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THE TIE

OCTOBER 2023

A large, realistic orange pumpkin with a dark green stem, centered in the lower half of the image. The text 'TRUNK OR TREAT' is overlaid on the pumpkin.

TRUNK OR TREAT

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25
6-7 PM**

**SIGN UP TO ENTER YOUR TRUNK!
SEE MORE DETAILS INSIDE!**

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
World Communion Sunday No Children or Youth Activities Kim Fridy Jean Patterson Brandi Strickland Carson Todd	4pm Martha Franks Fellowship Sarah Segars	No 1 st -5 th Grade Missions, Music & Rec Peyton Robertson Dean Youmans Stella Black Marissa McCord	Wednesday Activities See Below No Children or Youth Activities Brock Franklin Christy McCall	Rich Coggins Kristin Werts Harper Holmes Ashlyn Lynch	Landon Dasher	Amanda Addy Adair Rogers Carolyn Reid Heath Coggins Mike Sharp Donna Bridgeman Tim Norton
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5pm Women's Group No Other Sunday Activities Jack Yarbrough Julie Hobbs Ellakate Cooper	Zella Kennemore Addison Hornberger Jeff Brink Eleanor Allen	No 1 st -5 th Grade Missions, Music & Rec Chris England	Wednesday Activities See Below No Children or Youth Activities Cathy Martin Jessica Cooper Paula Day	Charlie Chalmers Johna Finley Angela Compton		Sarah Culbertson
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Deacon Election 5pm Women's Group Sunday Activities See Below Mary Kate Bobo	7pm Deacons' Meeting Bill Finley Buena Gambrell Corey Ottosen	1 st -5 th Grade Missions, Music & Rec Jeff Field	Wednesday Activities See Below Ed Prescott	2pm Knitting Group Senior Adults to Arsenic and Old Lace Alli Horger Tony Underwood	Tommy Burns Brandon Schultz Laurie Munden Brown Patterson	Mike Lindley Jan Craft
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1 st -5 th Graders Sing 5pm Women's Group Sunday Activities See Below George Sherer Chris McCord Desiree Belsom Middle School Retreat	Meg Turner Tim Wilkie	I am CWA's 1 st -5 th Grade Missions, Music & Rec Betty E. Cox Allie West Barton Holmes	No Wednesday Activities TRUNK OR TREAT  Nancy Crow Terri Freeze Jack Griffin Josh Black Katie Kennemore-Alexander	Jane Cain		Middle School Retreat
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Church-Wide Picnic Don Franks Jesse Sward Joseph Allmond		1 st -5 th Grade Missions, Music & Rec Jan Franks Jessie McCall				

Sundays

9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
 5:00-7:30pm Youth Study, Music, Supper

6pm Men's Group
 6pm Adult Study

Wednesdays

5-7pm Canteen area open for BYO supper
 6-7pm Pre-School Kids on Mission & Choir, 1st-5th Grade Children's Choir

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

Dear Church Family and Friends,

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10, NIV)

When John Alan was not more than a year old, we would start the day watching Sesame Street. We both sat on the couch and drank coffee. Yes, I would let him have one sip. This began when he took the coffee from my hand and decided to get a big drink of it!!! But we enjoyed watching all the characters and learning about our numbers, letters, shapes, and colors! John Alan always watched intently!

One of our favorite characters was Telly, a garnet, furry monster. He was always nervous, but, at the same time, lovable. Telly had a favorite shape. He loved triangles! I imagine, when we think about it, triangles are unique shapes! With three sides and three angles, they can be configured in so many ways!

So, what is your SHAPE???

Now, I am not talking about your favorite shape. Instead, I am talking about how God created you uniquely for service in church, in your community, and beyond! SHAPE is an acronym that stands for:

- Spiritual Gifts
- Heart (Your Passions)
- Abilities
- Personality Type
- Experiences

Rick Warren, the former pastor of Saddleback Church in California, created this acronym along with a curriculum to stir his congregation to service. When Christ comes in our lives, he equips us for service by taking our experiences, our personality, our talents, our passions, and our gifts that come from the Holy Spirit and provides opportunities for us to make a difference.

Beginning Sunday, September 24, going through the month of October, I will be preaching through the story of Joseph, found in Genesis 37-50, to show how God used Joseph's SHAPE for his glory as Joseph overcame slavery, prison, and the hatred of his brothers to rise to second in command of Egypt, and eventually save his father and brothers from famine!

Following our successful mission fair, perhaps your interest in missions and ministry opportunities in our church and community has grown. How do you know which ones fit you best? That's where your SHAPE comes in!

When we receive Christ into our lives, the Holy Spirit gives us gifts that we would not normally have to serve in the church. We also have unique passions and interests that make us who we are. We have skills and areas of expertise that we acquire over a lifetime! We each have personality traits that make us who we are. And, we have experiences from which we have grown and learned that we can share with others. God can use all these things for His glory! Join us on Sunday Mornings to learn how!

