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OCTOBER 2022

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 26 6-7 PM

WE NEED LOTS OF "TRUNKS"!!! PLEASE
CONTACT OUR CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU'D LIKE
TO BE A PART OF THIS INCREDIBLY FUN NIGHT!
IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS — JOIN YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Kim Fridy Jean Patterson Brandi Strickland Carson Todd
2 World Communion Sunday 2pm Sarah Segars Birthday Party @ LC Museum 4:45 Parenting Seminar Sarah Segars	3 4pm Martha Franks Fellowship Peyton Robertson Dean Youmans Ann McDowell Stella Black Marissa McCord	4 Brock Franklin Christy McCall	5 Rich Coggins Kristin Werts Ashlyn Lynch	6 Senior Adults to Henderson for Apples Landon Dasher	7 5 th Quarter at FBC Amanda Addy Adair Rogers Carolyn Reid Heath Coggins Mike Sharp Donna Bridgeman Tim Norton	8 Youth to Carowinds Jack Yarbrough Julie Hobbs
9 1 st -4 th Grade Handbells in Worship 4:45 Parenting Seminar Zella Kennemore Addison Hornberger Jeff Brink Eleanor Allen	10 Chris England	11 Cathy Martin Jessica Cooper Paula Day	12 Charlie Chalmers Johna Finley Angela Compton	13 Sarah Culbertson	14 Mary Kate Bobo Bo Carlay	15
16 Deacon Election 4:45 Parenting Seminar Bill Finley Buena Gambrell Corey Ottosen	17 7pm Deacon's Meeting Jeff Field	18 I I am CWA Meeting Ed Prescott	19 Ali Horger	20 2pm Knitting Group Tommy Burns Brandon Schultz Laurie Munden Brown Patterson	21 Mike Lindley Jan Craft	22 Chris McCord Desiree Belsom
23 Tommy's 25 th Anniversary at FBC Meg Turner Tim Wilkie	24 Paintly Fun Painting Night Betty E. Cox Allie West Barton Holmes	25 Nancy Crow Terri Freeze Josh Black Katie Kennemore-Alexander	26 Trunk or Treat Jane Cain	27	28 Middle School Retreat	29 Don Franks Jesse Sward Joseph Allmond
30 1 st -5 th Graders Sing in Worship Middle School Retreat	31 Jan Franks Jessie McCall Betty Coggins					
Sundays						
Wednesdays						
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00-7:30pm Youth Study, Music, Supper, Handbells	6pm Men's Group 6pm Adult Study	5-7pm Canteen area open for BYO supper 6-7pm Pre-School Kids on Mission & Choir, 1 st -5 th Grade Children's Choir				
					6pm Adult Bible Studies 7pm Adult Choir 6pm Youth Worship	

From Our Pastor...

Many years ago, when I began shopping for Rebecca's engagement ring, I thoroughly researched diamonds. I learned that they are the hardest substance on the planet. I learned that they are rare. And, of course, I learned that they are beautiful. The way light is refracted to create beautiful sparkles mesmerizes us all. All these things give diamonds value. However, jewelers have a more technical way to determine value. They are cut, clarity, carat and color. The shape of the diamond, the purity of the diamond, the size of the diamond and the color of the diamond contribute to the value of the diamond.

Some things are valuable because they are rare and beautiful. Other things are valuable because they are valuable to us. Both Rebecca and I still possess a stuffed animal from our preschool days. While they would sell for less than a dollar at a thrift store, they are priceless to us because of what they meant to us as children. Rebecca gave me a Fossil watch for my first birthday we celebrated together in 1999. The watch kept good time until 2018. It was the only watch that I would wear. A pawn shop may have given me five dollars for it, but it was priceless to me.

How do we measure the value of a church? Is a church valuable because of how many people attend? Is it valuable because of its programming? What about facilities?

In the first few weeks that I've had the privilege to serve you as your pastor, I've met some wonderful people. I have been in awe at the quality of our Christian Education and Music programs, along with our ministries to children and youth. Our resources have captivated my imagination for opportunities to minister.

All these things (and more) are important. Yet, our value comes from the One who created this community from "every tribe, tongue, race and language." Our value comes from God because, by His Spirit, we are His people. As such, we have value. We are valuable simply for being. The church has intrinsic value.

While we are valuable because God has brought us into existence, we are also valuable because God has called us to join Him in His mission to reach the world for Jesus Christ. As David Platt has said, "The church is God's Plan A and there is no Plan B!" We are the ones through whom Christ is made known. We share the message of Jesus verbally and through our deeds. The world sees Christ and experiences Christ through us.

