

From the Pastor ...



“Live on the Lawn”

The worship services on the lawn have been great! It is so good to see everyone who can make it. Special thanks to our tech team and musicians who have had to come early and stay late to set up and tear down all the equipment. In spite of a little heat, cold, and gnats, it's been a wonderful experience. I'm sorry that we did not get to do our baptism on the 20th. Using a horse trough would have been a first for us.

Good news: we have at least one more person who wants to be baptized now!

The question for now, of course, is *when do we start meeting inside?*

For the safety of all, we will continue our Sunday morning on campus worship outside as long as we can through October. Dress like it's football season! *NEW--*

On-Campus Church on the Lawn
Now Starts at 10:00 Sunday Morning

I have heard many good things about the current sermon series. It's amazing how the situations of these Bible characters we have been studying relate to us in our day. “Be Like...” launched from a verse out of our last series through James, (5:17-18, NIV) *Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.* We need to pray like Elijah! Here is the series:

- Aug 9- Be Transformed Like Peter
- Aug 16- Be Courageous Like Esther
- Aug 23- Learn Like Ezra
- Aug 30- Listen Like Mary
- Sept 6- Obey Like Daniel
- Sept 13- Explain Like Phillip
- Sept 20- Disciple Like Paul
- Sept 27- Trust Like Moses
- Oct 4- Serve Like Martha
- Oct 11- Forgive Like Joseph
- Oct 18- Worship Like David
- Oct 25- Love Like Jesus

You can always watch our messages on our Facebook site. Please share one or more of your favorite services on your social media. That is the best way we can measure our effectiveness.

One thing we know for certain among all the unknowns of this pandemic: *churches must continue and improve their online services in order to survive.* We are feeling that! Please pray with us as we figure out how to engage our viewers with not just the Sunday services, but with Bible Studies as well.

As a result, coming Sunday night, **October 25,**

“Recorded in front of a live studio audience...”
it's **Sunday Night Live!**

We will experiment with a new way of doing church. In addition to our Live on the Lawn Sunday morning service (which will return indoors eventually), we will **record the following Sunday service on Sunday nights, in the Chapel, at 5:30.**

Here's how it works: after you join us in person or online Sunday morning, Oct 25, you are welcome to come again at 5:30 in the Chapel as we record the Nov 1 service. I will preach that same message in person on Nov 1, and then record the Nov 8 message that night. Regular Sunday night 6:30 meetings can still start on time.

Why this way?

- We want to not just maintain but improve our online worship experience. Recording in the Chapel and editing it ahead of time is the first thing we can do.
- We would like for some people to be there so our music and message will have the authenticity of a live audience.

Please keep **praying for your One.** Go to <https://whosyourone.com/> for more information and to download a 30-Day Prayer Guide



Sunday night, October 18, FBC is hosting the

Welsh Neck Baptist Association Annual Meeting

I thank the Lord for Joe Willard, our Director of Missions. He has been doing a very good job before and during this pandemic. Please pray for the Lord to be glorified and for this meeting to go well. Because of COVID-19, we will not serve a meal this year. All are welcome to join us. If you would like to represent FBC as a messenger (a member with voting privileges), please contact the church office.

About Music...

Hello Church Family!

I wanted to take this moment to let you all know that I am overjoyed at the opportunity to serve our church as the new Volunteer Worship Director. While this is not a new role for me, it is a first in an official capacity.

My desire to lead people to Christ through worship and praise is strong, and my hope is that others in the community will see what we are doing and want to join. I know our church will be a safe space for new believers and members, and I can't wait to see how we grow in the coming years.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve you in this role and to implement some great quality music and worship. I hope that anyone looking to join the music program at First Baptist Hartsville will reach out to Ruth in the church office so that she can let me know. It is my prayer that we will have a service full of voices and hearts ready to lead others to Christ through music.

Blessings,
Sterling Dyar

Operation Christmas Child

Covid might stop some things but not Operation Christmas Child for First Baptist Church. We will take part in this mission opportunity again this year, but with a few extra options to allow your safe Covid practices.

You may **stop by** the church office and pick up the boxes you want to fill. Shop, wearing a mask, pack your box and then mark boy/girl and age. Bring your box back to the church office with a \$9 check (made out to FBC) or \$9 cash for the shipping. Pray for the child receiving your box. You are done.

You may **deliver items** that you want to donate to Operation Christmas Child to the church office anytime between now and Sunday, November 1st. The church will consolidate these items and pack boxes.

You can **donate cash or check** to the church to cover the cost of the shipping fee for the boxes the church will pack.

NEW this year, because of Covid and its restrictions, you can just **donate money** to FBC for Operation Christmas Child. The church will send these funds to Samaritan's Purse allowing them to put the money where Operation Christmas Child needs it. It takes around \$30 to fill and ship one box.



Soup Kitchen Update

Hello folks!

Just a short note to announce that Larry and Jen Easterling will be taking the leadership in the Soup Kitchen team for this year. I am sure that they will do a great job!

It has been a joy to participate in the Soup Kitchen ministry with all of you for several years and, hopefully, a few more when things get back to normal. Thank you all for your willingness to serve in this very worthwhile mission.

Sincerely,
~Carol Edwards

***A big thank you to
Mike & Carol Edwards
for leading this important ministry!***

Volunteers are needed! We serve the Soup Kitchen on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The protocol with COVID is we cook, box, and bag meals and serve through an outside doorway behind a glass partition. You can never eliminate all risk, however we think our exposure is mitigated through this process.

We need a minimum of 4 people to make the above protocol work. We meet at 9:00 and finish by 12:30; we serve the meals between 11:00 - 12:00.

