

# FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

## BUDGET REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1-27

OCTOBER 1-27 RECEIPTS .....\$21,637.00  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$24,607.47  
**RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 2,970.47**

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

OCTOBER 1-27 Receipts.....\$21,637.00  
 OCTOBER 1-27 Expenses.....\$15,596.92  
**OCTOBER 1-27 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 6,040.08**

## FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

SEPTEMBER 1-30 RECEIPTS.....\$25,040.64  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED.....\$24,607.47  
**RECEIPTS OVER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 433.17**

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

September 1-30 Receipts.....\$25,040.64  
 September 1-30 Expenses.....\$17,614.74  
**September 1-30 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 7,425.90**

### \*USHERS FOR NOVEMBER\*

Ralph Pannell, Arthur Yawn, Joe Hale, Jr.  
 Alt. Dennis Prichard

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

**3—Chuck Hughey      10—Jon Huguley**  
**17—Mike Sullivan    24—Terry Wood**

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## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OCTOBER

**BIBLE STUDY— 81**  
**MORNING WORSHIP— 112**

If you are not plugged in with a Bible Study Group you are missing a blessing. Bible Study begins at 9:15 am  
 Join Us! We have classes for all ages!

**C.A.R.E. Ministry meets each Wednesday at 5:30 pm**  
**Join us as we write notes & make phone calls**

**1st Wednesday:** Friendship, Young Adults  
**2nd Wednesday:** JOY & HomeBuilders  
**3rd Wednesday:** Harmony & Willing Workers  
**4th Wednesday:** New Beginning, Youth & Faithful Servants



**Keenagers**  
**Monday, November 11**  
**Noon—Covered Dish**  
**Guest Speaker: Local Talent**

**All Senior Adults are encouraged to bring a dish and join us for wonderful food, fellowship and entertainment.**

In observance of Veterans Day, the church office will be closed Monday, November 11. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, November 12.



WMU would like to thank everyone who participated in the backpack ministry. We were able to fill 9 backpacks. We appreciate your participation. We know these backpacks will be a blessing to those who receive them.

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**  
**EMPHASIS NOVEMBER 24—DECEMBER 8**

**GOAL: \$4,600**

**BEGIN PRAYING ABOUT WHAT YOU MAY GIVE**  
**WALKING OFFERING**  
**ON**  
**DECEMBER 8TH**



### WMU—Current Missions

Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** Our next meeting will be **November 21**. Ladies, please join us as we look at and plan for the mission opportunities before us.



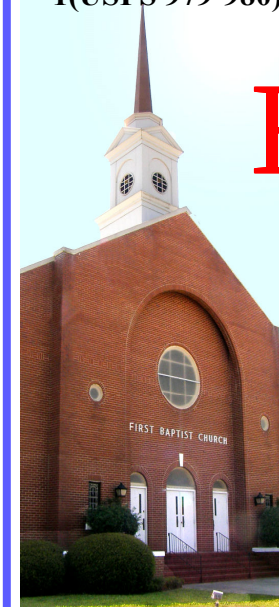
In observance of Thanksgiving, the church office will be closed Wednesday & Thursday, November 27th & 28th. We will resume regular office hours on Monday, December 2nd.

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# FIRST EXPRESSIONS

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*“In the heart of the city...Seeking the heart of God”*

**Our Ministerial Staff**

**Chad Wood**  
**Nick Prieto**

**Pastor**  
**Worship & Youth Pastor**

## From the Pastor

One of my favorite passages of Scripture that is always a challenge to me is 1 Thessalonians 5:16 which says, “Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” This passage lists some very important commands from God. They are not the typical commands that we think of like “Thou shall not murder” or “Thou shall not steal” but instead are commands of Enjoying life in God. Think about it. For anyone to rejoice always and to pray continually and to give thanks in everything, is for that person to have a perspective in life that is NOT based on circumstances but is instead based on God’s presence. You see, the commands of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 are an invitation to walk with Jesus throughout every moment of every day. And then, because of Christ, we can Rejoice always because in Him we have abundant life eternal that is far greater than current circumstances. Because of Christ, we can pray without ceasing because Jesus is always with us wherever we go and He will never leave us nor forsake us. Because of Christ, we can give thanks in all circumstances because we can trust that in those circumstances, He is still good and has a plan for us. To do these commands of obediently Rejoicing, Praying, and Thanking, is to do the Will of God.

As I reflect on my own heart to rejoice, pray, and thank God, I am reminded of how thankful I am for the faith family here at FBC. This past month, many of you blessed me and Shana both with your comments, cards, and gifts for Pastor Appreciation. We were reminded how blessed we are to serve with you at FBC. I am very thankful for this church. I’m thankful for what God has done, is doing, and what He will do. I am thankful for His mercy on us and His faithfulness toward us. I am thankful for you. But most of all, I am thankful for Jesus. It is only because of Him that any of us could even have a purpose in the first place or even comprehend what it means to Rejoice, Pray, and be thankful in order to do the Will of God.

So what are you thankful for? As you approach this season of Thanksgiving, reflect on all the things that you are thankful for. But most of all, be thankful for Jesus. Be a person that regularly lives out 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 obediently. Rejoice. Pray. Be Thankful.


