

## *From the Pastor ...*



I thank the Lord for our church and for the improvements on our campus. We're almost done! The final big thing for our Capital Campaign is to improve the audio/video quality in the sanctuary. The team has heard from several audio experts, and have come up with the best solution. Even though the shape of the room with its hard walls prevent it from being perfect for sound, the new equipment will help us to come close. Included in this upgrade is an improved video system that will enhance the ability to follow the music and message on larger screens.

We all know that the maintenance and improvements at established churches are not for the buildings themselves, but to create a welcoming facility for members and guests. Pray with us that our buildings will be filled with people exploring the claims of Christ, with new believers, and with mature believers who disciple those who will become disciple makers around the world!

The days are gone when unchurched and dechurched people (those who used to go but don't anymore) randomly visit a church because of its nice stained glass and tall steeple. As attractive as buildings, children's programs, music programs, or any programs are, most people check out a church because someone in the church personally invited them. That means church people need to create relationships with others in the community. James Nugent said, "The reason they are not coming here (to a church service) is because we are not going there (outside church)."

One of the challenges every church experiences is that after a while, most of its members are associated only with other church goers. What if this month, everyone in our church deliberately met five people in the community they did not know before? After exchanging names, ask them if you can pray something specific for them. Pray, and then encourage them.

### Prayer

- Join our Prayer Team on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the prayer room. They go through every prayer request on our weekly list and pray for people by name.
- Join our prayer for revitalization in the prayer room on Tuesdays at noon. The focus is the renewal and revitalization of our church.
- Pray with us at our Wednesday lunch and devotions at noon. In addition to the prayer sheets, we also pray for people who live around our church building, and for people by name who have moved within fifteen miles of our church during the previous six weeks. Some move to Hartsville from less than 20 miles away, while others traveled over 2,000 miles to be here. Often times new movers are very willing to visit a church when someone simply asks them.

- Pray on your own! What to pray? Pray the Scriptures with our church and community in mind. For example...
  - Pray Matthew 28:19-20 that we will help fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples of all the nations.
  - Pray 1 Corinthians 2:2 that everything we do will honor Jesus Christ.
  - Pray 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that we will experience the power of God's word in our lives.
  - Pray 2 Kings 6:17 that we will perceive God at work around us.
  - Pray Acts 4:24 that our church will be a praying church that gets results.
  - Pray Psalm 85:6; 119:25 for our church members to be revived so the church can be revitalized.
  - Pray Acts 13:2-3 that we will send out powerful preachers, missionaries, and godly business leaders who will transform our state, nation, and world for the cause of Christ.
  - Pray Philippians 4:19 for the Lord to provide all our needs according to His riches in glory.
  - Pray Acts 3:19 for our church to keep an attitude of repentance.
  - Pray Acts 2:41 for souls to be saved, regularly evidenced in baptisms and new members every week.
  - Pray 2 Kings 4:3-4 that our members will anticipate and prepare for growth.
  - Pray Acts 1:8 and 4:30 that our church will be filled with the power of the Spirit, evidenced by boldly proclaiming the good news of Jesus.
  - Pray Ephesians 4:3 for unity in the church.
  - Pray John 4:24 that people will be free to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.
  - Pray Ephesians 1:15 that our church will be known on other continents as a people of faith and love.
  - Pray 1 Timothy 6:11 for our church members to pursue the Lord and flee from ungodliness.
  - Pray Revelation 2:7 for our members to perceive the real and felt needs of the unsaved and unchurched all around us.
  - Pray Ephesians 6:10-12 for our church to stand strong against powers of darkness.
  - Pray 1 Peter 4:10 for members to discover and embrace their spiritual gifts and serve with all their hearts.
  - Pray Galatians 5:16 and Ephesians 5:18 for us to be a church full of people who walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh.
  - Pray James 1:5 that we will have God's wisdom.
  - Pray 1 Peter 4:10 for us to serve God and others in love.
  - Pray 1 Corinthians 16:22 for the Lord to come quickly.
  - Pray 2 Peter 3:9 for people to be saved before Jesus comes again.

## Music Ministry



Hey Church Family!

What a joy it is to lead you all in worship every Sunday! After the

toils of the work week, I can always count on Sunday mornings as a time to refocus, recharge, and learn more about the Lord through His Word.

I am so thankful for everyone at FBC that makes that possible, from the ushers in the back all the way over to the helpers in the nursery and everyone in between; without each and every one of YOU, it wouldn't happen. If you don't have a place to serve currently, I pray that you can find a place that fits your gifts and talents. If you think that place is in the music/tech ministry, please reach out to me or the Church office and we will find something for you!

I hope you all have a blessed month, and I hope to see all of you at 10:30 on Sunday mornings!

In Christ,

Sterling

## How Can I Give to FBC?

- Place your offering in the offering plate
- Give on our website on the “online giving” tab
- Bring it to the Church office
- Text the word “BeCheerful” to 73-256
- Place it in the locked mailbox next to the office

## Attention, Graduates

If you are graduating from high school or beyond, please let the Church office know.

Graduation Sunday is scheduled for June 2.



## May Events

### Weekly Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

9:15am Small Groups  
10:30am Worship Service

#### **Tuesday:**

12:00pm Prayer for Revitalization

#### **Wednesday:**

10:00 Prayer in the Prayer Room  
12:00pm Lunch, Prayer, & Devotions  
6:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Kids Children's Ministry, Impact Student Ministry, Small Groups for Adults  
7:30pm Choir Practice

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First Baptist will volunteer at **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, May 9. If you would like to help with this community ministry, please contact the Church office.