If you are available, please contact the Church Office or Larry Easterling at 843-319-3309.

With Sympathy

Our hearts go out to

- The Sullivans and Elsessers on the loss of their relative Mary Bee Duffee
- The family of Heyward Howle, son-in-law of Jewell Newsom
- Karen Allen on the loss of her son William



Looking Ahead

The South Carolina Baptist Convention Annual Meeting will be November 9-10 at First Baptist Church Columbia. If you would like to be an FBC Messenger, please contact the Church Office.

For more information, go to scbaptist.org/annualmeeting/

Happy Birthday!

October Birthdays:

10-1 Crystal Hulsey
10-2 Beth Byerly
10-2 Tiffany Crist
10-3 Mellie Barwick
10-3 Nancy Turner
10-5 Brianna Ludlum
10-6 Suzanne Mills
10-9 Jake Coward
10-11 Ellis Parsons, Sr - 104 years old!
10-12 Grace Baxley
10-13 Ollie Stokes
10-14 Logan Fink
10-16 Chad Hulsey
10-16 Goode Mobley
10-18 Cheryl Miller
10-18 Mr. Michael Northcutt
10-19 Nancy Bell
10-20 Carl Pennington
10-22 Atlas Crist
10-22 Megan Galloway
10-23 Jennifer Adams
10-23 Kathy Goudelock
10-24 Austin Jones
10-25 Jaclyn Ponder
10-26 Lamar Caldwell
10-26 Joe McCullough
10-26 James Warren
10-30 Gay Aimar
10-31 Karen Blackwell Conyers
10-31 Frances Jordan

Happy Birthday!

The Church Office is open

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

Lunch 12:30-1:30pm

Friday 8am-12noon

843-332-6571

October Events:

Welsh Neck Baptist Association Ministers' Meeting - Monday, October 5 at 10:30am in FBC Dining Room

Welsh Neck Baptist Association Annual Meeting - Sunday, October 18 at 6pm in FBC sanctuary

Women's Book Club and Grateful Hearts will be suspended due to the pandemic until further notice.

Shared Blessings

We are so thankful for God's continued financial blessings throughout this difficult time. The giving results (year to date):

Giving: \$29,717.68

Expenses: \$25,821.01

Amount over: \$3,896.67

We have set up a fund for our Air conditioning/heating system in the online giving site. It is called "HVAC fund." You may also designate this on your offering envelope.

How can I contribute to First Baptist if I'm not able to attend Sunday service?

- 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
- We now have a slotted, outdoor mailbox next to the Church Office door that you may use.

Request from the Graveyard Committee:

Do you have a map or drawing that shows the plot numbers for the Cemetery sections A, B, or C? If so, please contact the Church Office.

Congratulations to:

- Margie Stuckey on the birth of her great-grandson Robert H. Felt, son of Tyler & Mary Knight Felt, grandson of Clyde & Mary Catherine Stuckey. The Felts live in Greenville, SC.



- Breanna Boyd & Nicholas Frye on their wedding on Saturday, September 19.



- Shelbey Gray on her engagement to Duke Dye. A November 2021 wedding is planned. Shelbey is the daughter of Robin Gray and Kevin Gray.



The Joyful Noise



One of the many things I LOVE about my job is that the children and I get to hear the church bells at the top of every hour. I tell the children it is one of the many beautiful ways that God reminds us to stop what we are doing, to be still, and to listen. I sing the words to them from the hymns that are played. Words they do not know yet, but words and meanings they will learn as they grow older and stay close to Him.

These past several months have been very challenging for our preschool and for me as director. As badly as I want to snap my fingers and fill our hall with children and have overflowing waiting lists, I know our world is challenged in ways it never has been before, which has temporarily hurt our program. Challenges that have trickled down from our world leaders, our country, to our community, to our families, and finally down to our children. It is so easy for us all to get discouraged and harder for some to have faith. But the bells will still ring. They will still remind us to STOP. To BE STILL. To LISTEN.

But our faith and perseverance to see God's timing through this and what He has in store ahead is what our preschool staff and I are holding on to. We are confident we will bounce back, stronger than before. We are working on BIG plans for First Baptist Preschool in 2021 that we are eager to share. As we continue to put the finishing touches on our plans to present to the Preschool Committee for approval, I ask the congregation for your daily prayers and support. We are excited about what the future holds for First Baptist Preschool, and soon, you will be too!

So please join me and our children to hear the promise of the bells! STOP! BE STILL! LISTEN! For God has BIG plans ahead to grow His kingdom with First Baptist Preschool!

BE A BLESSING!
Catherine

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Instagram: @FBPHartsville

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1st Kids

Hi Church Family,



I am so excited as we enter this new season of fall. Something about the change in weather and what this latter half of the year brings rejuvenates my soul. While I had hoped all of this uncertainty that 2020 has brought would be over and done with by now, unfortunately, we are still so unsure of where to go next!

My hope is that we will return in person in the next month, however, that is incumbent upon my volunteers as well! I want to make sure everyone is safe and healthy when we return. Please know that we are taking things day by day and week by week to ensure this is done correctly. Volunteers, please be on the lookout for an email coming to you this week regarding coming back together.

While we plan, we are still looking forward to weekly Zoom meetings for 1st Kids. These classes take place at 6:30 on Wednesday nights. I would love for your child to be a part of this! Call the church office if you are interested in receiving a kit to join us.

As always, thank you for your continued prayer for this little group. We are so pleased with what the Lord is doing in their lives.

In Love,
Ms. Lauren

Please Contact the Church Office:

- 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

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