Pastor’s Recommended reading:  
 The Legacy of Sovereign Joy by John Piper

# NOVEMBER 2013

**Sundays**  
 9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Morning Worship  
 6:00 pm CONNECT—Youth

**Wednesdays**  
 5:30 pm CARE  
 6:00 pm Mid-Week Bible Study

\*Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<b>Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry</b> Shoe Boxes are available in the foyers Please fill your shoe box with items recommended Enclose \$7 in provided envelope Deadline: November 20					<b>1 Pictorial Directory POSTPONED TO BE RESCHEDULED</b> Family Promise *Joey Dorris	<b>2 Pictorial Directory POSTPONED TO BE RESCHEDULED</b> Family Promise *Ruth Cooke		
3 Persecution Sunday  Family Promise *Aimee Megahee	4	5	6	7  *Mary Elna Grace	8  *Arthur Yawn	9 Choir Clinic 9am—2pm Shirley Hills Baptist Church *Jackie Little		
10	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed Keenagers Noon	12 JOY Class 6pm-9pm Fellowship Hall	13  *Lauren Workman	14  *Lauralee Price	15	16 Deacon/Staff/ Wives Prayer Breakfast 8:30 am *Dianne Hudson		
17 Church Council 3:30 pm Stewardship—5 pm Celebration Sunday 6 pm	18 Men of Faith Bible Study 6:30 pm—8 pm	19	20 Shoe Box Deadline Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal—5:30pm	21 WMU 10 am	22	23  *Linda Strong *Sherell Yawn		
24 Lottie Moon Emphasis begins	25  *Alvin Hooper *Eric Dalton	26	<b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS                      CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  No Evening Service *Donald Strayhorn		27	28	29	30  *Marissa Lilly

The Lifetouch photographer team scheduled for our portrait sessions this Thursday thru Saturday had an accident this weekend. The wife member of the team suffered a broken collar bone. The husband escaped serious injury, but some of the equipment was irreparably damaged. As a result we must postpone our sessions until (a date yet to be determined). The Lifetouch representative will have recommended alternative dates available this Friday, 1 Nov.

Lifetouch has stated there will be a 20 percent discount for our family photo packages because of this inconvenience to us. We will have new signup sheets available for you starting this Sunday. Unfortunately this postponement is unavoidable. We will also notify by telephone this week everyone who has already signed up.

If you have photographs of mission and ministry activities you feel would be representative for those pages in the directory, please transmit them to [sulls959@bellsouth.net](mailto:sulls959@bellsouth.net) and [office@fbcwr.org](mailto:office@fbcwr.org). If you do not have that capability, please provide your special photograph to me for scanning. We plan to place them in photo collage groupings under those headings.  
**Thank you. We are sorry about this confusion.**

## From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Prayer is an area of my life I am consistently challenged in. Do I ever really pray enough? We live in a society that is incredibly shallow and superficial. Would you agree? In a lot of ways, our society has just become plain lazy. We want results but don't desire hard work or we would just rather take the simplest path. However, anything worthwhile IS going to take work and effort. E. M. Bounds states in his book *The Power of Prayer*, "The saints who... have most powerfully affected the world for Him (God), have been men and women who spent so much time with God as to make it a notable feature of their lives." He proceeds to give examples of people who have prioritized prayer. He talks of a Scottish preacher named John Welch who believed his day was unwisely spent if he did not spend eight to ten hours a day in prayer. Yes, you read that correctly, eight to ten hours in a twenty-four hour day. It was said of John Wesley that he thought prayer to be more his business than anything else he did. Through looking at similar examples and seeing God move in the lives of these people, I am challenged to deepen my prayer life. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 simply states, "pray without ceasing." If we desire God to do amazing things in expanding His kingdom to the community of Warner Robins and in our personal lives, we must persistently seek God "who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20). Are you willing to make the sacrifice to spend more time with God asking Him to do greater things through YOU and this body of believers for His glory?

Nick

## First Baptist Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday  
November 20  
5:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall



Bring your favorite Thanksgiving foods to go with turkey and ham

Contact Nancy Miller for details.

## Children's Ministry Update:

Beginning November 6 at 6 pm  
 For the Children's activity on Wednesday nights, Jana Shugart will be teaching a curriculum called "Raising Rockstars". It will be for children ages 3 and up. The children will be memorizing scripture verses, playing games, doing activities, and learning new songs.



Dear Church Family,  
 I would like to inform you about our Men's Ministry, how blessed we have been these past 2 months, and some upcoming men's ministry events. First of all, if you haven't been able to attend you are missing out on some wholesome, Biblical and up-lifting studies of great men from our past. These past two months of study have been incredible. Hats off to Rusty Grace and David Peck for leading these studies about great men from Eric Metaxas' *Seven Men*. Naturally we are to learn from our past endeavors, criticisms and even mistakes that we may have made. These studies are a reflection of who we are supposed to be in society today. James 1:12 is our Men's Ministry verse that we cling to; "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." If you were not aware of our past events we began our "Men of Faith" in September (25 men). In October, we were able to distribute an invitation to our community (14 men) behind the church for a breakfast for dinner (32 men). We had a special guest, Ernest Jackson (EJ) from Southside Baptist who presented his testimony. We heard an awesome word from a brother in Christ who has experienced a lot of hardship, but by the grace of God he has lived to testify. November 18 @ 6:30PM and Dec 9 @ 6:30PM will be our next two studies with refreshments served. I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for the men of First Baptist Church as we grow in our faith to revitalize, reconcile, and restore our community. If you need a reminder please go to [www.fbcwr.org](http://www.fbcwr.org) and click on ministries or just simply look at the church calendar inside this monthly newsletter. Hope to see you there.

Love in Christ,  
 Jeff

P.S. Also a personal thanks to the WMU for supporting our 21 October 13 Dinner /Fellowship Outreach.