

From the Pastor ...



Thank you so much for your Pastor Appreciation in church last Sunday! The blooper reel Sterling showing outtakes from pre-recorded messages was a funny surprise! After church, Patty and I talked to a young couple who recently started attending our church. They laughed about the outtakes and appreciated that I'm a regular guy who can laugh along at my blunders. With that, I really appreciate Sterling and his ability to edit our Sunday services before they go on air!

One of the things our church has been working on is how we can have a more effective influence in our community. One of the pillars of revitalization for an older, established church is the paradigm shift from having only an attractional model for church growth ("come and see us on our campus") to being more incarnational (being present in the community).

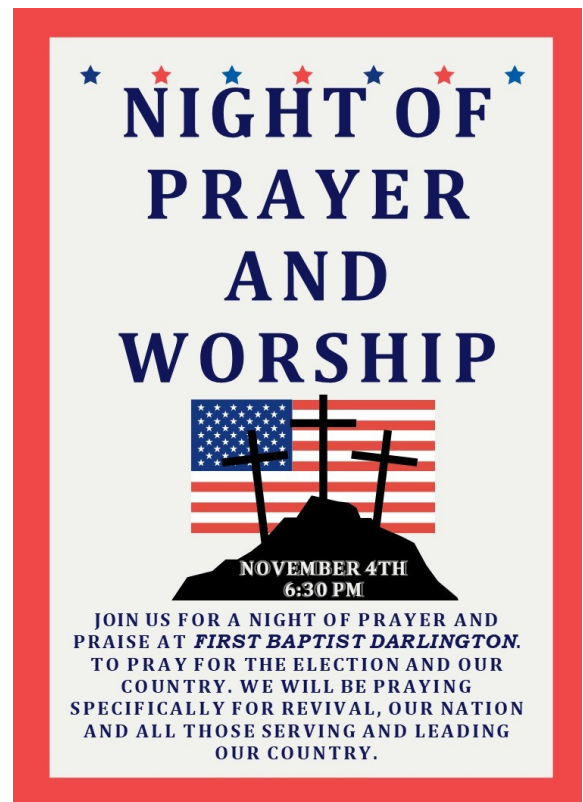
Some of our efforts to be in the community have included volunteering in Hartsville's Soup Kitchen and helping with the Hartsville Interfaith Ministries. In the past, we have also had a booth at Taste of Hartsville, Treats on the Streets, Lighting of the Christmas Tree, and some Block parties. Last week our Fellowship Team hosted a First Responders Appreciation lunch. Last year was the first time we entered a float in the Christmas parade. We're going to participated in it again this year— with improvements! If you are willing to help decorate the floats, calendar Saturday, November 23 at 1032 Railroad Ave. Time TBA.

As you know, November 5 is election day. Most of us cannot remember our country being so divided and angry as we vote for leaders of our United States. It is not the church's place to ever say who to vote for. I will not. However, I will preach about voting on Nov 3. Read Romans 13:1-5 and 1 Timothy 2:1-6 to prepare your heart. Having read those passages, thank the Lord that we live in a land where we elect our governing authorities, unlike countries where kings or dictators rule without the people's voice on who gets to rule. That privilege and responsibility is worth our prayer and participation, not our neglect or refusal.

One of the things we have heard far more than the four previous elections is how one party hates the other party's candidate. Or how one party has all the right answers and the other is all wrong. Our challenge as true followers of Jesus Christ is to rise above individual politicians or their parties. This Sunday you might hear a new way to consider electing our nation's leaders that supersedes who you like or don't like.

Above all else, continue to pray.

If you are available, First Baptist Darlington is planning a night of prayer and worship specifically for the election.



**NIGHT OF
PRAYER
AND
WORSHIP**

NOVEMBER 4TH
6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND PRAISE AT **FIRST BAPTIST DARLINGTON**. TO PRAY FOR THE ELECTION AND OUR COUNTRY. WE WILL BE PRAYING SPECIFICALLY FOR REVIVAL, OUR NATION AND ALL THOSE SERVING AND LEADING OUR COUNTRY.

As you continue to pray for our church, please include praying for the finances. The Lord has been gracious to us by providing our financial needs. At the same time, our weekly offerings are trending to be less than our budget requires. As we plan our next steps that include ministries that will boost our church's health and growth (including bringing on a Next Generation Associate Minister), we want to be sure that our finances keep up with our vision. Read and pray 2 Corinthians 9:10-11.

Music Ministry



Hey Church Family!

Christmas is around the corner, and we couldn't be more excited to start

gearing up for our special Christmas service! The choir is diving into some amazing Christmas music that we can't wait to share with everyone, and there's still room if you'd like to join us!

If you love singing and want to be part of something meaningful and fun this season, we'd love to have you. Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:30 PM, so come on out and be part of the joy—we'd love to see you there!

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

Church Office Information

Office hours:

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

(lunch 12:30-1:30pm)

Friday 8am-12noon

Phone: 843-332-6571

FBC on Social Media

Website: firstbaptisthartsville.org

Facebook: First Baptist Church Hartsville

YouTube: FBC Hartsville SC

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Taylor and Blade Stogner on the birth of Blazley Katana on October 9! She was 7 lb 9 oz and 19 inches long. Blazley is the granddaughter of Marla Blackwell and the great-granddaughter of Wesley Blackwell.



November Events

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:15am Small Groups

10:30am Worship Service

Tuesday:

12:00pm Prayer for Revitalization

Wednesday Schedule:

10:00 Prayer in the Prayer Room

12:00pm Lunch, Prayer, and Devotions -

"Answered Prayer." **Please call the Church office by noon on the previous Monday to sign up.** Cost: \$9

6:00pm 1st Kids Children's Ministry, Impact Student Ministry, Small Groups for Adults: Parents' Group, "Discipleship," and "Biblical Partnerships"

7:30pm Choir practice

8:00pm Ladies' Zoom Group: "Gospel on the Ground"

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**Daylight Savings Time** ends on Sunday, Nov 3. Remember to turn your clocks back!

