

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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BUDGET REPORT FOR AUGUST 1—27, 2017

AUGUST 1-27 RECEIPTS\$27,795.44
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$35,209.43
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 7,413.99

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

AUGUST 1-27 Receipts.....\$27,795.44
 AUGUST 1-27 Expenses.....\$14,794.35
 AUGUST 1-27 Receipts over expenses.....\$13,001.09

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR JULY 2017

RECEIPTS\$30,693.89
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$35,209.43
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 4,515.54

FINAL ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

July 1-31 Receipts.....\$30,639.89
 July 1-31 Expenses.....\$25,517.73
 July 1-31 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 5,176.16

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Curtis Dalton, Chuck Hughey
 Lee Ledger & Jeff Sweatt

SEPTEMBER LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK*

3—Chuck Hughey 10—Jon Huguley
 17—Lee Miller 24—David Peck

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 2017

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 84
 MORNING WORSHIP— 112

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!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.



Keenagers
 Covered Dish Dinner
 Monday, September 11
 Noon

Guest Speaker:
 Don Jetter

Adventures in the Antarctica

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 7—Champions in Roberta for lunch; Tour Flint EMC in Reynolds; Lane's for ice cream—Depart 10:30am and Return around 4pm
Thursday, October 5—Buckner's for lunch and stop at Tanger Outlet for shopping Times TBA
 See Jon Huguley to sign-up



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 21, 2017.**

*You are invited to a Drop-In
 Wedding Shower for Vanessa Sullivan,
 daughter of Mike Sullivan, on Saturday,
 September 9th—Drop-In from 2pm to 4pm
 in the Fellowship Hall.
 Vanessa is registered at Bed, Bath and
 Beyond. She would also like Lowe's gift
 cards or anything handmade.*

**Wedding
 SHOWER**

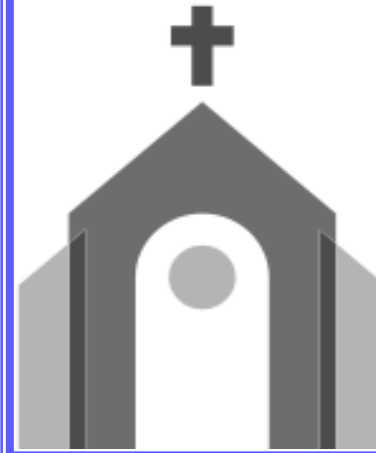
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"We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations"

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Nick Prieto
 Rusty Grace

Pastor
 Worship & Youth Pastor
 Discipleship & Systems Pastor

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK SEPTEMBER 24—OCTOBER 1 HOUSING FOR FAMILY PROMISE OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 8

Did you know that First Baptist Church has been involved with Family Promise since its beginning in Houston County? Did you know that approximately 45 families have been served by our church and even more in the affiliate as a whole? Did you know that the biggest reason for homelessness in our county is a shortage of affordable housing?

Most know about Family Promise and how it works, but if not, here are some refresher points:

- An opportunity for ministry where an affiliate of churches work together to help homeless families with children.
- Host church provide a place to sleep and meals.
- Support churches provide additional meals, volunteers or money.
- Families go to work, school, or the Day Center during the day.
- Parents are screened for drugs and a background check is done.
- Parents must be willing to work or have a viable, legitimate source of income.
- Families must save 80% of income while in the program.
- The program is a short-term 90-100 days in duration.
- Each family develops a plan to work toward.
- While some still struggle, most families have been successful upon finishing the program.

First Baptist has been blessed with room upstairs where our guest families stay when we host them. There is a family room, four guest rooms, and two overnight host rooms set up all with donated items. The guests' beds and belongings arrive on the Sunday before the guests arrive for the week. Many of our members graciously help unload and load these. Others help make the beds, readying the guest rooms. Small groups graciously and faithfully prepare and serve evening meals each rotation. Still others bring breakfast or snack items. And we also have those who stay overnight as overnight hosts.

There are many places for members to be involved in this ministry. Volunteers will tell you that they receive more of a blessing than they feel they provide.

Our next rotation will begin September 24. We will also provide housing the following week ending October 8. Pray about how you might serve.

We are excited about the new energy and personalities our new Family Promise leadership team will bring in the future. Linda Gibbs will be assuming the Coordinator position and ably helped with a wonderful group including Erinn Peck, Sheree Quattlebaum, and Brittany Bryant. They will happily make room for you if you feel led to help.

Car City will also be held Sept. 29 at Central Georgia Tech to raise money for the program. Even if you don't spend the night, drop in for some fellowship and entertainment.

