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SEPTEMBER 2018

Fall Restart!

September 5

Wednesday Evening Family Night Suppers & Activities Restart

5:00pm: Family Night Supper

5:45pm: 1st-5th Grade Choir

6:00pm: Ignite for Youth, Adult Studies, Preschool Choir (2-5 yrs)

6:30pm: Kids on Mission (2 yrs through 5th grade)

7:00pm: Adult Choir

September 9

New Series Begins in Worship:

God IS Near! Growing A Relationship with Our Creator

6:00pm: FBC Committees Dinner & Planning

September 11

Children's Chimes & Handbells Restart

September 16

Sunday Evening Activities Restart

4:15: Youth Handbells

5:00pm: Youth Choir

6:00: Men's & Women's Studies, Adult Book Study, *The Walk* for Youth

September 18

Tuesday Men's Studies Restart, 7:00am & Noon

September 24

Adult Handbells Restart, 6:00pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship John Outz Bubba Rawl Sabrina Reid	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY Chip Jenkins Greg Davis Adeline Kerber	7am High School Breakfast 2:30pm WMU Season of Prayer, Razor Chapel, Speaker Tommy Cox Jackie Montgomery Harriette Nabors, Greg Weaver Brent Smith, Travis Goforth	Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Tom Reid Nikki Ward Rebecca Corley	10am C3 Meeting Rachel Spoon John Topping Melissa Lindley	5 th Quarter FBC gym after the game Olivia Crotts	Angela Marlett Elizabeth Weaver Abby Wigley
8:45am SS Leaders Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Robin O'Bryant Kristen Rinaca Tori Carpenter	7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Lisa Corley	7am High School Breakfast 3pm Children's Handbells Peggy Lee	Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Bobby Creech Carolyn McDaniel Melissa Gault	Austin Snow	5 th Quarter @ Chestnut Ridge after the game Mike Little Gary Allen Nancy Brown	Donna Bazen Jon Henderson Victoria Fleck Macy Sweatman
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Charles Barden Davis Sexton Glenn Culbertson	7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Deacon's Meeting Fran Robbins	7am High School Breakfast 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Handbells Perry Lanford Brittney Allen	Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Beverly Hall Margaret McIntyre Debbie Campbell Kim Mitchum	2pm Knitting Group Kirk Garrett Jr.	Bekah Carpenter	Bob McCraney
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Millie Gwinn Bobby Ivey Cheri Jacobs	7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior Adult Game Day 3pm Drop-in for FBC Members @ Martha Franks 4pm Prayer Team 6pm Adult Handbells Willie Herring, Doug Todd	7am High School Breakfast 11am CWA Meeting 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Handbells Katie Hanna	See You at the Pole Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Beth Holmes Claire Pratt	Buddy Craig Pam Cox Ahna Rubio	Malinda Chalmers	Cromer Thompson Mary Ellen Hill Lynn Finley Ashley Hall Joseph Ricard
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Lu Hill Carolyn Madden Catie Rawl						

Sundays

4:15 Youth Handbells
5pm Youth Choir
6pm Youth Group

6pm Men's Study
6pm Women's Study
6pm Adult Study

Wednesdays

5pm Supper
5:45 1st-5th Grade Choir
6pm Preschool Choir (2-5 years)
6:30pm Kids on Mission (2 yrs-5th grade)

6pm Adult Studies
6pm Youth Worship
7pm Adult Choir

Teamwork...

September means the start of football season which is a favorite time of year for many. One of the things I like about football is that it may be the most team oriented sport. A pitcher can dominate a baseball game. A point guard can score 50 points and take over a basketball game. But, most football games are won by teams. The same is true of the church. We need lots of hands at work for the church to function well and thrive! This issue of **THE TIE** celebrates this reality in two ways. It does so by sharing with you the names of those who will serve on our committees over the next year. We will affirm this group of volunteer leaders in Worship on Sunday, September 9. Teamwork is also seen through the countless programs, studies and ministries that restart in September. All of them are dependent on volunteers who willingly share their time and talents. We are so fortunate to be a part of the church where people give of themselves and who serve and lead with joy and excitement. I am grateful...**Rickey**

Personnel News

Our Personnel Committee is excited to share three changes to our staff. First, we welcome **Bryson Allen Schultz** as our new Associate Music Minister. Bryson's main focus will be on working with our growing Children's Music Programs. Second, we are happy to announce a new title for **Tana Adams** as our Ministry Assistant and Desktop Publisher. This title highlights Tana's growing and good work with our church media including **THE TIE**, Order of Worship, Worship Slides, Website, Social Media and Digital Sign. Third, we are happy to announce new hours for **Lucy Crowder**. Lucy will increase to 29 hours a week which will give more time for her to focus on our growing responsibilities. We are so fortunate to have an excellent staff.

Music, Music, Music!

Music fundamentals are important! Combine music fundamentals with Biblical and faith foundations, and you've got an unbeatable combination! That's exactly what we offer our children each week in our choir programs!

