

# FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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## BUDGET REPORT FOR August 1-25, 2015

AUGUST 1-25 RECEIPTS .....\$29,888.24  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$33,327.98  
 RECEIPTS NEEDED FOR BUDGET.....\$ 3,439.74

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

AUGUST 1-25 Receipts.....\$29,888.24  
 AUGUST 1-25 Expenses.....\$17,690.55  
 AUGUST 1-25 Receipts over Expenses.....\$12,197.69

## FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR JULY 2016

RECEIPTS .....\$37,975.13  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$33,327.98  
 RECEIPTS OVER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 4,647.15

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

July 1-31 Receipts.....\$37,975.13  
 July 1-31 Expenses.....\$26,636.98  
 July 1-31 Receipts over Expenses.....\$11,338.15

## \*USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER\*

David Anderson, Curtis Dalton,  
 Lee Miller & Terry Wood

## SEPTEMBER LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK\*

4—Terry Wood 11—Mark Burquest  
 18—Chuck Hughey 25—Jon Huguley

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## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 107  
 MORNING WORSHIP— 141

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!



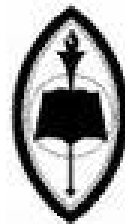
**Keenagers**  
**Monday, September 12**  
**Noon—Covered Dish**

### Upcoming Senior Adults Hosted Trips

**Thursday, October 6**—Atlanta Botanical Garden's Chihuly Exhibit—Estimated Cost: \$45  
**Wednesday—Friday, October 26-28**—Senior Adult Homecoming Toccoa Conference Center—  
 Total Cost: \$160

**Thursday, December 15** - Rock Ranch Christmas Lights

Sign-up sheets are located in your Bible study classes



## WMU—Current Missions

Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** (occasional exceptions)  
 Our next meeting will be **September 15**. We encourage our ladies to join us as we study, share and plan for mission opportunities.

**Labor Day**  
**Monday, September 5**

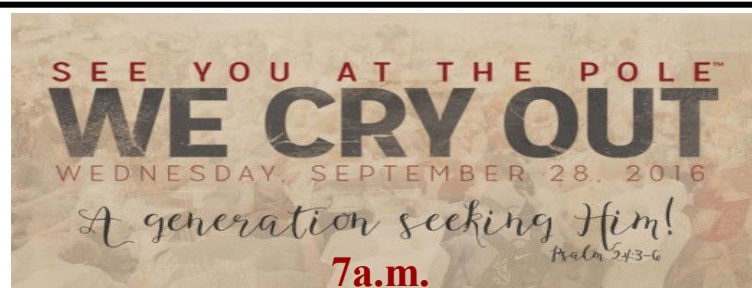
The church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday.



## MESSENGERS FOR REHOBOTH ASSOCIATION AND GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD ANNUAL MEETINGS

**RBA—October 25th at Sandy Valley Baptist**  
**GBMB—November 14-15—Savannah**

Contact the church office if you would like to attend as a messenger.



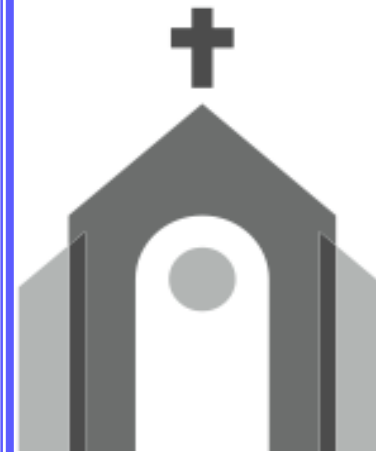
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**"We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations"**

### Our Ministerial Staff:

**Chad Wood** Pastor  
**Nick Prieto** Worship & Youth Pastor  
**Rusty Grace** Discipleship & Systems Pastor

## From the Pastor

Joshua 1:9 says, *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

I love this verse. It's what God told Joshua as he was taking the leadership as Moses' successor to the children of Israel and leading them into the promise land. The Hebrew people had been delivered out of Egypt but they had not entered Canaan yet. While many of them had seen God do amazing things in their deliverance from slavery in Egypt, they still feared the opposition they would face going into Canaan. Entering the promise land did not come easy for them. They had to have faith in God that He would be with them regardless of the challenges before them. God was bringing them into something they were afraid of, yet God tells them to be strong and courageous.

