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SEPTEMBER 2022

## Fall Restart!

- Greetings from our New Pastor
- Adult Studies on Sunday and Wednesday
- Men's Studies on Sunday and Tuesday
- Deacon Nominations During September
- Children and Youth Activities
- You can find all this and more inside this month's edition of *The Tie*!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 John Outz Brett Prescott Bubba Rawl	3 Greg Davis Chip Jenkins Adeline Kerber
4 Brent Smith Joy Culbertson Rosemary Patterson	5 4pm Martha Franks Fellowship Rebecca Corley Tom Reid	6 1 <sup>st</sup> day FBC Kindergarten 5:30 Men's Golf Fellowship Rachel Spoon John Topping	7 Lewis Compton	8 Abby Wigley Elizabeth Weaver	9 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter at FBC Robin O'Bryant Kristen Kinaca Tori Carpenter	10 Lisa Corley
11 Peggy Lee	12 Carolyn McDaniel Melissa Gault Bobby Creech Jalen Bragg	13	14 Gary Allen Nancy Brown	15 Jon Henderson Macy Sweatman	16 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter at Chestnut Ridge Glenn Culbertson Davis Sexton	17 Wonka, Jr. @ Laurens Co Community Theater Graycen Coggins
18 Perry Lanford Brittney Allen	19 7pm Deacon's Meeting Kim Mitchum Margaret McIntyre Beverly Hall	20 5:30 Men's Golf Fellowship William Garrett	21 Owen Crow	22 2pm Knitting Group Bob McCraney	23 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter at FBC Millie Gwinn Cheri Griffin Bill Wham	24 Douglas Todd
FBC Family Promise Host Week						
25 Katie Hanna Ryland Culbertson	26 Claire Pratt Beth Holmes	27 I am CWA Meeting Pam Cox Zoey Sward Buddy Craig Ahna Rubio	28 Malinda Chalmers	29 Lynn Finley Joseph Ricard	30 Carolyn Madden Brie Holmes Catie Rawl	
Senior Adult Fall Jubilee - September 26-28 - Gatlinburg TN						
Sundays						
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00-7:30pm Youth Study, Music, Supper, Handbells	6pm Men's Group 6pm Adult Study	Wednesdays			6pm Adult Bible Studies 7pm Adult Choir 6pm Youth Worship	



## Dear FBCL Church Family,

The month of August has been a roller coaster for us both. Rebecca and I returned from Laurens to begin the process of saying “goodbye” to the wonderful people at First Baptist Rutherfordton, who have been our church family for the past ten years. John Alan is now enrolled at Gardner-Webb, living on campus and beginning his college career. Rebecca finished a two-week notice with her wonderful children at Forest City-Dunbar Elementary school (which began school on July 18). Her students begged her not to leave, and a few suggested that she “break up” with me. It gave Rebecca an opportunity to share about God’s calling on our lives but also an opportunity to tell them how much she will miss them. Natalie began high school at Laurens District 55 High School to warm welcomes from FBCL teachers and youth alike! And you recently said goodbye to Dr. David Hull for a second time. Dr. Hull provided outstanding leadership during the interim and spoke so highly of his time with you in the 1980’s and 1990’s. August has been a month of goodbyes.

While August has been a month of goodbye, September provides opportunities to say hello. We appreciate all of you who have reached out to us on social media and we cannot wait to see you in person. This week (at least in North Carolina) has been slightly cooler, hinting at Autumn to come. And programs will be underway soon at FBCL!

As Fall programming resumes at FBCL, may I encourage you to begin again with these new opportunities. Perhaps you have gotten out of the habit of attending church regularly. Please consider prioritizing Sunday morning attendance again. Prayerfully consider joining one of the many outstanding Sunday school classes available at FBCL. Not only will you be blessed by excellent Bible teaching, but you will receive the blessing of wonderful people to journey with as you open God’s Word. Perhaps you might consider participating in one of the meaningful studies offered on Sunday Night or Wednesday Night, listed on the right. Maybe joining the choir or volunteering in some capacity appeals to you. Maybe you feel the Spirit’s leadership in one or more of these opportunities. This could be a time for you to begin again. It can be a time to say hello to something new.

That’s the beautiful thing about the story of God we find ourselves in! In Christ we may begin again. If we need forgiveness, we can find it. If we feel God’s leadership for new opportunities, the Spirit will lead us. We simply must be faithful to respond to God’s calling in our lives. August may be a month of goodbyes, but September is coming and with it the promise of hello to new beginnings.

In our Midweek Service of Prayer at FBC Rutherfordton, we share a time of thanksgiving each week. We conclude that brief portion of our service with these words from Dag Hammarskjöld: “Night is drawing nigh. For all that has been - thanks! For all that shall be - yes!”

