

# FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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## BUDGET REPORT FOR JULY 1—25 2017

JULY 1-25 RECEIPTS .....\$24,917.89  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$35,209.43  
 RECEIPTS NEEDED FOR BUDGET.....\$ 10,291.54

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

JULY 1-25 Receipts.....\$24,917.89  
 JULY 1-25 Expenses.....\$15,224.28  
 JULY 1-25 Receipts over expenses.....\$ 9,693.61

## FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR JUNE 2017

RECEIPTS .....\$29,233.33  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$35,209.43  
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 5,976.10

## FINAL ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

June 1-30 Receipts.....\$29,233.33  
 June 1-30 Expenses.....\$35,605.05  
 June 1-30 Expenses over Receipts.....\$ 6,371.72

### \*USHERS FOR AUGUST\*

Curtis Dalton, David Anderson  
 David Burquest & Ray Durham

### AUGUST LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK\*

6—David Peck                      13—David Anderson  
 20—Mark Burquest              27—Curtis Dalton

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## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 2017

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 77  
 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!

### Discover FBC—Sunday, August 6 at 3pm

If you are interested in joining FBC or just interested in finding out more about FBC, this is for you! Please sign up on the bulletin tear off or let Nick or Rusty know you plan to attend.



**Keenagers**  
**Covered Dish Dinner**  
**Monday, August 14**  
**Noon**

### Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, August 10**—Carriage House in Henderson for dinner—Depart 5pm  
 Return around 7pm  
**Thursday, September 7**—Champions in Roberta for lunch; Tour Flint EMC in Reynolds; Lane's for ice cream—Depart 10:30am  
 Return around 4pm



### 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, August 17, 2017.**

### Mission Opportunities: WMU is collecting:

School supplies for the GBMB Backpacks while items are on sale.

**Truck Loading for Georgia Baptist Children's Home.** Articles needed: peanut butter, jelly, 100% juice drinks, paper towel, paper plates and cups, toilet tissue, shampoo, deodorant...and of course, gift cards Bring to church Welcome Station collection boxes by **August 6.**

**The Quarterly Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, August 2 at 6pm.** We encourage ALL members to attend. The only way to know the church business is to attend the meetings.

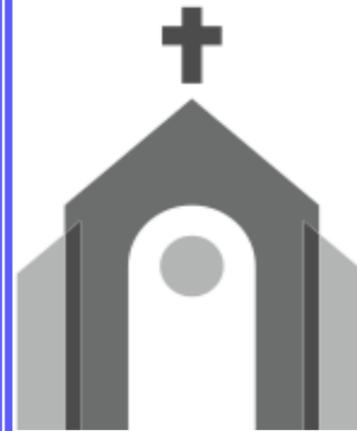
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**"We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations"**

### Our Ministerial Staff:

Nick Prieto                      Pastor  
 Rusty Grace                      Worship & Youth Pastor  
    Discipleship & Systems Pastor

BE STILL  
 AND KNOW THAT I AM

God.

Psalm 46:10

**Joint Service with No Limit Baptist Church**  
**Sunday, August 6—10:30 am**  
**Pastor Vince Harrington will speak**

# August 2017

\*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>*Jeff Sweatt</i>	2 Church Conference 6pm	3	4 <i>*Cheyenne Attaway</i>	5 Pastor Prayer Partners 9:30am
6 Joint Service with No Limit Baptist Church—10:30am Discover FBC—3pm	7	8 <i>*Shirley Morris</i>	9	10 Keenagers to Carriage House in Henderson for dinner—5pm—7pm <i>*Teri Dalton</i>	11	12 <i>*Johnny Neal</i>
13 Nick Prieto will share his experiences of Liberia Trip—10:30am	14 Keenagers—Noon	15	16 Ann's 12 year Anniversary	17 WMU—10am <i>*Marley Loyd *Barbara Neal</i>	18	19
20 Communion Church Council—3:30pm Stewardship—5pm Technology, Teens, and Children - 6-8pm - Fellowship Hall	21	22	23 <i>*Asher Wood</i>	24	25	26 Youth to Wild Adventures (tentative)
27 Bible Study Promotion Day Youth Movie Night—5pm <i>*Ralph Pannell *Lewis Hise, Jr.,</i>	28	29	30 No Choir Rehearsal	31 <i>*Debbie Wood</i>		
<p>Please remember to PRAY about how you can honor God in your support of the <b>Nehemiah Project</b>. The urgent needs of roof repair for our church is part of doing ministry. We need ALL of the faith family of FBC to be a part of this mission that is underway, that God has called us to at this time; through faith, prayer, thanksgiving, and sacrificial giving. (2 Cor. 9:7-8)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Current Total: \$39,743.02</b></p>						

