

From the Pastor ...



I've heard good reviews of our one, multigenerational blended service. Many of us have a different preferred style, but it's so good that a strong majority of us are willing to do what it takes to get our church back on solid ground and moving forward. Let's do what it takes! The least we could do is nothing. The least we could do *to help our church move forward* is to pray fervently for the Lord to shower His mercy and grace on us. Pray for the leaders, the members, and for the community. I can envision our sanctuary, family life building, and children's building filled with people with a deep yearning to know God better, and who will disciple others to reach the world for the cause of Christ.

Beyond the least we can do, other options are for us to step up to help in one of our committees, teams, or ministries. Beyond assurance of salvation and commitment to church membership, three disciplines are necessary for spiritual health and spiritual growth: develop a vibrant daily time alone with God, participate in a small group, and serve the Lord in a ministry. The nominating committee has already met to begin the process of filling those teams with people who can serve where they are gifted, experienced, and— most importantly— led by the Lord.

Speaking of prayer, I hope you participated in our Wednesday nights prayer, meal, and small groups this year. The prayer time will be on summer break and will resume in August.

Beginning June 15, however, we restart our **Noon Lunch and Devotions!** They start right at 12:00 noon, and end before 1:00 so those who take their lunch break here can return to work on time.

The theme this summer is...

"Seriously?"

- **What's Going On In Our Nation?**
- **What Does God Say?**
- **How Should I Respond?"**

If you have watched the news or social media about the news, you might be shocked at how our nation is behaving right now. The Lunch and Devotions will tackle some hot topics like Gender Identity, Roe v Wade, Unbelievable politics, Woke Education, Critical Race Theory, and then a topic of the group's choosing.

These studies will not be times for debate or "hate speech," but rather opportunities for us to face the news with God's word and behave appropriately.

I also hope that you learned some biblical truths through our series on worship. It's easier than we imagine to drift from the Heart of Worship when the habits of worship take over. Scripture talks about different ways the Lord views true reverence in worship that supersede denominational idiosyncrasies. And because the Lord created us different from one another, we can receive His love and express our worship to Him in different ways. Adapted from Gary Thomas' book, *Sacred Pathways: Discover Your Soul's Path to God*, here are nine ways people enjoy worship:

- Naturalists— worshiping the Creator out of doors, but without worshiping creation.
- Ascetics— worshiping God in seclusion and silence.
- Traditionalists— worshiping God with ritual and symbolism.
- Emotives— worshiping God with all their hearts; spending considerable time alone with the Lord of Love.
- Enthusiasts— worshiping the Lord with celebration and interaction.
- Sensates— worshiping the Lord with all five senses.
- Caregivers— worshiping God by caring for those in need.
- Activists— worshiping God by boldly confronting movements that violate God's word and His ways.
- Thinkers— worshiping God with all their minds.

Sunday, June 5 we will discover Jesus through Daniel's End Times passages. To prepare, read:

Sunday: Chapters 2 and 4, about dreams
Monday: Ch 3:19-30 about the fourth man
Tuesday: Ch 5 about the writing on the wall
Wednesday: Ch 7 about authority and power
Thursday: Ch 9 about how to pray
Friday: Ch 10 about the source of strength
Saturday: Ch 12 about the End

And memorize Daniel 7:13-14.

A retired, single lady from out of town is caring for her sister in Bennettsville and has asked us to see if there is anyone in our church, specifically another single, older lady, who could rent her a room or garage apartment so she could be closer to her sister. She has references and will allow background checks if needed. FBC cannot vouch for her, but simply puts the need out there. If the Lord is leading you to help, contact the church.

Music Ministry



Hey Church Family!

I am so excited that we are all back

together again worshipping in one service. I truly believe that greater things are still to come!

If you have a heart and talent (it doesn't have to be American Idol talent!!) for singing, right now is a great time to join the choir! Tucker does a fantastic job leading, and if you join, I know you will be blessed! I hope to see each and every one of you on Sundays at 10:30!

Blessings,

Sterling

Financial Report

We are so thankful for God's continued financial blessings throughout this time. We have started passing the offering plate again, but here are some other ways to give.

- Mail a check or bring it to the office: 104 E. Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550
- Give online through our website: www.firstbaptisthartsville.org and go to the "Online Giving" tab
- Text "BeCheerful" to 73256
- Use the slotted, locked outdoor mailbox near the office door

Welcome to our new Deacons

Al Fink

Colin Hungerpillar

Danny Johnson

Eddie Moore

Carl Pennington

They will begin serving on September 1, 2022.

June Events

Wednesday schedule

Lunch & Devotions starts June 15 at 12 noon. The cost will be \$8.

Graduation Sunday - June 5

First Baptist will volunteer at the **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, June 9. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Larry Easterling or the Church office.