*Grace and peace,
Tim*

Senior Adult News

CWAs

Our first CWA of the season will be on Tuesday, October 24 at 11:00am in Bobo Hall. Culbertson kitchen will prepare our lunch and the cost will be \$5. We are still nailing down the program; details will follow!

Senior Adults to Pelzer

We'll be traveling to Pelzer again on Thursday, October 19 to see Arsenic and Old Lace at the Pelzer Auditorium. We'll leave at 4:30 and have supper at Southern Smoke in Pelzer. Tickets to the show are \$17. Call the church office or sign up on the pew pads.

Martha Franks Fellowship

Our monthly fellowship time for our church family who are Martha Franks residents will be Monday, October 2, at 4:00 in the Martha Franks Chapel.

Christmas Music

Our special Christmas music called, *Glory*, will be Sunday, December 17 during our morning worship service. The music will include the Children's Choirs, Youth Choir and Adult Choir.

Singing Schedule for October

Our children and youth play an important role in leading us in worship week after week. Here is the schedule for when they will be singing in October:

- October 22 1st-5th Graders sing
- October 29 Youth Choir sings

Trip to The Holy Land

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." Let Adair know if you're interested in the most indescribable trip you'll ever go on!

Church-wide Family Fall Picnic - Lake Rabon Park Sunday, October 29

Dinner will be served at 5:30pm; however, you're welcome to come anytime that you'd like! Bring your tailgate chair, walking shoes or even your fishing pole and come ready to fellowship with your church family!

Signing up will be helpful, so that we know how much meat and drinks to provide. Scan the QR code or call the church office to let us know you're coming!

What can you bring to share?

Last name A-M, please bring a side dish.

Last name N-Z, please bring a dessert.



Our FBC Golf Fellowships have ended for the 2023 season, but what a blessing this has been to so many people! Each outing provided all of us the opportunity to share in a time of devotion and to develop new friendships. These outings will return early in the Spring of 2024, but we are considering some other golf outings until that time. Thanks to all who participated during the 2023 season, and to Lakeside CC for hosting these events. It has been a wonderful time, and we look forward to getting together again soon!

October

- 1-14: District 55 Fall Break-No Sun/Tues/Wed activities for children or youth
- 22: 1st-5th Grade Children's Choir sings during worship; Practice @ 9am
- 25: Trunk or Treat (see info to sign up)
- 29: Church-Wide Family Picnic (see info to sign up)

Student Ministry News

- Please be in prayer for our middle schoolers as we prepare for Middle School Retreat 2023 at Awanita Valley Retreat Center October 20-22. We're looking forward to an awesome time where God will move in the lives of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
- Mark Your Calendars!!!! Saturday, November 18, our Student Ministry is sponsoring a Chili Cook Off. Think you've got the best Chili in the church? Now's your chance to prove it. \$25 gets your chili/soup entered into the competition. Want to judge? \$10 gets you your judging slip. Just want to come out and enjoy a time of fellowship and some great food? We'd love to have you as well! All proceeds go to help with the cost of youth summer trips. Be on the lookout for sign up information soon!

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on Wednesday, October 25 from 6-7pm!

If you are willing to provide a "trunk", please scan the QR code or call the church office to let us know! Your trunk can be a golf cart, car, truck, tractor, wheel barrow, bike, tanker truck, skid steer, anything!!!!

We've already begun collecting candy donations. You may drop your donations in the box outside the church office. If you are participating with your "trunk", it is suggested that you supply a large bag or two of candy of your own as well.

When you sign up to let us know you're participating with your "trunk", you can pre-purchase a Chick-fil-A boxed meal as well. Please indicate when you register. Cost is \$10 per box and should be paid when registering. Boxes will be available for pickup in the FLC Stroud Kitchen @ 5pm on the day of the event.



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:

Sept 25-Oct 1	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841
October 2-8	Tim Marsh	828-755-1616
October 9-15	Elizabeth Franklin	803-960-9099
October 16-22	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
October 23-29	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424

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Financial Record - September 2023

September Needs:	\$88,076.92
September Giving:	\$53,685.13
2023 Needs to Date:	\$836,730.74
2023 Giving to Date:	\$831,860.20

Wednesday Night Suppers in November!

We are excited to announce that Wednesday Night Suppers are making a comeback! During the month of November, we will offer Wednesday Night meals, beginning at 5:00 PM, in the Family Life Center! Please be on the lookout for more information on how you can make reservations. We are trying to gauge congregational interest before deciding to resume Wednesday Night Meals permanently! We hope that you will make plans to join us in November for wonderful times of fellowship together as a congregation!

Get Connected in Sunday School!

FBC Laurens can sometimes feel like a big place, but Sunday School provides a wonderful opportunity for us to connect and study the Bible together in a smaller community. We offer a wide variety of Sunday School classes for people of all ages. If you are looking for a Sunday School class, please contact Tommy Cox at (864)984-7500 or tommy@fbclaurens.org. We would love to help you find a place to connect!