



The

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SEARCHLIGHT

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From the Shepherd's Heart

Big changes coming...please read on! This will be your last Searchlight in its present monthly form. We have discovered that a relatively few people ever read this monthly publication, and those who do have a tendency to forget items of importance in it that may be three or four weeks down the road. As part of the changing way we communicate in society, the church newsletter has gone the way of the rotary dial telephone. It no longer gets to us.

But there are ways to communicate that are faster and more visible. And, because things can happen quickly, those communications need to happen more often. That's why I am going to begin a new weekly touch that will go out to our members in at least two formats in the beginning that will have the potential to keep us better informed and up-to-date.

First Glance debut as an email, Facebook and single-sheet print publication that will go out every Monday from First Baptist. A small number of printed copies will be available for our Wednesday crowd, but most will be able to receive it as a single email or you can spot it on our Facebook page. If we find it useful, we may also upload it to our website, but our newsletter gets very little exposure there in its current form. This is probably because the front page of our site lets everyone know what is coming up quickly, so they do not feel the need to go further. For every 100 hits on our website less than 1 person will go to the newsletter page.

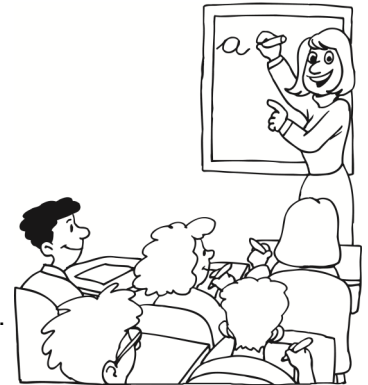
First Glance will be a work in progress, so please give us your feedback and let us know how we are doing. Hopefully, it will give us a positive way to communicate with our First Family on a weekly basis and keep everyone informed.

August is an important month for the First Family as we have four important events mixed in with our regular worship services and continued series on the life of Jesus Christ. The first Wednesday in August we will hear from our Haiti mission team that traveled to the island in June. Our special guest will be Rev. Earl Ogburn, who will be with us to share along with our team members. We will also have a church supper at 5:30 before the 6:30 service to help you get here from work and enjoy the presentation.

We also have our Leadership Planning Retreat at White Oak on Saturday, August 12. You must register NOW, if you are coming to this all-day event. Cost is \$15 per person. The following week we will have our quarterly business meeting on Sunday, August 20, at 6:30 pm. Finally,

Sunday School

The Sunday School new year begins on September 3rd. We will have some new teachers and some classes will change.



Promotion Sunday will be on Sunday, August 27th.

We will have a special High Attendance Sunday on September 10th. We will have services at the church then all are invited to meet at White Oak Conference Center for lunch and swimming in the afternoon. The cost will be announced.

Make plans now to join us on September 30th for a Honey List Day for George and Kathy Timms. The plans are to go to their house and help Kathy with some projects that she cannot do alone. There will be a sign up list.

Children's Committee

The Children's Committee needs one more member for the 2017-18 church year. If you willing to serve on this committee for the coming year, please let the church office know.

From column 1

join us on Sunday, August 27, for our Deacon Ordination and Installation service. We welcome as our three new deacons for the coming year, Jon Wade Weatherford, Leon Witt and Ralph Pierson. I look forward to seeing you at every opportunity this coming month at FBC.

Pastor Craig Bailey

Opportunities for Ministry, Worship and Study:

- 1 Cleveland Vision and Mission Journey.** August 21-23, 2017. Purpose of the trip is for SC churches to form partnerships with Cleveland church planters. Cost is for air travel to Cleveland and some meals. NAMB will cover lodging and some meals. Contact S C Baptist Convention for application (803-227-6064 or sandybezbek@scbaptist.org. To register go to www.lnamb.net/send-cities/cleveland, under "Catch the Vision Tours" click on August 21-23, then "register".
- 2 Southeast Asia Vision and Mission Journey.** September 14-25, 2017. To give participants hands on experiences in unreached areas with IMB personnel and national leaders. Cost: \$2,000 to \$2200. Must have passport. Application deadline is July 14. To request and application or more info contact Missions Mobilization Team at 803-227-6064 or sandybezbek@scbaptist.org.
- 3 Fall Jubilee 2017.** September 18-20, 2017. Gatlinburg Convention Center Gatlinburg, TN. Leaders include: Colingsworth Family, Phil & Kay Robertson, Johnny Hunt, Goodman Revival, Will Graham, Greater Vision, Steve Green, Primitive Quartet, Allison Speer, Dennis Swanburg. Cost \$129-\$179 for conference and 2 nights lodging or \$99 for conference only. For more info Call 800-616-8863 or jubileeconferences.com.
- 4 Mully. October 3-5, 2017.** This movie is about Charles Mully who worked his way from abject poverty to great wealth then gave it up to serve God. For more info go to wmu@wmu.org.
- 5 Taiwan Vision and Mission Journey.** October 20-30, 2017. Will involve greeting Chinese tourists who go to Taiwan to welcome them and give them a New Testament. Need to be physically active. Cost: \$1300-\$1500 which includes lodging, meals, and transportation. Application deadline is August 1st. For application and info contact the Missions Mobilization Team at 803-227-6064 or sandybezbek@scbaptist.org.
- 6 Celebrators Conference.** October 16-19, 2017. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Leaders include: David Jeremiah, Mark Lowry, Stan Whitmire, Annie Moses Band, Phil Waldrep, Greater Vision, Veritas, Max Lucado, Charles Billingsley (worship leader). Cost; \$125 for conference only, \$199-\$499 for conference and 3 nights lodging. October 23-26, 2017. Smoky Mountain Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Leaders include: Rick Webb Family, Mike Whitson, Aaron Wilburn, Stan Whitmire, Allison Speer, Mylon Hayes Family, Dennis Swanburg. For more info call 1-800-374-1550 or on line at celebrators.org.