**Graveyard Cleanup Day** - Saturday, Nov 9 from 8am-12noon. The focus is on trimming trees and hauling brush. Talk with David Miller for more details.

**South Carolina Baptist Association Annual Meeting** - Nov 11-12 at First Baptist Church in Columbia. For more information, go to [www.scbaptist.org](http://www.scbaptist.org)

**175th Anniversary Meeting** - Wednesday, Nov 13 at 1pm. Come give ideas and help plan!

First Baptist will volunteer at **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, Nov 14. If you would like to help with this community ministry, please contact the Church office.

**Grateful Hearts Luncheon** - Thursday, Nov 21 at 11:30am. Cost: \$9. **Everyone is welcome!** Please call the Church office by Tuesday, Nov 19 to sign up. Guest singer: Lin Kirkman

**Hartsville Christmas Parade Trailer setup** - Saturday, Nov 23 at 1032 Railroad Ave. Time TBA.

There will be no **Wednesday Lunch and Devotion** or any **evening programs** on Wednesday, Nov 27 for Thanksgiving break.

The **Church office** will be closed on Thursday, Nov 28 and Friday, Nov 29 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## *November Birthdays*

11-2 David Miller  
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  
11-12 Jean Redfearn  
11-14 Harriet Gupton  
11-14 Sellers Johnson  
11-15 Jacob Coward  
11-18 Robert Tomlinson  
11-22 Frances Coward  
11-22 Jane Privette  
11-24 Nick Averill  
11-30 Elaine Hays

### ***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  
greg@firstbaptisthartsville.org  
Sterling Dyar: Worship Leader  
Logan Fink: Volunteer Drummer  
Crystal Hopkins: Financial Secretary  
crystal@firstbaptisthartsville.org  
Ruth Kilgore: Administrative Secretary  
ruth@firstbaptisthartsville.org  
Jessica Kuykendall: Preschool Director  
Jackie Ponder: Volunteer Student Director  
Jim Privette: Volunteer Church Administrator  
Vivian Robinson: Custodian  
Lydia Smith: Nursery worker  
Tucker Smith: Organist and Pianist  
Lauren Wint: Children's Director

## *Poinsettias*

We have ordered poinsettias to  
decorate the Sanctuary for  
Christmas. If you would like to  
purchase one in honor or in  
memory of your loved ones,  
please call the Church office. Cost: \$20.



## *Missions offering update*

First Baptist collected \$1,322.00 for the **Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions**. This offering supports mission efforts across South Carolina.

## *Operation Christmas Child*



Spread the Good News of Jesus  
Christ by packing a  
Shoobox for children around the  
world!

Please go to

[Samaritanaspurse.org/operation-  
Christmas-child](https://Samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child) for more information.

Shooboxes are available in the Sanctuary, the  
Church office, and in the Family Life building.

***Bring your filled shooboxes to Church by  
Sunday, November 17.***

## *With Thanks*

Dear First Baptist,

Darkside Tours is over for 2024 and it was again a  
big hit with the community. Everyone loves  
walking around the First Baptist campus and  
touring the graveyard. We even saw the owl this  
weekend flying overhead.

Thank you for allowing us to share stories this  
year. We really appreciate all you do for the  
Hartsville Museum.

Blessings!!

*Andrea Steen*

Hartsville Museum Manager

## *First Baptist Preschool*



Dear First Baptist,

As the holiday season approaches, we have much to be thankful for at our preschool. Our students have been working hard and are making great progress. We're excited to see their continued growth throughout this next season. We have accepted a few new students that we are thrilled to have with us!

Our students had a wonderful time of fellowship and firsthand learning with our local First Responders this past week. They were able to climb in vehicles, blare sirens, and experience ambulances and bucket trucks as well as meet our own 911 dispatcher! They were able to enjoy lunch with the responders after the event. Thank you to the church for providing lunch for everyone!

With the busy season upon us, the preschool will be closed on November 4th and 5th for professional development and Election Day. Our Thanksgiving break will be November 27th through 29th. We wish all our families a wonderful and restful holiday.

As always, we are grateful for the continued prayers and support of our church community. Your involvement is invaluable and makes a big difference for our students. Thank you!

Please let me know if you have any other questions. We look forward to a wonderful November!

Blessings!  
Jessica Kuykendall  
Director

## *Impact Student Ministry*



Dear Church Family,

We continue to have a great attendance in youth on Wednesday nights.

In October we went to Judgement House and dinner. We had a great evening and several of the youth made decisions about their walk with Christ.

We are currently in the middle of a series on TikTok and discussing the world's desire to be popular. Our youth are growing in their faith with the help of their families.

Please come and join us on Wednesday night for food, fun, and Bible study.

In Christ,  
Jackie Ponder

## *1st Kids Children's Ministry*



Hi Church Family,

We have had so much fun learning Biblical lessons through our science experiments! Starting in November, we will begin to prepare for our Christmas performance that will take place on Sunday, December 22. This will be during worship service, and the children will have songs and even some speaking opportunities. If you have a child that would like to be a part of this, please make sure they are with us on Wednesday nights from 6-7:15.

We are also planning on participating in the Hartsville Christmas parade again this year. It will be a night parade, and the children will ride with us and sing songs. If you have any questions, or would like for them to join in on the fun, just let me know. The parade will be Saturday, December 7. More details to come.

I have very much loved being with your children this year. They are so smart, and so excited to learn. Thank you for sharing them with us!

In Love,  
Ms. Lauren

## *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 honor or in memory of someone