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THE TIE

AUGUST 2018

The Blessing of the Backpacks & Backpack Drive for Allendale*

Sunday
Morning
Worship,
August 19,
10:30am

*More info in this
issue of *The Tie*
about the Allendale
Backpack Drive



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Brian Harlan Ashley Bragg Fine Arts Institute July 29-August 2	2 Lee Cooper	3 Taeko Riddle Jean Deason David Corley JP Pratt	4 Bill Marchman Tana Adams Emily Reynolds Penelope Kerber
5 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Elaine Sumnerel	6 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team	7 1pm Norton WMU Susan Corley	8 Kitty Stone Kena Cox Andrew Burroughs	9	10	11 Ruth Anne Sharp Summie Carlay
12 8:45am SS Leaders Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Peggy Staggs Brandon Addy	13 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team	14 Susan Sexton Don Price Kevin Dean Alivee Coggins	15 Bart Cothran Haymes Harlan	16 2pm Knitting Group	17 Patrick Terrell Dale Nelson Jay Sherer Caleb Reid	18 Mariel Fridy
19 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Promotion Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks/First Graders Receive their Bibles Kirk Garrett Lynn Craig	20 10am Senior Adult Game Day 3pm Drop-in for FBC Members @ Martha Franks 4pm Prayer Team 6pm Deacon Banquet Ellen Bailes Cindy Chandler	21 11am CWA Meeting Julie Cooper Mathew Turner	22 Steve Lynch Cathy Little Laura Taylor	23 Nancy Chapman	24 Mellie Motes Betsy Brown	25 Sara-Frances Lail
26 8:45am Doughnut Fellowship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Deacon Installation/Ordination Frankie Sherman Ray Craft	27 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Nora Jolley Patricia Frost Sandy Johnson Natalie Fleck Bill Tumblin Merry Chandler	28 Barbara Ward George Love Sonya Croker	29	30 5:30pm Kindergarten Open House	31 Alice Brown	

C3: Care, Compassion & Connection...

C3 is a new ministry of our church that will begin in September to provide more **CARE, COMPASSION and CONNECTION** to our homebound members.

The purpose of **C3** is to remind our homebound members that they are loved, prayed for and still a valuable part of our church family.

As advances in medicine continue, the average life expectancy of Americans continues to increase. In 2017, the average life expectancy was 80. However, the increase in life expectancy doesn't always assure quality of life.

We currently have more than 60 members of our church who are unable to attend church anymore because of health issues. We believe that it is our responsibility as followers of Christ and as brothers and sisters to these homebound members, to make sure we **CARE** for them, show them **COMPASSION** and be the **CONNECTION** to their church that they long to have. In many cases, a visit from a staff or church member is the only remaining connection our homebound members have to their church. If you have an interest in helping care for our homebound members, or if you have the gift of visiting and comforting those who can no longer attend church, we invite you to join the **C3** Team. We will meet the first Thursday of every month in the choir room at 10:00am to receive updates on our homebound members and to pray for them. We will then divide up to visit those homebound members.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 6 at 10:00am in the choir room. We will meet for 30 minutes and then head out to visit for about an hour. We will have the names of all of our homebound members listed on a 5x7 information card. You may choose 1 or 2 members to visit that day! After your visit(s), fill out the information card provided and drop it in the offering plate the following Sunday or bring it back by the church office. This information will be valuable to the staff as they make their plans for visiting that month.

I would invite you to strongly consider being a part of this worthwhile ministry of our church! Please feel free to call me at the church, on my cell (923-1631) or email me (adair@fbclaurens.org) if you have questions or if you would like to be part of the **C3** team!

Many thanks! ... Adair

Adult Sunday School Class Spotlight

Our spotlight class for the month of August is the Singles Class. This class is a small group that maintains great attendance by supporting and encouraging each other through prayer and by remaining open and inviting to anyone who visits the class.

The Singles Class enjoys getting together outside of the classroom for regular fellowship events. They are also involved in a ministry to The Safe Home of Laurens County. The Singles Class reflects on God's Word together each week by using Bible Studies for Life curriculum (Lifeway), taught each week by Malinda Chalmers. The age range of the class is 20-55.

