

From the Pastor ...



Thanks to our outreach team and church members who are helping our church have a positive influence in the community.

A couple of weeks ago our church had a booth at the Farmer's Market. In addition to raising over \$270 to help our kids go to camp, we were able to mingle and build relationships. That continued that same Saturday night at the "I Love This Town" block party. Our church joined seven other churches to provide a fun evening for Hartsville and to show that "we are better together." We gave away a gift card that night, and emailed over seventy people who registered for it.

For the second time, our church had a table at the Taste of Hartsville. Hundreds of people came by our table, heard about our church, and got to taste Dawn Munn's peach, cherry, apple, and blueberry cobblers!

And then last Thursday night First Baptist joined other businesses in town for Treats on the Streets. We gave away about 1,500 pieces of candy, each with an invitation to join us for worship and a great children's ministry.

Remember, though, the Lord asks all of us to team together to invite people and make disciples (Acts 1:8; Matt 28:19-20), not just the preacher or an outreach team.

Where are all the young people?

Who have you discipled?



Giving Opportunities

The Holidays are notorious for multitudes of opportunities to give to charities.

In our church alone, we finished the Janie Chapman State Missions offering, we participate in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox gifts, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, and more.

As you know, we are also in the process of a Capital Campaign to raise \$500,000 for some long overdue and very much needed improvements to our buildings and grounds.

My first response is, Thank you, thank you, thank you. How wonderful it is to have church members who experience God by being generous to others.

A second thought is, please do not neglect the tithe for our regular operations. In every church I've been, a common tendency is for people to redirect their regular giving to a new special need. There is not very much excitement, enthusiasm, or pizzazz to give to a budget rather than new paint or a new parking lot. I understand.

Scripture is pretty clear about the tithe belonging to God. Here is how I've always navigated through this matter.

- 10% of my income is the Lord's through the local church. Nonnegotiable.
- When I am confronted with an opportunity to give above my tithe, I ask the Lord if He wants me to contribute. After all, He owns everything I have; I am the manager. It's all His.
- If I pray and sense a "No," I don't give and don't feel guilty.
- If I pray and sense a "Yes," I ask "How much?" If I have the amount I think God wants me to give, I give it. If I do not have it readily available, I ask the Lord to provide it beyond my means of income and trust Him to provide it so I can give it where He wants it.

When you see God at work in you, around you, and through you through the sticky topic of money, your spiritual life gets a boost of excitement.

Music Ministry



Hey Church Family!

I got some great feedback about the sound in the

sanctuary last week! We are continuing to improve the quality, but last week was a great start. I will continue to claim the lyrics to the song *Here As In Heaven*: "The atmosphere is changing now; for the spirit of the Lord is here!"

Continue to pray for the growth of the music ministry, as well as the choir. The choir meets Sunday nights at 5:30, and we have a great time learning new songs while worshipping the Lord. Please reach out to me or the church office if you want to join us!

In Christ,
Sterling

SCBC Annual Meeting

The **South Carolina Baptist Convention Annual Meeting** will be November 14-15 at Riverland Hills Baptist Church in Irmo. The focus is renewal, revival, and revitalization. If you (an FBC member) would like to be a Messenger representing our church at this meeting, please contact the Church office. For more information, go to scbaptist.org.

Financial Report

We are so thankful for God's continued financial blessings throughout this time.

Six ways to give your tithes and offerings:

- ✧ Place them in the offering plate when it is passed down your row
- ✧ Text the word, "BeCheerful" to 73-256, and follow the instructions
- ✧ Put them in the wooden offering box (in the lobby or in the hall at the east-side exit)
- ✧ Through our website
- ✧ Come by the office and drop them off in person
- ✧ Place them in the locked mailbox next to the office door

November Events

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!

First Baptist will volunteer at the **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, October 10. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Larry Easterling or the Church office.

First Baptist will host a table at the **Hartsville Farmer's Market** on Saturday, November 12. If you would like to volunteer at this event, please call the Church office.

Grateful Hearts Luncheon - Thursday, November 17 at 11:30am.

Special Guest: To be announced

Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00pm. If you would like to attend, please let the church know by Monday, November 14. Come early at 5:30 and join us for prayer.

The **Church Office** will be closed on November 24 and 25 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday schedule:

10:00 Prayer in the Prayer Room

5:30-6:00 Prayer in the Dining Room

6:00-6:30 Dinner*

6:30 Club 45, 1st Kids, Impact, Small group for Parents of Children and Youth

*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.

