

## From the Pastor ...



“Wow! Your parking lot looks good.”

I’m sure you’ve heard people around town complimenting First Baptist. And they are right, aren’t they? The Lord is blessing us with long overdue improvements on our campus. What you might not have seen yet are our kitchen renovations– new paint, counters, and appliances. We are not quite ready to start cooking, but soon.

That hasn’t stopped our Wednesday noon meal and prayer time. We have enjoyed sharing a meal together, singing, interactive learning, and praying. Please join us. We start at noon and end in time for you to get back to work if you need to.

Wednesday nights are also good! Well, other than last Wednesday, August 30, when we cancelled for tropical storm Idalia. It brought us much needed rain, and thankfully no significant damages.

On Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M., children enjoy our “1<sup>st</sup> Kids children’s ministry,” middle and high school students meet downstairs in the chapel for “Impact,” and adults can choose between two Bible Studies upstairs in the Family Life Building. One group is about parenting. A new generation of parents faces challenges like never before. How do they navigate through the cultural shifts in our nation while staying true to God’s principles for the family? If you or someone you know can benefit from this class, please come to room 201.

The other group will begin a fascinating study on hearing God. We know that prayer should be dialogue, not monologue, but the thought of hearing God other than through the Scriptures might seem strange. Yet, Jesus said, “The watchman opens the gate for (the Shepherd), and the sheep *listen to his*

*voice*. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they *know his voice* (John 10:3-4).”

Jesus’ profound statement begs the questions, “How can I recognize God’s voice? What helps or hinders me from hearing Him?” Come Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in room 210.

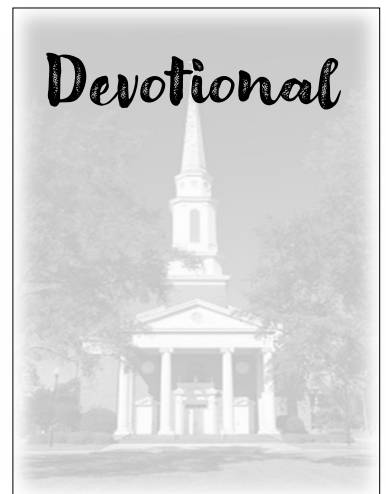
Hearing God is the subject for Day 26 in our devotions for the 21-Day Fast. How is the fast going for you? To willingly pray in the place of something you need or enjoy every day brings you closer to the Lord. You see Him a little more clearly involved in your life and in those around you.

September 3 is, of course, Labor Day weekend. We will finish the miniseries on the 21-Day Fast. The devotion provides studies for a full thirty days, so please continue on beyond the fast. Contact the office if you would like a Devotional.

The following Sunday the message will be “Celebrate.” It is amazing how much the Lord wants His people to rejoice and celebrate together. We will have a covered dish meal in the Family Life Building right

after the service. Bring a side dish and a friend who may not be connected to another church! This is a wonderful time to get to know each other better and to hear good things that God is doing.

See you Sunday.



## Music Ministry



Hey Church Family!

I am so excited that the choir is meeting again and singing on Sunday mornings! I hope it is

as much of a blessing to each of you as it is to me. Now that Wednesday night activities are back up and running, we decided to move our choir practices to right after those activities. We will be meeting from 7:30-8:15 every Wednesday night. I have been praying specifically that God will grow our choir, so if you find joy in singing, come and join us!

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 door

## Financial Report

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

Year-end update will follow.

## Missions Offering

The **Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions** will be collected in September. This offering supports mission efforts across South Carolina. Our church goal is \$2,000.00.

## September Events

### Weekly Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

9:15am Small Groups

10:30am Worship Service

#### **Tuesday:**

12:00-1:00pm Prayer for Revitalization

#### **Wednesday:**

10:00 Prayer in the Prayer Room

12:00pm Lunch, Prayer, and Devotions - *please sign up by noon on Mondays so we make enough food!*

6:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Kids Children's Ministry, Impact Student Ministry, Small Groups for Adults

7:30pm Choir practice

8:00pm Ladies' Zoom Group (starting September 13<sup>th</sup>)

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The **Church office** will be closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday.

**Church-wide Fellowship** after Worship service on Sunday, September 10. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat will be provided by the Church.

First Baptist will volunteer at the **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, September 14.