If you would like more information on the Singles Class or any of our other adult classes, please contact Tommy at the church, or at tommy@fbclaurens.org.

Promotion Sunday is August 19! This day marks the beginning of a new year in Sunday School. Join us for doughnuts, juice and coffee in the Rotunda at 8:45am. Classes begin at 9:30.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies (beginning September 5, 2018, 6-7 pm)

Old Testament Characters- They were ordinary people. Most would not make the headlines in any other history book except God's. Yet the men and women of the Old Testament made critical choices that led to extraordinary results. This 10-week study will explore the lives of some of the Old Testament characters (some familiar, some not-so-familiar) and how their example helps us live in the present by learning from people of the past. Tommy Cox will lead this study each week at 6pm in the Conference Room.

Last Words: The Book of Revelation for Today
Revelation is one of the most talked about books of the New Testament. It is also one of the least read and most misinterpreted! Join us as we study Revelation this Fall. We'll talk about the way the book has been interpreted over the years, think about the best way to understand this section of God's word and focus on the lessons of this last book of the Bible for life today. Rickey will lead the study in Bobo Hall.

August and September Dates to Remember at FBC

- July 29-Aug 2 Fine Arts Institute
- August 2-4 Father-Son Camp
- August 19 Promotion Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks/First Grade Bibles
- August 26 Deacon Installation/Ordination
- August 30 FBC Kindergarten Open House
- September 5 Wednesday Night Meal & Activities Begin
- September 10 Sunday Evening Activities Resume



Senior Adult Conference September 17-19, 2018 - Gatlinburg, TN

The cost is \$210 for double occupancy and includes registration, hotel, snack lunch on Tuesday and supper at The Old Mill Restaurant in Pigeon Forge Tuesday night.



Please be in prayer for the upcoming Children's Events at FBC in August:

- Fine Arts Institute, July 29-August 2
- Father/Son Camp at Camp McCall, August 2-4
- Promotion Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, and the Bible Celebration for Rising 1st Graders will all take place on Sunday, August 19. We look forward to seeing you here on this very special day as we kick off a new school year!

FBC Kindergarten Updates:

- We still have availability in our Mother's Morning Out class (12-24 months) on Tuesday/Thursday and 3K (must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2018) for 3 or 5 days/week. All classes meet from 8:15am-12:15pm. Registration forms can be found on our website or in the church office. Please contact Elizabeth with any questions. First day of school at FBCK is September 4!
- FBCK Open House is August 30. Drop-in for a visit anytime from 5:30-7pm to meet teachers and visit classrooms!
- We are collecting donations for school supplies at FBCK for our school year. Items we use regularly are: Elmer's Glue Sticks, Elmer's white glue, Crayola crayons, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, paper towels, and GermX. You may place your donations in the box by the church office. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Worship at FBC in August

August 5	Barnabas: Second Chair Living	Acts 13:1-3
August 12	Fine Arts Campers Lead Worship	
August 19	Blessing of the Backpacks, First Grade Bible Presentation	
August 26	Deacon Installation & Ordination	

Allendale Backpack Drive

As we continue to grow our relationship with Allendale, SC, we have learned from our partners there that they have a significant need for backpacks for lower income students as the new school year begins. Since we have a tradition of blessing the backpacks of our own students, we are inviting you as individuals or Sunday School classes to consider donating a backpack for a child in Allendale. We will receive your backpack donations through August 19 which is the day we will bless backpacks in worship. If you will be here on the 19th, we encourage you to bring your backpack that you are donating that day. If you have questions, feel free to contact Tommy Cox. Also, details about a Fall Trip to Allendale are coming soon!

MINISTER ON CALL

One of our ministers will be on call every weekend, so if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call us! The minister on call schedule is:

July 30-Aug 5	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
August 6-12	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
August 13-19	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
August 20-26	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
Aug 27-Sept 2	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631

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For the Record - FBC in July (Through July 22)

Average Sunday School: 301
 Average June Worship: 377
 Average June Worship & Extended Session: 395

Offering Totals (Through July 22)

General Fund Needs YTD: \$598,213.11
 General Fund Giving YTD: \$573,710.86
 One Family/One Mission Capital Campaign Giving To Date: \$ 856,681.45

Meet our Newest Member!



Lily Goforth



Morgan Bolding