Currently, FBC is in a place where we really need to hold on to the promises of God in Joshua 1:9. We have a roof that needs to be replaced. We have some masonry problems with the building. We have some challenges regarding our space. And to address these things will cost a lot of money. This can seem a little frightening. However, when I think about the provisions and power of God, it seems silly to be dismayed about the cost of doing ministry. God himself said in Psalm 50:10-12, *For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.* God owns everything. There is nothing that worries Him. Whenever God calls His people to do something, He will equip them and provide for all their needs.

I believe that God has appointed our church to face some financial challenges right now because He is ready to stretch our faith and unleash some great blessings upon us in what He is calling us to. You see, far too many Christians simply live with the understanding that they have been delivered from the slavery of sin, like the children of Israel were delivered from the slavery of Egypt. God has however, called us to do more than just understand. God calls His children into victory. God wanted the children of Israel to go INTO Canaan. The Promised land was their destination, not the desert wilderness, where they had been dwelling for forty years since leaving Egypt. It was time for their faith to be stretched and be obedient to God. It was time for them to be strong and courageous.

I believe the same is true for our church. We have been praying desperately for revival, revitalization, reconciliation, renewal, restoration, redemption, and repentance. That is the Canaan to which God is calling us. It is rooted in our mission, vision, values, and goal as a church. We have seen Him do amazing things thus far, and now He is leading us into deeper faith. We will have to be sacrificial givers. We will have to pray and fast. We will have to listen to His voice. We will have to be strong and courageous.

I don't know about you, but I am thankful for all that God has delivered us from; but I am just as excited about what God is calling us to. I believe God truly has AMAZING things in store for FBC if we are faithful to His commands and obey His voice. I love you, church.

Pastor Chad

Recommended Reading: After 50 years of Ministry: 7 things I'd do differently and 7 things I'd do the same by Bob Russell

# SEPTEMBER 2016


**\*Birthdays**

**Sundays**

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

**Wednesdays**

6:00 pm Mid-Week Activities  
7:00 pm Band Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>*Andrea Johnson</i> <i>*Lois Sims</i>
4 Joint Bible Study for Adults & Youth 9:15am in FH Connect—6pm	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed	6 Deacon Meeting 11am  <i>*Tony Stephens</i>	7	8 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet—6pm The Waterford Golf Club	9	10  <i>*Rebecca Dorris</i>
11 Pastor Chad will share his Africa experience with us 10:30am NO CONNECT  <i>*Hannah Prieto</i>	12 Pastor Chad's Birthday Keenagers Noon <i>*Mia Loyd</i> <i>*Nicky Carter</i> <i>*Chad Wood</i>	13  <i>*Reagan Daigle</i> <i>*Joseph Loyd</i> <i>*Curtis Dalton</i>	14  <i>*Joe Hale, Jr.</i>	15 WMU—10am  <i>*Shantell Turner</i>	16	17
18 Rev. Bryant Wright speaking 10:30am  Church Council 3:30pm Stewardship—5pm CONNECT—6pm	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Friend Day  CONNECT—6pm	26	27	28 See You At the Pole— 7am	29	30 WMU Event 6pm-7pm FH in use all afternoon	
 <p><b>Sunday, September 18, 2016</b> <b>Guest Speaker: Pastor Bryant Wright</b> ~Senior Pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA ~Graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary ~Past SBC President (2010-2012) ~Successful Author ~Founder of <i>Right from the Heart Ministries</i></p>						