We offer a **small group for single women** that meets on Monday nights at Crema Coffee Shop. If you would like more information, please contact the Church office.

November Birthdays

11-2 Blaire Goodson
11-2 David Miller
11-3 Charlie Aimar
11-3 Joel Howle
11-3 Rhea Jones
11-3 Harleigh Warren
11-5 Karon Scarborough
11-6 Tommy Goodson
11-10 Linda Hodge
11-10 Emma Claire Johnson
11-10 R. Dent King IV
11-12 Jean Redfearn
11-13 Billy Atkins
11-14 Harriet Gupton
11-14 Sellers Johnson
11-15 Jacob Coward
11-18 Robert Tomlinson
11-19 Katherine Kilgore
11-22 Frances Coward
11-22 Jane Privette
11-30 Elaine Hays

Happy Birthday!

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

Looking Ahead

The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions** will be collected in December.

For more information, go to the website:
www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/

Poinsettias

We have ordered **Poinsettias** to decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to order one in honor or in memory of your loved one, please contact the Church Office. The cost is \$20 each.



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FBC on Social Media

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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

Operation Christmas Child

This is the time of year to put together our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child / Samaritan's Purse!



There is a new option! For \$25, Samaritan's Purse will do the shopping and packing for you. You can choose from a catalog what items you would like in your box, write a personal note and choose to be notified when and where your box was delivered. There are cards on the table in the Sanctuary that give all the details of this program.

Of course we still have boxes for those who enjoy packing their own box. Sunday, November 13th is the last day to turn in your shoe box.

1st Kids Children's Ministry



Dear Church Family,

We are nearing the end of the year and so far, it has been great! Our children are learning such great lessons, and having multiple classes again is quite the blessing!

I want to remind everyone of our t-shirt fundraiser that we have going on through the end of the year. This is to benefit our children and youth by creating a camp fund. We never want our kids to pay out of pocket to learn more about Christ, so we started selling t-shirts to help with this. They are \$20 and all proceeds go to the camp fund. Please call the church office to reserve yours today!

Finally, as I drove off last Wednesday, I looked back to see my volunteers chatting. I immediately couldn't help but thank God for the people who make up this, and IMPACT, ministry. I know that God is doing big things for and through this ministry, and I just want to thank everyone that helps each week to keep it going. It's not easy to have a full day of work or running errands and then come to serve at church, but you all selflessly accomplish this with a smile. A million "thank you's" would never be enough!

In Love,
Ms. Lauren

Impact Student Ministry



Hey Church Family,

The youth had a great October. We had an average of 6 youth every Wednesday night with some weeks having as many as 9. We took a spooky trip together and the youth invited their friends. We had 14 youth go, 8 of our regular youth and 6 visitors! We had a great time just being together!

In November, we will be having a game night in the youth room.

Please join us every Wednesday night at 6:00 for dinner. Then join us from 6:30 to 7:30 in the youth room for a Bible study and a game or two. We will continue our study in Ephesians on learning to be more like Christ.

In Christ,
Jackie

First Baptist Preschool



Happy November everyone!

This month is full of fun activities and learning. We are all so grateful for the many blessings that God has given us. We continue to have full classes and healthy staff and children. I am grateful to be a part of the First Baptist Preschool ministry. It is such a joy to work with the church staff, the Preschool Board, and the church membership. God has blessed us abundantly.

The Church and the Preschool are teaming up on Friday, November 11 to host a lunch for the City of Hartsville public employees. We have invited those on duty from the Police, Fire, EMS, and Sanitation. Since it is Veteran's Day, the local American Legion has been invited as well. Please pray for the individuals that have served us and for the volunteers that will be serving them on the 11th. What better way to teach patriotism to our children. My prayer is that they will feel Christ's love. I am hoping that we can add more joint activities between the Preschool and the Church.

Several classes are planning a Thanksgiving Feast and will be doing fun activities the day before we start Thanksgiving break. Not only are we teaching the children about Thanksgiving and being grateful, but how to thank God when we pray.

We will have a Scholastic Book Fair Monday, November 28- Friday, December 2. Every child should have their own little "library" of favorite books and stories. In the age of eBooks and having everything available online, these children will grow up with opportunities to read an endless array of authors. I hope though, they will still enjoy turning a page as well. Things like the Book Fair will enhance the joy of reading or being read to as they pick out their own books. Please come by and browse the book fair. Books make great Christmas gifts!!

May God continue to shower each of you with His many blessings.

In Christ's love,
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