- 7 Reaching the Nations in North America Conference.** October 27-28, 2017. Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forrest, NC. Conference for church planting and evangelism. For more info contact Shirley Sells at 800-395-5102, Ext 5571 or ssells@ncbaptist.org.
- 8 S C Baptist Convention Annual Meeting.** November 7th. Shandon Baptist Church. The theme will be "Unite". During the afternoon volunteers will do prayerwalking, acts of kindness and other evangelistic activities to support existing or new ministries. If you want to become involved contact Cathy Locklear, 803-252-0116.
- 9 Hearts on Fire Student Conference.** November 17-18, 2017, LeConte Event Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. A conference to challenge middle school, high school and college age young people to a dynamic walk and commitment in Christ. Speakers: Ed Newton, Algernon Tennyson. In concert: Toby Mac and Crowder. Worship with: Hearts on Fire Band and Roger Williams & the Amuq. Registration is \$35 before October 20th, then \$45 (meals and lodging extra). For info and registration go to www.heartsonfireministries.org or 865-776-2629.
- 10 Impact, Creating a Sending Culture.** February 22, 2018, Riverland Hills Baptist, Columbia. Impact is to inspire and equip the church to saturate every life with the hope of the gospel. Speaker J. D. Greear, pastor of Summit Church, Raleigh-Durham, NC. Cost \$49 (by Sept. 30). To register go to www.scbaptist.org/impact.

August Birthdays

- 2 Jane Boyter, Mike Davis
- 5 Teresa Byrd, Mark Chapman, Jessica Douglas, Brody Price, Miriam Woodruff
- 6 Mike Robinson
- 8 Brad Douglas, Benjamin Truitt
- 12 Leon Witt
- 13 Will Montgomery, Lauren Shepard
- 14 Gail Sosebee, Tammy Tanner
- 18 Ryan Hall, Taylor Spires
- 19 Nancy P. Heffner, Barry Moore, Patti Wilkes
- 20 James Wigington
- 22 Brent Silvia
- 25 Fran Shepard, Alyce Smith
- 30 Donald Smith

God's People Praying

365 Days of Prayer

- 1 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Orangeburg-Calhoun Baptist Association.
- 2 Thank God for our Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and the Baptist Global Response organizations who share His love, even if it is only with "a cup of cold water in His name." Pray for their safety as they help those affected by disasters.
- 3 Pray for those who suffer abuse at the hands of another.
- 4 Be willing to pray, "Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief."
- 5 Ask God to help you live for Him seven days a week, not just one.
- 6 Pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their belief.
- 7 Pray for those grandparents who rarely are able to see their grandchildren because of distance or a break in family relationships.
- 8 Pray for people and ministry of the churches in the Palmetto Baptist Association.
- 9 Thank God for those wise saints who went before us and who had the vision to establish the Cooperative Program. Thank Him for all the good the CP has done in His name, and ask Him to cause us to be found faithful in continuing to fund this evangelism tool.
- 10 Ask God to show you how you can best minister to that person you know who is going through a terminal illness then do what He shows you even if it is outside your comfort zone.
- 11 Pray that teenagers you know will have people in their lives who will help them to have an appropriate sense of self-esteem, balanced by a respect for the gifts and rights of their peers.
- 12 [Pray for the Leadership Retreat](#) that all will be done to the glory of God.
- 13 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Pee Dee Baptist Association.
- 14 Pray for the elementary, middle and high school students and their teachers as they begin the 2017-2018 school year.
- 15 Pray for full-time, part-time and volunteer Collegiate Ministry Directors as they prepare for another year of working with college students.
- 16 Pray for the college students who are leaving home to go to campus to begin the new school year. Pray that they will stay connected to the Christian community on their campus.
- 17 Pray for those churches which have a special ministry to the deaf, helping them to learn more about God and to worship Him in a way that is comfortable for them.
- 18 Pray for bivocational pastors as they essentially hold

In Sympathy

We send our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Loretta Kelly Hinson.

