

First Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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October 3rd-9th, 2021



Birthdays this Week

6th Gina Funches
9th Annette Pickard
9th Nelly Ngoma
9th Emmanuel Ngoma

Sunday's Sermon

"Hope in Times of Darkness"

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Dear First Baptist Family

Thank you for your flowers, gifts, cards and words of kindness and support on September 26, but also over the past nearly five years since Bob and I began to worship and serve God together with you. I count your prayers as blessings that have helped me through losing him. As we remain in touch, I pray for you as well, "and I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6
In Christ Alone, Beth

FOUR12 YOUTH

October 6th 2021

Middle School (6:30-8:00pm)
High School (8:15-9:15pm)

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

World Mission Offering

Throughout the month of October we will be taking the World Mission Offering.

"Creator God, sneak into our day with the whimsy and wonder of your Spirit. Surprise us with your smile as we glimpse your grace on the face of others. Amen"

Member of the Week

Annette Pickard and her husband Steve have been members of FBC since January 2003. They came to FBC after attending another American Baptist Church elsewhere.

Something they have come to appreciate about FBC is the spiritual maturity and friendliness of the members. Many members know their Bible well and want to know it better still. Our congregation is also loving and generous.

Over the years both Annette and Steve served as Deacons and taught adult Sunday School. At one point, Steve also taught several small groups about prayer. They both continue to participate in the church's ministry to children through Tipi Waken Baptist Church at Cannon Ball.

If someone was thinking about joining FBC, they would be told that our congregation includes many mature and loving Christians.



October 6th 2021
6:30-8:00pm

Preston's Perspective

Is First Baptist Church open for business? Recently, I went to a local restaurant to order some food for Mary and I for dinner. When I got ready to place my order, I was told the restaurant was closed (even though they would normally be open) due to a lack of help. So, I went to another restaurant where people were working and I was able to place my order there. I am thankful for our church and all of the people who attend and participate in worship and Bible Study and use their gifts and talents to serve and help keep our church open. When we give of ourselves and engage in ministry together it enables the church to be the church and continue its mission in the world.

If the church is going to grow and fulfill its purpose, and if each of us are going to grow in our faith and relationship with God, engagement in the church's mission is essential. The health of a church is dependent on its volunteers and the willingness of people to get involved, one way or another.

We are beginning a new chapter in the life of FBC. Each of our names will be included and written in it. What will be said about your involvement? How are you using your abilities to help the church be effective and stay open? To paraphrase the words of a former President, perhaps it is good for each of us to ask not what the church can do for me, but what can I do for the church?

So, to answer my original question, let me give a resounding YES! FBC is open for business! We are in this together. First Baptist Church needs you.

If you are looking for a place to connect and get involved, please let me know. Thank you for your commitment to Christ and the church!

Preston VanLoon