marsh  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message in Song "Christ Above All" Young  
Men's Quartet: Frank Jones, Ben Moore, Joey Revis, and Joey Buchanan

The Spoken Word "Support the Intangible with the Tangible" Tim Marsh  
\*Hymn 499 "I Surrender All" SURRENDER  
*(We invite all who desire to make public professions of faith or transfer  
church membership to do so at this time. And, we encourage all with  
special prayer needs to pray with the pastor or pray silently at the altar  
for personal or intercessory prayer needs.)*

**GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\*Benediction  
\*Departing Song (512) "We Go in Peace" EDWARDS  
We go in peace, we go in love,  
We go with grace and mercy from the Lord above  
To tell the world this very thing:  
That Jesus Christ is Lord and King, Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

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\*Postlude  
\*Congregation Standing  
\*\*Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices\*\*

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

*For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something--now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little." (2 Corinthians 8:9-15, NRSV)*

Generosity – it is mentioned as one of the Fruits of the Spirit. It is something more than stewardship. It is an attitude. It is a virtue. It is an attitude toward what we possess. It is an attitude toward others. And, it is a virtue. Generosity is virtuous because it says that our lives, having been gifted with eternal life through Jesus, are for the betterment of other people.

When I was in college, I received several scholarships to attend Samford University. When I was thinking and praying about my decision, I applied to the University of Alabama and to Florida State University. Samford was out of the question, since it was a private school. I was leaning toward Florida State and had received some scholarships and, of course, was going to work with the football team in some capacity (Coach Bowden was still in his prime!). However, I felt called to the ministry and believed that the best place for me was Samford University. While I did work for the varsity football team as the main videographer, I also received many scholarships to attend. I received a ministerial scholarship, which was the result of the generosity of Alabama Baptists. Other scholarships included the Kenny Morgan Scholarship, which is given to several high school student athletes who planned to attend Samford. The scholarship was the result of the generosity of Coach Morgan's former players, including Bobby Bowden and my father, and is still given to several students each year.

Beeson Divinity School, on Samford's Campus, where I earned my Master of Divinity, was the result of a \$40 Million gift from Ralph Waldo Beeson, who wanted to form and interdenominational seminary to train "pastors who could preach." Not only did the gift provide an excellent facility, but covered over half of the tuition costs for almost all students, and continues to do so, as it prepares for its thirtieth year of classes. Were it not for the generosity of many, I may not have been able to attend college. However, I want to make it clear, while I may have qualified for scholarships, I did not *earn* them. They were the result of the generosity of many who provided them.

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be generous as he prepared a collection for the Jerusalem church. Those in Jerusalem had fallen under hard times, and this collection was to provide relief. He encouraged the Corinthians to practice generosity in their giving so that they could, in turn, share in God's blessings by being God's instruments to help their fellow Christians in Jerusalem.

When we give, do we give from an attitude of generosity, knowing that we have been given much in the death and resurrection of Christ? Thank you, always, for your faithfulness to make a difference in the lives of our church, our community and beyond.

Grace and peace,  
Tim