Sunday, May 12 - **Mother's Day and Baby Dedication**. If you would like to have your baby or child dedicated, please contact Pastor Greg or the Church office.

**Grateful Hearts Luncheon** - Thursday, May 16 at 11:30am. Please sign up by calling the Church office by noon on Tuesday, May 14. The cost is \$9. Special music: to be announced  
Everyone is welcome!

**First Baptist Preschool 5K Graduation** - Wednesday, May 22 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in honor of **Memorial Day**.

## Baptisms - Easter Sunday



Nine people were baptized on Easter Sunday!

London Hill  
Brayden Kent  
Brendan Lee  
Christopher MacDonald  
Gayle MacDonald  
Savannah MacDonald  
James McDermott  
Eli Privette  
Shaun Roberts

## *May Birthdays*

5-1 Wesley Blackwell  
5-3 Rachel Marino  
5-3 Christian Frazier  
5-5 Taylor Stogner  
5-9 Sullivan Dyar  
5-14 Rosemary Elsesser  
5-17 Rachel Phillips  
5-22 Colin Hungerpillar  
5-23 John Drinkard  
5-28 Martha Ann Blackwell  
5-29 Adam Privette

### ***Happy Birthday!***

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

## *FBC Staff*

Dr. Greg Boyd: Pastor  
Sterling Dyar: Worship Leader  
Lauren Wint: Children's Director  
Jackie Ponder: Volunteer Student Director  
Jim Privette: Volunteer Church Administrator  
Crystal Hopkins: Financial Secretary  
Ruth Kilgore: Administrative Secretary  
Tucker Smith: Organist and Pianist  
Vivian Robinson: Custodian  
Omerea Thurman: Preschool Director  
Logan Fink: Volunteer Drummer  
Lydia Smith: Nursery worker

## *Announcements*

### ***Did You Know?***

Our weekly church bulletin and monthly newsletter are on our website! Go to [www.firstbaptisthartsville.org](http://www.firstbaptisthartsville.org) and choose the "Bulletin and Newsletter" tab and you will find links to both.

### ***Please Contact the Church Office:***

- If you are scheduling a meeting, to make sure that the date, location, and time are open on the Church 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 honor or in memory of someone

### ***Take One!***

Feel free to take the pens in the church pew and hand them out in the community along with a blessing - at lunch, at the fitness center, in the grocery store, wherever you go.

## *FBC on Social Media*

*Website:* [firstbaptisthartsville.org](http://firstbaptisthartsville.org)

*Facebook:* First Baptist Church Hartsville

*YouTube:* FBC Hartsville SC

If you can help improve our social media and online presence, please contact the church office.

## *Church Office Information*

Office hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm

(lunch 12:30-1:30pm)

Friday 8am-12noon

Phone: 843-332-6571

## *With Sympathy*

Our hearts go out to the family of Mr. Fred Snipes, father of Beth Herring and brother of Buzzy Snipes



## *Impact Student Ministry*

# IMPACT

NEXT GEN MINISTRY  
(6TH-12TH Grade)

Dear Church Family,

We have had a great year with the youth! As we get ready for a break for the Summer, we are wrapping up with a lesson called "Sink or Swim." The students are really enjoying these lessons and asking a lot of good questions. If your youth is interested in learning about how to put their faith into practice this Summer, then join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00.

Thank you to all the parents who faithfully bring their students on Wednesday night. We love these youth and enjoy talking with them.

In Christ,

Jackie Ponder

## *1st Kids Children's Ministry*

# 1st Kids

Dear Church Family,

We continue to be blessed by a growing children's ministry! As you know, with a growing ministry comes growing needs. We are in need of more nursery volunteers. I know I sound like a broken record, but we have babies!! Yay! So, we need more volunteers willing to come during Sunday School as well as worship hours. The more volunteers we have, the less you have to be scheduled throughout the year. Please pray about giving one or two Sundays a year to this ministry.

In addition, we have our Music for the Maker event in June! As we sit today we have about 10 volunteers. Please let the church office know if you can be available June 17-20 from 5-7:30. If you have small children, head on over to our Facebook page and sign them up!

Thank you so very much for being such a huge support system for our children!

In Love,

Ms. Lauren

## *First Baptist Preschool*

# Preschool News

Dear First Baptist,

The month of May is an exciting time and a sad time. We love celebrating the accomplishments that our students have made during the school year, but we also know that for some our journey together has come to an end. Each child becomes a part of our lives as we watch them grow and learn.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10! We have such a dedicated staff. God uses them to make the Preschool the success it is. Please say special prayers of thanks for them during this week.

We will have an "Aloha Day" to say goodbye to the school year on May 21.

The 5K students will have their Graduation Ceremony on May 22. They appreciate the use of the sanctuary for this special celebration. Needless to say, they are excited!

The last day for students is May 23. We are planning to have The Bubble Man and Ice Cream Sundaes.

We are offering a modified summer program for our current students. June 3-July 26 from 7:30-2:30. Each week will be a different theme: Pirates, Under the Sea, Disney, Camping, Stars and Stripes America, Dinosaurs, and Space.

Students and staff have certainly been blessed as we look back over the past months. Each of us appreciates the support and prayers that you have given. God has plans for this ministry and He knows that you are willing and able to follow in His will. Continue to pray for the Preschool students, parents, and staff as we are making plans for the upcoming summer program and school year.

May God continue to bless each of you.

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