

From the Pastor ...



We are on the way!



Church members have responded how nice it is to enter the pews without having to turn sideways. Those who sit in the side pews mentioned how nice it is to look

forward at the pulpit and choir loft without having to keep their heads turned.

Members and guests alike have enjoyed the welcome area with the prayer station, ministry opportunity table, and the tables and chairs for coffee or water. These stations in the back of the room are going to get even better.

Prayer Station

Our Prayer Team will place a Prayer Bowl on their table in the back on the piano side. There will be two types of cards at the table:



1. Blank cards for you to write a prayer need for you or someone you know. You do not have to sign your name (though you can), and these requests will go only to the Prayer Team unless you indicate that you would like them put on our published prayer list.
2. 20 different "prayer starter cards" to help you shoot up a quick prayer for someone else. I like these because they help us place our prayer focus on others.

After you fill out the card, pray for the thing you wrote, put it in the prayer bowl.

Ministry Opportunities

Beginning in August, at the table in the back on the organ side of the church, we will spotlight a ministry or committee every few weeks. This will be very good for our whole church to see what goes on behind the scenes. You will also have opportunities to sign up and help out in many of them.

A huge opportunity *and need* for helpers that is upon us right now is for more people to serve the Lord through our Children's ministry. We thank God so much for Lauren. She needs help!

Please pray about serving on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday nights. If you feel a nudge from God or if you would like more information, please contact the church office.

Still to come:

- Improve the sound by repairing speakers and moving the sound table out of the balcony and onto the first floor
- Pave the parking lot
- Update the restrooms in the sanctuary
- Upgrade the kitchen oven
- Repair the chimes
- Paint the sanctuary
- Repair broken windows and other exterior improvements to the Lawton Building

As you can imagine, these improvements will cost quite a bit. Our Capital Campaign Team is working on a plan, but please pray now about how the Lord would like you to contribute.

Beyond all these much needed improvements to our property, continue to pray with us that the Lord will fill all our property with people! This includes strong believers and brand new believers; people who crave to be discipled and those who love to disciple others.

Here's a statement you can count on: God loves doing what we cannot do when we approach Him full of faith. And God *won't* do what He calls us to do. He will fill the room as we do our part to tell people the good news about Jesus and invite them to attend church *with us*. He commanded us to tell others what we know personally about Jesus (Acts 1:8). Feel overwhelmed at this command? Jesus understands. That's why He provides the Holy Spirit to help us out (also Acts 1:8). Let's do our part.

See you Sunday!

Music Ministry



Hey Church Family!

It's hard to believe summer is winding down and "back to

school" is in the air! I hope everyone had an awesome vacation season!

We are excited to bring back the choir and keep the music ministry going as FBC continues to grow. As always, if you are interested in helping in any area of the music ministry, please reach out to me or the Church office!

Blessings,
Sterling

Coming Soon

Membership Class: Starting on Sunday, September 4th at 9:15 in the Family Life building.

By the end of this adventure, you will:

- Learn about First Baptist Hartsville and prayerfully see if this is the church where the Lord wants you to commit to membership
- Develop the good habit of a consistent, brief, inspirational time alone with God if you do not already have one
- Discover where to serve in ministry if you are not already serving
- Show you how you can connect with others in a small group if you are not already in one
- Be sure of your relationship with the Lord and learn how to tell your salvation story to others

3 ways to register:

- Write "Membership Class" along with your contact information on the back of the Welcome card on Sunday morning and drop it in the offering plate.
- Reply to this emailed newsletter online.
- Call the Church office at 843-332-6571.

In order for us to know how much material to prepare for the class, please let the Church office know that you will attend by **Wednesday, August 31.**

August Events

First Baptist Preschool will start on Monday, August 1.

First Baptist will volunteer at the **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, August 11. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Larry Easterling or the Church office.

New Deacon Ordination will be in August. More details will follow.

Question & Answer meeting for Budget Discussion and Nominating Committee report - Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30pm in the Dining Room.

You will receive a letter with the proposed budget and the Nominating Committee report in mid-August.