Here's our fall music schedule:

- Preschool Choirs (2-5 year olds), Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30, beginning September 5
- Graded Choir (1st-5th grade), Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30, beginning September 5
- Children's Handbells and Choirchimes (1st-5th grade), Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30, beginning September 11
- Youth Choir (6th-12th grade), Sundays from 5:00-6:00, beginning September 9
- Youth Handbells (6th-12th grade), Sundays from 4:15-5:00, beginning September 9
- Adult Choir (18-98!), Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15, beginning September 5

Haiti Mission Trip

Our next trip to Haiti will be February 2-8, 2019. We need people with skills and talents of all shapes and sizes from builders to dentists to encouragers to teachers to engineers to organizers to doctors to those who love to play with children to physical therapists to painters... and everything in between! A deposit of \$300 is due September 15 to reserve your spot. If you've always wanted to go but have never pulled the trigger, or if you've thought this MIGHT be something you'd be interested in, call Adair and talk to her about the trip!

Please welcome our new Sunday School Class: "Families in Faith"- This class is for couples, age 30-45, and they meet each week in the Children's Choir Room. Corey and Anna Ottosen will be leading the class. If you would like to know more about the class, please see Corey or Anna, or contact Tommy Cox.

Allendale Missions

- **Backpacks for Allendale**- Thanks, FBC Laurens, for your prayers and support of our Backpacks for Allendale project. Through your efforts, we were able to collect 175 backpacks! Please continue to be in prayer for the students in Allendale as they begin a new school year.
- **The 2018 Fall Allendale Mission Trip** will be October 26-27. Cost for the trip is \$60. You may register for the trip on the pew pads or by contacting the church office. Deadline for registration is Sunday, September 23. If you have any questions, please see Tommy Cox (tommy@fbclaurens.org).

Sunday and Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies

Beginning Wednesday, September 5, 6-7pm

- **"Old Testament Characters"**- Tommy Cox will lead this study in the Conference Room.
- **"Last Words: The Book of Revelation for Today"** Rickey Letson will lead this study in Bobo Hall.

Beginning Sunday, September 16, 6-7pm

- **Restore My Heart**: 6-week study for women about Christ's love for YOU and His invitation to you. Kate Orcutt and Miranda Langston will lead this study from 6-7pm in the Conference Room. Cost of the book is \$10. You may register on the pew pads during worship, or by contacting the church office.
- **Meditations on Luke Men's Study**: meeting in the Fireside Room, Cost of book is \$10. (This same study is repeated on Tuesdays at 7am and noon.)
- **God's Many Voices** by Liz Ditty. Open to all adults, the book helps us to learn how to listen expectantly for God in our everyday lives. A special feature is that we will Skype with Liz Ditty during the study. Meeting in Bobo Hall.

FBC Children's Ministry

FBC Kindergarten kicks off Tuesday, September 4 for MMO and our 5 day a week classes! All other classes will begin Wednesday, September 5!

Wednesday Restart: Wednesday, September 5

- Choir and Kids on Mission for all children ages 2 years old through 5th Grade.
- Nursery provided for children under 2 for those who are leading a class or attending an adult Bible study.
- 5:00 - Supper
- 5:45-6:30 - 1st-5th Grade Choir
- 6:00-6:30 - Preschool Choir (2-5 yrs)
- 6:30-7:00 - Kids on Missions (2 yrs through 5th Grade)



Fine Arts Institute 2018

D6 Parenting Class: Sunday, September 16 at 5PM in the Youth Room! ALL parents are encouraged to attend! Learn Biblical truths and scripture about raising our children in a Godly way.

CWAs

Our first CWA meeting of the new year will be Tuesday, September 25, at 11:00am in Bobo Hall. John Topping will be our guest as he offers us an informative look into the Revolutionary War. Lunch is \$7 and will be provided by Til Culbertson. We hope you'll join us!



Youth breakfast is a time for fellowship with your Diverge family. Middle School students meet on Monday mornings at Bojangles @ 7:00. Students will ride on the FBC bus to school immediately following breakfast. Currently, we're only able to take students to Sanders and Laurens Middle Schools. High School students meet on Tuesdays at Chick-fil-A @ 7:00. Students will ride on the FBC bus to school after breakfast.

September 5: **IGNITE** Youth Worship begins

September 9: **The Walk** Youth Sunday nights begin

5TH QUARTERS THIS YEAR

- September 7: FBC Laurens
- September 14: Chestnut Ridge
- October 5: FBC Laurens
- October 26: Chestnut Ridge

September 26: **See You At The Pole**

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:

Aug 27-Sept 2	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
September 3-9	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
September 10-16	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
September 17-23	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
September 24-30	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631

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For the Record - FBC in August

Average Sunday School: 358

Average June Worship: 428

Average June Worship & Extended Session: 448

Offering Totals (Through August 28)

General Fund Needs YTD: \$701,353.31

General Fund Giving YTD: \$671,268.71

One Family/One Mission Capital Campaign Giving To Date: \$ 861,805.38

Meet our Newest Members!



Nell Aiken



Jesse & Zoey Sward