Grateful Hearts Luncheon - Thursday, June 16 at 11:30am. The cost will be \$8.

Father's Day - Sunday, June 19

Vacation Bible School - June 20-24 from 5:00-7:30pm

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

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

With Sympathy

Our hearts go out to the family of Bryan Blackwell, who passed away on April 13.



Let Us Know

Please Contact the Church Office:

- If your address, email, or telephone number has changed
- If you have updates for the Prayer List

June Birthdays

6-1 Elizabeth Hodge
6-1 Jane Ponder
6-4 Susan Reynolds
6-5 Courtney Ponder
6-8 Bill Connell
6-10 Sue Walters
6-12 Deborah Crawford
6-13 Leroy McCoy
6-15 J. Colin Hungerpillar
6-23 Georgianna Hulsey
6-25 Tommy Gainey
6-27 Shirlyn Bellum
6-28 Susan Moore
6-28 Nicole Newton
6-29 Beth Herring

Happy Birthday!

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

FBC Staff

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With Thanks

Dear First Baptist,

Thank you for all of the
prayers for my brother, Danny Henry.
I love you all.

~Jerry Beason

thank you

Congratulations to our Graduates!



Master's Degree

Frank Velez
Tiffin University
Masters of Education in Higher
Education Administration

College



Brianna Ludlum
College of Charleston
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with
a minor in Spanish, Cum Laude



Cheryl Miller
Coastal Carolina University
"Learning Is For Everyone"
program



Amanda Scarborough
College of Charleston
Bachelor of Science in Elementary
Education



Tucker Smith
Coker University
Bachelor of Arts in Music (Piano)

High School



Bonnie Adams
Hartsville High School, IB program
Future plans: University of South
Carolina - Biology with pre-med
dentistry track



Frances Coward
Caring Hearts Homeschool
Future plans: Bob Jones University
- pre-med Neurology & Psychiatry



Alex Minnich
South Carolina Governor's School
for Science and Mathematics
Future plans: Clemson University -
Mechanical Engineering

First Baptist Preschool



Dear First Baptist,

It seems like I just wrote the article about the opening of school and now we are at the end of our school year.

First of all, I want to thank each of you for your support of this ministry. Without you, we could not do the work God has put before us. He picks out the families that we serve and it takes all of us working together to serve them as He has planned.

I had the privilege of speaking with the Grateful Hearts group. We talked briefly about the Preschool, but mostly I focused on my mission trips to Honduras and how God prepares us for the “jobs” He has for us. It is a great ministry for a country that has loving Christians who are in need of everyday necessities and medical attention. I promised the group I would provide contact information for the Foundation. All of the money goes to helping the people, not to profit or large salaries.

Carolina Honduras Health Foundation
P.O. Box 528 | Barnwell, South Carolina 29812-0528
803-259-3516 | contact@chhf.org

Continue to pray for the Preschool as our summer program starts June 6. Start praying for the upcoming school year as well. Already we are making preparations. We have added another 3k and 4k class for next year. Currently, we have 65 students enrolled. Our Toddler and 5k class are full. We have openings in 2k, 3k and 4k.

May God bless you and keep you well!

Omerea

Congratulations!

Welcome to our new babies!

Selah Jade Houghtaling, daughter of Carly & Frankie Houghtaling, granddaughter of Clark & Emily Phillips. Selah was born on April 28.

Reames Fox Surratt, son of Tyler & Ashley Surratt, grandson of Spann & Terrie Reames. Reames was born on May 9.

Livia Steele McNatt, daughter of Alison & Chris McNatt, granddaughter of John & Elaine Nichols. Livia was born on May 11.

1st Kids Children's Ministry & Impact Student Ministry

Hi Family,



We have wrapped up with 1st Kids on Wednesday for the school year and are looking toward summer!



So, what's next?? VBS!! We will be hosting VBS June 20 -24 from 5-7:30. We still need volunteers! Please consider how you can help. I need kitchen help, craft help, dancing helpers, and nursery help!! We will offer nursery for those volunteers with littles. Let's make this the best one yet!!!

IMPACT

@FBC Hartsville

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The youth will continue to meet over the summer. We will meet at various places, so if you are interested in having your kids join, just let me know and I will get them on our group text!

God is moving in these ministries and at FBC Hartsville. I hope you can feel it and will continue to pray for growth and health of these and all ministries!

In Love,
Ms. Lauren

Child & Family Resource Foundation

Summer Enrichment Program

Starting June 13 for 9 weeks

ELA, Math, Social-Emotional Learning, Art, Music, Movement, and Nutrition

Registration is May 31 from 11am-5:30pm at Child & Family Resource

Free to participants; space is limited.

For more information, go to childandfamilyresourcefoundation.com/summerprogram