## From the Worship/Youth Pastor

The African Way – I recently returned from my trip to Liberia in partnership with John Balmer and Training Pastors International to train pastors, evangelists, church planters and other African national ministry leaders. It was a wonderful and very full trip. I am so very grateful for your love and support for this trip! Life is very, very different in Africa, as anticipated. John Balmer told me while we were there to always expect a change of plans. He stated, “Expect change in Africa from time the wheels hit the ground till when the wheels get back off the ground.” He was certainly right. While there is much to share, one of the biggest things I observed was the hunger and the humility of the pastors. There was a genuine sense of hunger to grow and learn and to be obedient to the Lord. As we taught and challenged these pastors, the Spirit challenged me and worked in my heart in different ways. It was also a joy to join with them in worship and see them praise and cry out to the Lord from the depths of their hearts. On August 13<sup>th</sup> in the Morning Worship Service, I look forward to sharing with you all God is doing in the church in Liberia. I also believe there is much we can learn and grow from this experience. Come that day and be blessed!

On August 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm, we will be having a seminar called “Teens, Children and Technology” for the parents of our youth and children. Hannah and I will be sharing about the impact technology has had on the lives of teenagers and children. We hope to help inform parents about these issues and the influence it can have over their teenagers and children. It is our desire to help equip parents during this crazy age of technology as they seek to disciple their children in Jesus.

Nick

**Technology, Teens, and Children - August 20 - 6-8pm - In Fellowship Hall** - This will be a teaching and discussion time for parents relating to the pervasive technological influence on teenagers and children. We seek to inform parents about the technological advances in social media in order to help aid them in guarding their teens or children against pornography and impurity. As well, we hope to help families with a biblical approach to technology for the further spiritual development of their teenagers and children.



First Baptist's Grow and Go Kids program is looking forward to a few fun and fresh changes this fall. Starting September 3rd we will begin a new curriculum called “BUZZ” from group publishing. The kids are going to really enjoy it and so are the teachers! We will also be working in music with motions during the worship hour. If you would like to get more involved with our children's program by volunteering or by serving on our leadership team, please shoot me an email or text, we would LOVE to have you!

## Rusty's Ramblings

Romans 12:11 says, “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.” According to this verse we are called to be diligently and passionately serve the Lord. But, why are we to serve the Lord with diligence and passion and how are we, better yet, how can we do so? As far as the “why” is concerned, the reason is the Gospel. As Colossians 1:13-14 say, “He [God the Father] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” We have been rescued from the tyranny of sin and death, from a domain in which bitterness, hatred, lust, pride, selfishness, and a host of other sins are the life-stealing norm, and, by grace, transferred into the reign, the kingdom of God's Son. This is a kingdom of life, joy, love, and peace. This is a kingdom of a wondrous beauty and a glory that is majestic beyond description. We are in this kingdom because Jesus has redeemed us, or bought us as his own. Through this redemption, we have been forgiven, we have been set free. The 34<sup>th</sup> question of the old Heidelberg Catechism sums it up well: “Q. Why do you call Him our Lord? A. Because He has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with His precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us His own possession.” Why are we to serve the Lord with zeal, in fervency of spirit? Because we are the Lord's and He has done something for us that is too incredible for words to describe. We are to serve because God the Father, through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, has defeated sin and death and hell and has rescued us, having made us His own.

But how are we to do this? How can we do this? We all grow tired. We all can be discouraged. We all experience frustration and failure. Sometimes we make mistakes. Sometimes we give into life-robbing sins. Sometimes we experience spiritual warfare. Here are a few suggestions about maintaining our passion for the Lord's work. First, it is wise, even necessary for us to remind ourselves continually of the Gospel. We need to remember who we are in Christ. That truth can help guard us from sin and help encourage us when we have sinned. We remind ourselves of the whole reason we're serving the Lord. The beauty of the Gospel is a tremendous encouragement. We do this in corporate worship, in personal bible study and prayer, by reflecting deeply on Scripture and in coming to the Lord's Table. Second, we need the encouragement of other believers. I believe this is one reason we are called not to “forsake the assembling of [ourselves] together.” We weren't designed to run the race on our own. We serve together. Third, the act of serving can help encourage us to serve. Sometimes, I have a difficult time getting going in the morning. I've noticed that moving around really helps in overcoming that groggy, early morning feeling. Finally, and most importantly, we rely on the Holy Spirit, who we've been given. We seek to abide in Christ, by the Spirit's power. The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is with us and in us. Just imagine what that Spirit can do in us and through us!

Rusty