Years ago, First Baptist Church adopted the vision statement, "Bringing joy to the heart of God and bringing Christ to the people of Laurens." The former testifies to our church's intrinsic value. We are valuable simply for being. The latter testifies to our church's instrumental value. We are valued for our role in God's mission. I hope that you will join us for worship this October as we remember our value as God's people!

Grace and peace,

Tim

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Wednesday Evening

- Heavenly Stories with Earthly Meaning- Led by Tim Marsh at 6:00pm in Bobo Hall
- *Nehemiah: Strength to Build for God*- Led by Tommy Cox at 6:00pm in the Craft Room.

Sunday Evening

- *Unshakeable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God.* -Led by Tim Marsh, John Topping, Phillip Dean, and David Corley at 6:00pm in Bobo Hall.

Attention Men! Our Men's Groups have resumed, and now's the time to get involved. We are 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. The Sunday evening group meets at 6:00pm and the Tuesday morning meets at 7:00am. Both groups will meet in Classroom A (FLC/Gym area). For more information, please contact Tommy Cox.

CALLING ALL WOMEN! You are invited to a multi-generational discussion class to begin Sunday, October 23 at 5pm. Childcare will be provided from 5-6pm. Come ready to connect in fellowship and enjoy a little something sweet! The class will be led by Bryson Schultz and Jessica Cooper. Meeting place TBD. If you would like to join us, you may sign up on the pew pads on Sunday morning or by contacting the church office.

GriefShare Ministry- Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one to death? Have you learned valuable lessons and experienced healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same? We are in the process of developing a GriefShare ministry at FBC. If you would like to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities within this ministry, please contact Tommy Cox at the church office or at tommy@fbclaurens.org.

Our FBC Golf Fellowship Spring/Summer season has concluded. It has been a great time of fun and fellowship, giving our golfers an opportunity to spend time with old friends and to also make new ones. For information about upcoming events go to fbclaurens.org or tommy@fbclaurens.org.

- 1st-5th Grade Tuesday Afternoon Activities: will continue each Tuesday in October from 3:15-5pm.
- Parent Seminar: October 2, 9, and 16 @ 4:45-5:45pm in the Craft Room. Great for parents of all ages! Childcare will be available.
- October 9: 1st & 2nd Grade and 3rd & 4th Grade Handbells play in worship
- October 24: Paintly Fun @ 6:30. Call the church office to sign up!
- October 26: Trunk or Treat from 6-7pm! We need LOTS of "trunks"!!! Please contact our church office if you'd like to be a part of this incredibly fun night! It's not just for kids — join your church family for a night of fun!
- October 30: 1st-5th Grade Children's Choir sings in worship

Fall is here and so are all of our Student Ministry Activities! Join us on Wednesdays and Sundays to get involved and see what God is doing in Diverge Student Ministry!

Weekly Events

- Wednesday Nights - 6pm, Worship on Wednesday
- Sunday Nights - 5pm - 7:30pm - Handbells, Choir, and Small Groups (dinner provided)

Upcoming Events

- Friday, 10/7 - 5th Quarter at FBC
- Saturday, 10/8 - Carowinds/Scarowinds
- Friday, 10/28 - Sunday, 10/30 - "The Big Questions" - Middle School Retreat 2022

Parenting Seminar

Are you a parent, grandparent, teacher, coach, or volunteer with young adults, teenagers, or children? Do you struggle to understand the young people in your life? Do you worry about the world they're growing up in and wonder how faith can thrive in a world that seems designed to compete against it? Join us on October 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 4:45 in the Craft Room for "Will Our Children Have Faith: The Good, Bad, Ugly, and Hopeful News about the Next Generations," a three part series that will seek to inform, equip, and inspire those who are invested in the faith of Generation Y, Z, and Alpha. Childcare will be provided, contact Andrew for more details.

RECREATION MINISTRY

October 24 - Paintly Fun at 6:30pm
November 12 - Paintball Outing

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:

October 3-9	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
October 10-16	Elizabeth Franklin	803-960-9099
October 17-23	Tim Marsh	828-755-1616
October 24-30	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
Oct 31-Nov 6	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841

Financial Record - September 2022

September Needs:	\$87,331.20
September Giving:	\$67,077.48
2022 Giving to Date:	\$765,703.51
2022 Needs to Date	\$851,479.20

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