September

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
If your birthday does not show up on the calendar, please contact the church office. If we don't have your birthday on file, we can't post it. :-)						
3 Speaker: Charles Carter Music Leadership: The Shugarts Nick Out *Lois Sims	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 Deacon Meeting— 11:15am Nick Out	6 Men of Faith Fellowship Lunch Drop in 11:30am ... Nick Out *Tony Stephens	7 Keenagers day trip (see back for details)	8	9 Wedding Shower for Vanessa Sullivan— Drop-In 2pm—4pm
10 Guest Speaker: Kevin Hasty Baptism Prayer Emphasis for Georgia State Missions *Rebecca Dorris	11 Keenagers— Noon *Hannah Prieto	12 *Chad Wood *Mia Loyd	13 Men of Faith Fellowship Lunch Drop in 11:30am... *Reagan Daigle *Joseph Loyd *Curtis Dalton	14	15	16 *Benjamin Bryant
17 Guest Speaker: Clay Thomas Communion	18 Nick to Getty Conference	19 Nick to Getty Conference	20 Nick to Getty Conference Men of Faith Fellowship Lunch Drop in 11:30am ...	21 WMU—10AM	22	23
24 Speaker: Matthew Hulbert WRHS Feeding Program items deadline	25 Nick Out	26	27 See You At the Pole—7am Men of Faith Fellowship Lunch Drop in 11:30am ...	28	29	30 Tentative Men of Faith to Mercer Game
← FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK →						
		Please remember to PRAY about how you can honor God in your support of the Nehemiah Project . 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) Current Total: \$40,853.02				

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

As I read Scripture, I love when particular phrases stand out. Does that happen for you? I was reading in Luke 4:1-15 about the temptation of Jesus and the beginning of His ministry, and a couple phrases really stood out to me. In verse 1 Luke wrote, "And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit..." In verse 14 he stated, "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit..." It is easy for me to read quickly through Scripture in my personal time with the Father each day. However, when I slow down to dig into the words and phrases of what I read, I glean so much more from the Word. Think about those two phrases. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit as He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan, and He returned from the wilderness in the power of the Holy Spirit. You might say, "Well, He was Jesus. Of course He was full of the Spirit and walked in the power of the Spirit." The beautiful thing is that same filling and power is available to us as believers. As we submit to the indwelling Spirit each day and walk in fellowship with the Father, we too will see the Spirit's work in our lives.

What is the status of our church as we transition? I know this is a question many ask as we look to move forward as a church. As a staff, we have labored to ensure we walk forward in a way that honors the Lord. We are very grateful for the input given on the surveys from July. We are confident the church is ready to move forward and will continue to update you throughout September on the strategy for gaining a consensus as a body of believers to determine the next steps. Prayer is essential throughout this process. That seems like a no-brainer. However, prayer cannot be emphasized enough. May we devote ourselves to hearing from the Lord and being obedient to the Lord. Your faithfulness during this time is strongly encouraged. It is my utmost desire to see this church grow during this season. We are trusting God to do awesome things in the present day and future life of FBC. Do you pray for and anticipate the same? You certainly should!

Nick

**Men of Faith Lunch together
each Wednesday In Fellowship Hall
Beginning September 6
11:30am—until (drop in)
Please bring your lunch and fellowship
with Rusty and others each Wednesday (or
come when you can) No agenda, just fellowship!**

Tentative Men of Faith to Mercer Football Game on Saturday, September 30. We will have firm decision in the near future and will pass the word along at that time.

Rusty's Ramblings

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians contains one of my favorite passages about the nature of the salvation we received in Christ. Here is Ephesians 2:1-10: **2** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

While there is so much deep truth for us to ponder and to savor, let me offer three reflections. First, sin is deadly. It robs us of life. The lie of sin is abundant life, but the reality of sin is death. We need to be delivered. We need liberation. We need to be saved. Second, this salvation is possible. In and through Jesus, God does in fact free us. In fact, it is a free gift. We cannot earn our forgiveness. We cannot free ourselves through our own efforts. We are freed (English teachers, notice the passive voice here!) by God and it is by His grace. Finally, we are freed for a new life, a life filled with goodness. Verse 10 clearly states that we are "God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." We are not freed from sin's life-stealing tyranny by good works, but having been freed, God enables us to walk in goodness.

As a church, let's keep these things in mind. Let's seek to avoid sin, whatever the sin may be. Even though we are forgiven and free, if we insist on holding on the sinful patterns of our old nature, we'll not experience the peace and joy and goodness the Lord offers to His people. Bitterness, greed, elitism or arrogance, racial prejudice, demanding to be the center of attention, insisting on our agenda at all costs, materialism, a consumeristic mindset that views believers as customers rather than as surrendered followers, and anything else that is less than God's will for us, will rob us. Let's seek to walk in humility. We have not freed ourselves. God has freed us by His grace. Let's marvel with gratitude at the wonder of His mercy. And let's seek to walk in those good works He's created us in Christ Jesus to do. Let's show the mercy we've received. Let's embrace lifestyles of forgiveness, generosity, love, hospitality, and service in Jesus' Name. Grace is amazing, as we sing. Will our lives as individuals and our life together as a body of believers demonstrate the amazing wonder of God's grace?

Rusty