I’m grateful for all that has been. I’m looking forward to all that shall be together with you! I’m looking forward to September.

Grace and peace,

Tim

## Wednesday Evening Adult Studies beginning September 7 at 6:00pm

**Heavenly Stories with Earthly Meaning-** I’m really looking forward to being with you this September and joining your journey of faith at FBC Laurens! While it’s exciting to preach each Sunday, what I really love are opportunities to open the Bible and read scripture together. While we have an ancient text that made sense in a context foreign to us, through the ages God’s Holy Spirit has spoken to Christ followers in multiple places and generations...including to us! Join us each Wednesday Night In Bobo Hall as we peruse Christ’s parables together, mining them for their rich meaning in their context and ours! - Tim

**Nehemiah: Strength to Build for God-** The book of Nehemiah records a key moment in the history of God’s people: the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem after the return from exile. Understanding this book doesn’t just mean knowing about a rebuilt wall. Nehemiah helps us think through any type of rebuilding we might do for God—from our homes and families to our local church, our communities, and our world. It teaches us, ultimately about Jesus and His mission. Tommy Cox will lead 11-week study in the Craft Room.

## Sunday Evening Adult Studies beginning September 11 at 6:00pm

**Unshakeable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God.** Are you feeling overwhelmed? Disappointed? Worried? In a world full of instability, we don’t need opinions or hunches for help; we require the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God! In this book, Max Lucado unpacks 12 of the Bible’s most significant promises that will equip you to overcome difficult circumstances and stay focused on hope. Cost of the book is \$10. Tim Marsh, John Topping, Phillip Dean, and David Corley will lead this study in Bobo Hall.

**Attention Men!** Our Men’s Groups will resume on Sunday, September 11. This Fall, we will be reading *Kingdom Men Rising: A Call to Growth and Greater Influence* by Tony Evans. Drawing lessons from the life of King David, Evans shows how we can walk in victory and impact others for Christ. Cost of the book is \$10.00 and will be available at the first meeting. The Sunday evening group will meet at 6:00pm (beginning Sunday, Sept. 11) and the Tuesday morning group will meet at 7:00am (beginning Tuesday, Sept. 13). Both groups will meet in Classroom A (FLC/Gym area). For more information, please contact Tommy Cox.



- September 6 - First Day of School for FBC Kindergarten
- September 7 - Wednesday night children's activities begin for children ages 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade! Nursery provided for children under 2 whose parent is leading a class or participating in an adult Bible Study.
- September 13 - 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tuesday activities begin!



Thank you for all the prayers and support you gave our Student Ministry this summer. We're blessed by all the ways this church family shows its love to our students.

### Worship on Wednesday Resumes 9/7 at 6!

September Series: *Rad*, a four week series about loving others focused on the Book of James

### Sunday Night Activities Resume 9/11!

#### Sunday Evening Schedule:

- 5-5:40 - High School Handbells, Middle School Small Groups
- 5:40-6:20 - Choir
- 6:20-6:50 - Dinner
- 6:50-7:30 - Middle School Bells, High School Groups

### 5<sup>th</sup> Quarters are Back!

- 9/9 - FBC
- 9/16 - Chesnut Ridge
- 9/23 - FBC
- 10/7 - FBC

## RECREATION MINISTRY

October 24 - Paintly Fun at 6:30pm

November 12 - Paintball Outing

Be on the lookout for more Fall Recreation events and activities!

### FBC September Golf Fellowship Schedule

**Tuesday, September 6 and Tuesday, September 20**

Both rounds will be played at Lakeside Country Club at 5:30pm. Deadline to register is 5:00pm the day before the event. Email [tommy@fbclaurens](mailto:tommy@fbclaurens) or call the church office.

## 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 29-Sept 4	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
September 5-11	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
September 12-18	Elizabeth Franklin	803-960-9099
September 19-25	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841
Sept 26-Oct 2	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631

## Financial Record - August 2022

August Needs:	\$109,164.00
August Giving:	\$47,516.03
2022 Giving to Date:	\$674,063.29
2022 Needs to Date	\$764,148.00

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Deacon Nominations

Nomination forms will be available in the church office, during the month of September.

These nominations will be for a three (3) year term of office to begin in January 2023. To qualify for this office, a person must:

1. Be a member of this church for at least three (3) consecutive years
2. Must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age
3. Cannot be a member of the church staff, a salaried employee, or a household member of church ministerial staff. In addition, two (2) household members may not serve simultaneously on the Board of Deacons.

A list of nominees will be published in the church publications during the first week of October, with the election of Deacons to be held during worship on October 16, 2022.

Meet  
our  
New Members!



Jordan Kennemore  
& Drenda Taylor



Lynda Holley



Scott O'Rear



Brayden  
Yarbrough