

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR AUGUST 1-28, 2018

AUGUST 1-28 RECEIPTS\$ 25,249.00
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$ 30,597.86
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET\$ 5,348.86

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

AUGUST 1-28 Receipts\$25,249.00
 AUGUST 1-28 Expenses\$14,061.36
 AUGUST 1-28 Receipts over expenses\$11,187.64

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR JULY 2018

RECEIPTS\$30,717.13
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$30,597.86
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET\$ 119.27

FINAL ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

JULY 1-31 Receipts\$30,717.13
 JULY 1-31 Expenses\$24,934.25
 JULY 1-31 Receipts over Expenses\$ 5,782.88

SEPTEMBER LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

2—David Anderson 9—Mark Burquest
 16—Curtis Dalton 23—Jon Huguley
 30—David Peck

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

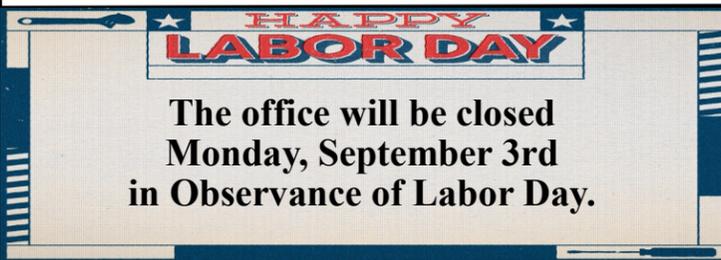
Curtis Dalton Jon Huguley
 Ray Durham David Burquest

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 75
 MORNING WORSHIP— 100

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!



Deacon Meeting
 Tuesday, September 4th
 11:15am

September 9th-15th
 State Missions Prayer Emphasis Week



Keenagers
 Monday, September 10th—12pm
 ALL Senior Adults are encouraged to join us for lots of fun, food and fellowship. Bring a covered dish and join us!

Keenagers Trip
 Thursday, September 13th
 Trip to Marietta to visit Joyce Lanier. The bus will leave the church at 9am. If you have any questions please see Jon or Susan Huguley. Everyone is invited to attend.



WMU—Current Missions
 Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. (occasional exceptions) We encourage our ladies to join us as we study, share, and plan for mission opportunities. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2018.



Sunday, September 30th
 Joint Bible Study
 Family Worship Day
 Christian Social Ministries
 WRHS Feeding Program

August 31, 2018

FIRST EXPRESSIONS



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

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EDIMGIAFAD

It took me a while to figure it out. Five years ago, when we moved to the area, I was already trying to become accustomed to saying "Houston" (House-ton) and identifying "Middle" (as opposed to Central) Georgia. To top it off, at every turn, on... the bottom of emails, business signs, water towers...even etched on roadside shrubbery, I kept seeing this weird combination of unintelligible letters, "EDIMGIAFAD." I soon asked and found the answer to this Houston County, Middle Georgia riddle. For those of you who may be new to the area, EDIMGIAFAD stands for "Every Day in Middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day." This phrase is the official motto of the city of Warner Robins. The motto reminds us all that the men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces should be honored and appreciated for answering our nation's call.

Recently, I came across another set of unintelligible letters, "IYADWYADYAGWYAG," translated, "If You Always Do What You Always Did, You Always Get What You Always Got." Whereas EDIMGIAFAD is a great reminder for our community, IYADWYADYAGWYAG should be a continual reminder for all churches, including FBCWR. While being true to our Theology, every generation of churches needs to evaluate their Methodology. We should ask ourselves, "Is the way we do ministry the most effective?" and "Are we truly seeing lives changed and transformed?" If not, why not? Let us always be willing to faithfully step out into the unknown and/or the untested to build fellowship and address the spiritual needs of our community. While staying true to core Biblical teachings, let us always be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to guide us in how we practice and exercise our faith. This month, as we move into the Fall season, consider IYADWYADYAGWYAG. Though the acronym may not easily roll off the tongue, it certainly is something to chew on!