Church Conference to approve Budget and Nominating Committee report - Sunday, August 28 in the 10:30am service (no discussion)

Wednesday Night schedule

Starting August 24

5:30-6:00 Prayer

6:00-6:30 Dinner

6:30 Question & Answer meeting for Budget Discussion and Nominating Committee report (August 24 only)

6:30 Choir, 1st Kids, Prayer for Revitalization

Please call to sign up for **Wednesday Night dinner** by noon on the Monday prior to Wednesday night. If you would like to be on the regular list, please let the Church office know.

Church Office Information

Come by during office hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm
Lunch 12:30-1:30pm
Friday 8am-12noon

Call us at 843-332-6571

August Birthdays

8-1 Beth Joye
8-2 Betty Jo Nichols
8-3 Cindy Dempsey
8-3 Brucie Pennington
8-5 Xochitl Coward
8-5 Jackie Floyd
8-6 Heather Dyar
8-7 Bob Kilgore
8-10 Fred Snipes
8-11 Russ Harrell
8-11 William Harrell
8-13 Reese Northcutt
8-13 Kirsten Norton
8-13 Myra Polson
8-14 Jackson Boyd
8-14 Anderson Hulsey
8-14 Alex Joye
8-18 Sarabeth Herring Griggs
8-20 Cliff Bellum
8-20 Bill Gabel
8-22 Gene Sligh
8-24 Brad Herring
8-26 Whitney Warren
8-27 Grace Elsesser
8-27 Lorelai Knotts
8-27 Jeff Truesdale
8-31 Jennifer Jones

Happy Birthday!

If we have accidentally missed your birthday or have the date wrong, please let the Church office know.

With Sympathy

Our hearts go out to the families of Martha Wallace and Nancy Turner, and to Tiffany Crist on the loss of her father.



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Let Us Know

Please Contact the Church Office:

- If you are scheduling a meeting, to make sure that the date, location, and time are open on the calendar
- If your address, email, or telephone number has changed
- If you have updates for the Prayer List
- If you need more offering envelopes or would like to get personalized offering envelopes
- If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in 2022 in honor or in memory of someone

FBC on Social Media

Visit our *Website*: firstbaptisthartsville.org

Share us on *Facebook*: First Baptist Church
Hartsville

Subscribe to us on *YouTube*: FBC Hartsville SC

Looking ahead - Missions offering

The Janie Chapman offering for State Missions will be collected in September. This offering helps support mission efforts across South Carolina.

First Baptist Preschool



Welcome back to
Preschool!

We are welcoming 74 students to Preschool for the 2022-2023. The Lord has truly blessed us with this enrollment. Including myself, we have 16 on staff.

We are having a drop-in Open House on Thursday, July 28 from 5:00-6:30. This will give parents, teachers, and students a chance to meet before the first day of school and hopefully alleviate some fears for those that are new.

For this year we have added a new 3k and 4k class. We now have one Toddler class and one 5k class. We have two 2k, two 3k and two 4k classes. We are using every possible space downstairs.

We have a few openings in 2k, 3k, and 4k. I feel that God has the families in mind that He is saving those spaces for.

DSS has made available several grant opportunities. We have received several of them. One of the options on use of the money is to provide scholarship opportunities for students. We have provided a partial scholarship for last year and a partial scholarship for this year.

For our fun day this month, we have Aloha Day!

Please feel free to visit us. The children (all but 5k) are napping from 12-2pm so that isn't the best time to stop by.

We ask that you pray for the Preschool each day.

May God continue to bless each of you.
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1st Kids Children's Ministry & Impact Student Ministry



Hi church family!

I am just so happy to announce what I am going to announce. For those of you who weren't in service this past Sunday, we had three salvations across our 1st Kids group. Three precious souls have come to know Jesus and wish to walk alongside Him. It was quite a celebration. They had an amazing time at camp and we are looking forward to more trips like that in the future. In fact, there is one in December that I will be reaching out to you about, so be on the lookout.

We will begin our Wednesday nights back on August 24. We are hoping to have several classes, so that means I need several teachers. If you have a heart for children, please let me know. I will prepare your lessons, I just need you to teach.

IMPACT

@FBC Hartsville

Although we have been meeting this summer, IMPACT will also begin back on August 24 officially. I would love some help with this as well. It's my prayer that we have them simultaneously. And because there is only ONE of me, that means I need some help. Please pray about how you could be a part of our ministry.

In Love,
Ms. Lauren