We send our Christian love and sympathy to the Mazingo family on the death of David's niece.

A Stormy Prayer

I have never liked thunderstorms. A few weeks ago, as I sat at my kitchen table during a particularly noisy storm, I started to pray in an effort to comfort myself. As lightning split the night sky on all sides, my prayer unwittingly began, "Dear LOUD Jesus . . ."

Heidi Mittinga

- down two full-time jobs.
- 19 Pray for the television and radio ministries of many of our churches.
- 20 Pray for those throughout our nation and world who go to bed hungry at night. Pray also that as Christians we will feel a burden to help alleviate this sad situation.
- 21 Ask God to stir your heart to desire for more intensive, personal Bible study.
- 22 Pray for that person you know who is beginning to experience normal problems associated with aging, asking God to help them cope with them gracefully.
- 23 Pray for those who make the decisions about sending our military personnel into harm's way.
- 24 Ask God to provide you with an opportunity to disciple and/or mentor a newer believer.
- 25 Pray for the Caring Hands Ministry and Ruth's Disciples as they deliver meals and visit with shut ins in our community.
- 26 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Pickens-Twelve Mile Baptist Association.
- 27 [Pray for our present deacons](#) and the new ones being ordained today. May they be the spiritual leaders of our church.
- 28 Pray for pastors and church members whose churches have been damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.
- 29 Thank God for those churches who have provided their facilities as shelters during disasters.
- 30 Pray that Christian parents would raise up their children in the way they should go and rest on the promise that, ". . . When they are old, they will not depart from it."
- 31 Pray that others truly would see Jesus in you.

Final Publication

This August 2017 issue will be the final issue of the **Searchlight**. We will begin publishing a weekly one page email and paper copy of a new publication called **First Glance**. It will come out on Monday and keep us up to date on the up coming events of First Baptist, Winnsboro.

Watch your email beginning the first week of September for **First Glance**.

Remember to let the office know what you like about **First Glance** and how we can improve our publication to meet the needs of our Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

There will be an important meeting of all Sunday School teachers and those interested in our Sunday School program on Monday August 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Your input is important to making our Sunday School meet the needs of our church. Contact Helen Branham is you have any questions.

Happiness

Happiness is like a butterfly. The more you chase it, the more it eludes you. But if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and sits softly on you shoulder.
anonymous

In God's Time

Time's yesterdays are counted
In ordered steps of men;
Tomorrow's yet unfolding
In heaven's sight, has been.

For all things have their purpose,
Each test, each birth, each death . . .
Grace is in each minute,
And love in every breath.

God's plans are set forever;
Unchangeable, His days;
Impeccable, His precept;
Perfection are His ways.

For wonder is His making;
His children realize
That those who trust God's wisdom
See through forever's eyes.

Viola Jacobson Berg

Highlights for August

Wednesday, August 2nd 5:30 p.m. supper
6:30 p.m. Haiti Mission trip report

Thursday, August 3rd 7:00 p.m. Ruth Cathcart Circle

Sunday, August 6th 9:15 a.m. First Sunday breakfast

Saturday, August 12th 9:00 a.m. Church Leadership Retreat

Wednesday, August 16th 5:30 p.m. supper
6:30 p.m. Midweek service
7:30 p.m. Choir practice

Thursday, August 17th 3:30 p.m. Richard and Fran Kelly Circle

Sunday, August 20th 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Sunday, August 27th Sunday School Promotion
Deacon Ordination

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Our Church Services

Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:30 PM	Youth
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Prayer/Bible Study

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Mission Outreach

Our church mission outreach for August is Sistercare. Sistercare provides shelter and support services for battered women and their children in Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, and Newberry counties.

Domestic violence is a greater problem than most people realize:

- Sistercare receives over 3,000 calls for help each year.
- 85% of women in shelter were threatened with a weapon Or with their life by batterer.
- 35% of adult female emergency room visits are the result Of domestic violence
- 70% of children of battered mothers are also abused.

Do not forget our ongoing support of the **Fairfield Community Food Bank**. Bring your Treet and ketchup or other non perishable food items and place them in the collection box in the lobby.

BOOK-MARKS

For you summer reading:

- The Writing Desk** by Rachel Hauck
Tenley Roth has writer's block as she tries to meet dead lines for her second book. A century earlier Birdie Shehorn wrote at the same desk with problems of her own.
- Just for a Moment I Saw the Light** by John Duckworth
Experience the dramatic, funny and poignant times when God has gotten through. These true stories will inspire, challenge and move you.