See you Sunday,
 Randy

SEPTEMBER 2018

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Rusty's Ramblings

***Birthdays**

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

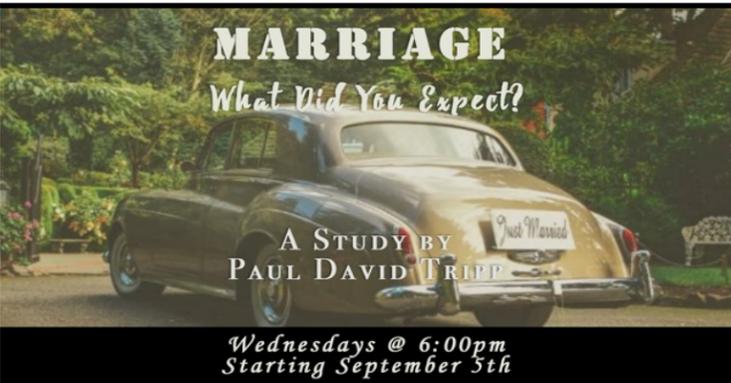
Wednesdays
 6:00 pm Mid-Week Activities
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm Band Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>*Grace Cavanah</i>
2	3 Labor Day— Office Closed <i>*Lois Sims</i>	4 Deacon Mtg— 11:15am	5 Marriage Bible Study Begins— 6pm	6	7	8
9 Connect—6pm	10 Keenagers — 12pm	11	12	13 Keenagers Trip—9am	14	15
—————State Missions Prayer Emphasis—————						
	Nick to Getty Music Conf. - 10th -12th				<i>*Joe Hale Jr</i> <i>*Susan Huguley</i>	<i>*Shantell Turner</i>
16 Communion Connect—6pm <i>*Benjamin Bryant</i>	17 <i>*JoNita Sullivan</i>	18 <i>*Hannah Prieto</i>	19 Taco Night— 5:30pm <i>*Ava Sweatt</i>	20 WMU—10am	21	22 1st Day of Fall
23 Connect—6pm	24	25 <i>*Joshua Cavanah</i>	26 See You at the Pole	27	28	29
30 Joint Bible Study Family Worship CSM WRHS Feeding Program Connect—6pm	The newsletter will be sent out via email, it will be available on our website at www.fbcwr.org , and we will have a few in the foyer at church. If you are not on our email list and would like a copy emailed to you please let me know at sherri@fbcwr.org . If you would still like a copy mailed to you please contact our office at 478-922-8152.		<p style="text-align: center;">Nehemiah Project Raising the Roof at FBC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Goal \$458,450</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Current \$72,705.08</p>			

What does it mean to be distinct? Distinct carries the idea of being separate or being different from something else. In terms of following Jesus, distinct refers to believers being different from those who don't follow Jesus. I think most believers would agree with that statement. However, living that out is the challenge. It is easy to say what I should do, but it is another thing to actually live that out. It is easy to say I need to get out of bed early and go to the gym, but it is another thing to actually follow through on that discipline. You would probably agree light and darkness are two separate things. That should be the difference in the life of a follower of Christ and those chasing after the ways of the world. There should be a radical difference in someone who is a child of God and someone who is not. So, the question is, is there a difference in your life?

1 Peter 1:13-16 states, "Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'" (ESV). Stop and read those verses again slowly and let them soak into your mind. Is your life distinct from this lost world? Does it look like the rest of this world? The lost people around us are longing for something greater than what this world can give them, and we have this incredibly good news that is the **only** answer. My life and your life should be distinct. My speech and your speech should be distinct. My goals and your goals should be distinct. My investments and your investments should be distinct. When we throw off the ways of the world and delight ourselves in the Father in every area of our lives we experience abundant life and the world sees the light of Christ they desperately need! Be distinct today!

Nick



I love new things. I love learning new things. I love new gadgets, at least ones I can operate and that actually make life easier! However, I've been reminded lately that "new" isn't always necessary or even helpful. Like I said, I love learning new things, but sometimes the things I already know are enough. For example, in trying to be healthier, there are a lot of things I could learn that would be helpful, but I already know that I should avoid sweets, fried foods, and the like and eat lean meat, fresh vegetables, and exercise regularly. I'd be a lot healthier if I just acted on what I already knew!

There's a similar dynamic that's true in our spiritual lives. We should never stop growing. And we should never stop learning. Let me repeat that: we should never stop learning. However, there are some basic, foundational things that we've already been told that is the key to healthy, biblical, spiritual growth. We should engage the Scriptures regularly, or put ourselves in a position to be regularly engaged by them. We should be people of prayer, praising God for what He's done for us and pouring our hearts out before Him. We should worship with other believers. We should serve others. There will be different techniques and formulae for doing these things, but those are all means to an end. Through these basic practices, we encounter God and can experience His transformative work. It's not our performance that is key here. Rather, God has promised and demonstrated that He speaks to us through His Word, hears us when we pray, works in the midst of His gathered people, and strengthens us when we follow His lead in ministering to others.

Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love" (John 15:4-9 ESV). We must regularly go to Jesus and be nourished by Him. How do we do this? Again, we're in His Word, we connect with Him through prayer, we worship with His people, and we serve in His Name. While we may grow in our understanding of what it means to abide in Christ and how to do so, we'll never grow beyond the need to abide in Him and connect with Him through the means that He's appointed for our spiritual growth. So, how are we doing? What kind of fruit is evident in our lives? Are we abiding with Him?

Rusty