## From the Worship/Youth Pastor

One of the targets of the vision and ministry of our church has been to impact the neighborhood around our church for Jesus. This has been something we have talked about and have prayed about for some time. What is very exciting is that we have gotten to know many students, children and adults from our neighborhood and have started to see them on a regular basis. This has been a huge and clear answer to prayer. We are building relationships, and I believe they are starting to trust us and open up to us. Praise the Lord for how He is using us to influence them. What is interesting, though I should not be surprised by it, is the way we do ministry to and in our neighborhood looks different than I planned and envisioned. While that has caused strain on my heart and me physically, I feel a peace from God that He is working and will continue to lead us. I think of Paul's writing in 1 Corinthians 9 about him becoming all things to all people in order that he might save some, and I am challenged to be sensitive to the Spirit in how He might lead. We need to be ready and flexible as a church as we seek to reach our neighborhood. Though I do not like being taken out of my comfort zone, I can see God at work as I trust Him to lead me in ways beyond my finite scope of thinking. May we continue to pray for the work of the Spirit within each of us as well as His power to be at work in the lives of those we seek to minister to.

Nick



Come join the Grow and Go Kids Wednesday Night Activities! Begins at 6pm. Enjoy a Bible Lesson, Memory Verses, Snacks, Games, and More!  
Hope to see you there!



**Volunteer Appreciation Banquet**  
**Thursday, September 8**  
**6pm**

The Waterford Golf Club

You are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Night if you have

volunteered in any way this past year.  
Please RSVP to the office by Thursday, September 1.  
Childcare provided upon request.

## Rusty's Ramblings

It might surprise some of you to learn that I'm a student of history and that I have a particular fondness for learning about the history of the Christian Church through the ages. One aspect of church history that I find especially interesting is reading the reflections, devotions, and prayers written by Christ-followers from ages past. Sometimes, their words and perspectives reflect a substantially different cultural context and outlook. At times, I'll find what they write to be offensive, mistaken, or just plain perplexing. This isn't all bad. C.S. Lewis opined that we need the perspectives of other generations to help preserve us from the arrogant assumption that we've arrived at the full expression of Christian wisdom. Some of what I read should be rejected and some should be carefully digested. Either way, beyond this, sometimes what I read powerfully expresses the heart of the Gospel and the grateful response of a heart overwhelmed by the grace of God poured out through Jesus Christ. It's both enjoyable and edifying to read something that points to what all true believers in Christ have in common across the ages and throughout the world. And sometimes those different perspectives are mingled in as well and these can help to encourage us and to correct the excesses and deficiencies of our own age.

One brother from long ago whose faith expression has been encouraging to me as of late is St. Anselm of Canterbury. He lived (roughly) from 1033-1109. Born in Italy, he lived the life of a quiet monk-scholar until he, quite reluctantly on his part, became the Archbishop of Canterbury in England. His was an active and powerful mind and he is justly considered one of the most significant figures in the history of Christian theology and philosophy. What I appreciate most about Anselm is that he possessed a passionate faith and an incredible sense of gratitude to God for the grace of Christ in his life. He wasn't infallible or always correct in his theology and philosophy, but his faith in Christ and hunger for him, sustained and nurtured, I believe, by the Holy Spirit, was genuine. Here are some excerpts of a prayer to Jesus written by this grateful saint around a thousand years ago:

"Lord Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, my Mercy, and my Salvation: I praise you and give you thanks. They are far beneath the goodness of your gifts, which deserve a better return of love... Hope of my heart, strength of my soul, help of my weakness, by your powerful kindness complete what in my powerless weakness I attempt... My Lord and my Creator, you bear with me and nourish me- be my helper. I thirst for you, I hunger for you, I desire you, I sigh for you, I covet you... [I] weep over the hardship of exile, hoping in the sole consolation of your coming, ardently longing for the glorious contemplation of your face... Meanwhile, let me be fed with griefs, and let my tears be my drink; comfort me with sorrows. Perhaps then my Redeemer will come to me, for he is good; he is kind, he will not tarry, to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

(These excerpts were taken from "Prayer to Christ" in *The Prayers and Meditations of St. Anselm with the Proslogion (Classics)* by Penguin Books, copyright 1973)

Rusty

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH**