**Grateful Hearts luncheon** - Thursday, September 21 at 11:30

BBQ grilled chicken lunch sponsored by Bethea Retirement Community - *head count needed by Thursday, September 14; please call the Church office to sign up. **Everyone is welcome!***

## *Child & Family Resource Foundation*

Child and Family Resource (CFRF) continues to grow. In the former parsonage, located at 122 East Home Ave., mental health services will be offered by an LPC, LPES, and a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Additional services will be provided by teachers from the Hartsville community in our SETT® signature after school support program. Starting on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, CFRF will be sharing the FBC Children's building with First Baptist Preschool. Teachers from CFRF will provide educational instruction to 1<sup>st</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> grade children from our community in the areas of Math, ELA, Science, Art, Music and Social/ Emotional. If you know of a child who is in need of additional educational support, or you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Child and Family Resource at 843-917-0495.

Grateful for FBC!

Tracy Redfearn, Founder & Executive Director

## *September Birthdays*

9-2 Terrie Reames  
9-5 Ruth Kilgore  
9-6 Jimmie Warren  
9-7 Pete Hodge  
9-7 Claude Wint  
9-9 Dorothy Miller  
9-10 Jill Broach Roberts  
9-11 Kelsie Fink  
9-12 Sheila Mullis  
9-12 Michael B. Northcutt  
9-14 Fairland Bridges  
9-17 Clark Phillips  
9-19 Dr. Mac Chapman  
9-19 Jackie Coker  
9-20 Daniel Stamey  
9-22 Leah Brenn Northcutt  
9-22 Susan Pattengill  
9-23 Jennifer S. Fink  
9-23 Buzzie Snipes  
9-24 Jason Crist  
9-24 Tyler Poole  
9-27 Matthew Tomlinson  
9-28 Craig Hays  
9-30 Al Fink

### **Happy Birthday!**

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

## *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

## *FBC Staff*

Dr. Greg Boyd: Pastor  
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Jim Privette: Church Administrator  
Sterling Dyar: Worship Leader  
Crystal Hopkins: Financial Secretary  
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Vivian Robinson: Custodian  
Omerea Thurman: First Baptist Preschool Director  
843-878-0445  
Logan Fink: Drummer  
Lydia Smith: Nursery worker

## *New Deacons & Officers*

*Welcome to our new Deacons!*

Larry Easterling  
Craig Hays  
Brad Herring

*A big Thank You to our outgoing Deacons:*

Jacob Coward  
David Miller  
Clark Phillips  
Jim Privette  
Claude Wint  
Dick Coker, who will be moving out of the area

*New Officers:*

Jackie Ponder - Chairman  
Al Fink - Vice-chairman  
Sterling Dyar - Secretary

## *FBC on Social Media*

Website: firstbaptisthartsville.org

Facebook: First Baptist Church Hartsville

YouTube: FBC Hartsville SC

## *In Sympathy*

Our hearts go out to the  
families of Faye Page and  
Ned Blackman





## *1st Kids Children's Ministry*



Dear Church Family,

We had a great start to our 1<sup>st</sup> Kids and Club 45 this month! They are so excited to be learning about

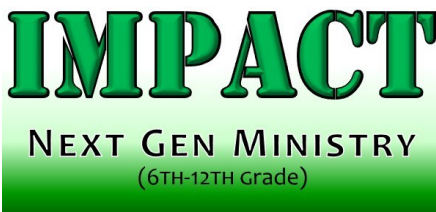
Heroes of the Bible. This year we will be looking at Biblical heroes and how WE can become heroes of the faith!

If you know anyone who would like to participate in our Wednesday nights, please bring them! We serve them dinner and everything starts at 6pm. I am so very excited about what we are going to accomplish this year!

Thank you for your continued prayers!

In Love,  
Ms. Lauren

## *Impact Student Ministry*



Hello Church Family,

The youth had a great start to our year with a kickoff game

night. We had 12 youth there and they had a blast!

In September we will participate in the DNOW. DNOW is short for Discipleship Now. Hartsville has not had a DNOW in about 10 years, so I am excited that we are doing it once again. Lakeview is hosting the event and it starts on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 at Lakeview and goes through Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 PM. You can reach out to me for more information. We will continue to meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm until 7:15. If you want to really have fun in youth come and bring a friend!

In Christ,

Jackie Ponder  
843-610-6643 (call or text)  
[jackie@rednop.com](mailto:jackie@rednop.com)

## *First Baptist Preschool*



Hello First Baptist,

The Preschool is having a fundraiser for new playground equipment!

There will be 4 Prize Baskets. Tickets are \$5.00.

Tickets will be available at the Preschool or the church office starting Tuesday, September 5.

Each basket is valued between \$300 to \$500 and contains gift cards for restaurants, oil change, haircut, mani/pedi, earrings, jewelry gift, home décor, hair products, mini photo shoot, personalized items, and more!



The drawing will be on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at First Baptist Preschool. You do not need not be present to win.

In Christ's love,  
Omerea



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