

First Baptist News

a family of faith



Today Bonnie reminded me this is my 14th anniversary at FBC. In some ways, that seems about right. In other ways, it's inconceivable.

This is a wonderful calling. You get to wear so many hats. This week, I'm working with numbers (my portion of the budget is due). Today, I booked next year's mission trip (switching from M-Fuge to Passport Missions). This Wednesday night, we head to Wesley Pines for bingo and room visits, then return for some ultimate ping pong (I'm trying to teach the 7th graders how the game works). Plus working on ski trips (college and youth), etc.

At some point, I need to prepare for Sunday night (I'm teaching 11th-12th graders a course called *Journeying Out* that is designed to prepare them for carrying their faith into adulthood). Visits to campuses to take high schoolers on tours and catch up with our college students are happening. As a staff, we are preparing for worship services, working with the interim search committee, and taking on extra duties in terms of hospital visits and folks needing assistance from food to bus tickets.

In short, the job stays interesting. I get to be a manager, teacher, coach, bookkeeper, travel agent, missionary, preacher, and much more. Any one of these would become tiresome (for me) as a career, but doing a little of each keeps me moving physically and mentally.

However, what I enjoy the most about what I do are the relationships. Staying in touch with former and current youth, plus seeing them develop spiritually as they grow in other ways are what I love most. It makes this job dare I say almost fun? If you feel a calling into ministry, take it. You don't have to be perfect but you do have to be yourself. You will not regret living it out.

Warning: it does require a lot of meetings. Oh well. No job is perfect.

Doug



World Communion Sunday
October 6th



October 6th
11:00 a.m.

TRANSITIONS

Our **interim search committee** is currently searching for an individual to serve as our interim pastor. An interim pastor is an intentionally temporary and short-term call to provide consistent pastoral leadership while the congregation prayerfully searches for a new pastor. Those serving on the interim search committee are Heather Walters (chair), Liz Lytch (vice chair), Alli Branch, Bruce Huggins, Helen Odom, Eddie Prevatte, and Kallie Watts.

Our **pastor search team** is also beginning their work. This committee will prayerfully and intentionally search for our next pastor. Those serving on the pastor search committee are Katie Davis, Jeff Frederick, James Gore, Pattie Ramsaur, Christy Strickland, Glenda Taylor, and Chris Walters.

Deacon Nominees 2019

Deacon Election is Sunday, October 6, 2019.

Jerry Long

Joined First Baptist in 1978

Spouse: Judy

Children: Terry Long, Washington, DC; Judith Watts, Lumberton, NC

Occupation: Retired School Administrator

Positions held at FBC: Deacon; Scholarship Committee; Sunday School Teacher

E. Regan McIntyre (Regg)

Joined First Baptist in 1969

Occupation: Radiation Therapist, Gibson Cancer Center

Positions held at FBC: President, Fellowship Class; Sanctuary Choir; Adult Handbell Choir, Building & Grounds Committee, Committee on Committees, Worship Committee, Deacon

Malcolm H. McLean

Joined First Baptist in 1950

Spouse: Meg

Children: Parker Hendrix, Westchester, PA; Paige McLean, Winston-Salem, NC

Occupation: Retired

Positions Held at FBC: Deacon Chair; Finance Committee Chair; Various Committees

Summer Pittman

Joined First Baptist in 2005

Spouse: Zach

Children: Harper (age 1)

Occupation: Teacher, Tanglewood Elementary School

Positions Held at FBC: Children's Committee, Growing Young Team

Ronald E. Smith (Ron)

Joined First Baptist in 2008

Spouse: Elaine

Children: Christopher Smith, Lumberton, NC

Occupation: Self Employed

Positions Held at FBC: Nominating Committee, Sunday School Teacher, Adult 4 Leader, Sanctuary Choir, Entrance Greeter

Johnny Strickland

Joined First Baptist in 1990

Spouse: Christy

Children: Amanda Hunt, Maxton, NC; Allison Branch, Orrum, NC

Occupation: Environmental Health Specialist

Positions Held at FBC: Deacon, Committee on Committees, Transportation Committee, Collection Committee, Student Loan/Scholarship Committee, Welcome Center Assistant

Heather Walters

Joined First Baptist in 2010

Spouse: Chris

Children: Landon (age 10), Rustin (age 8)

Occupation: Annual Giving Specialist, Southeastern Health Foundation

Positions Held at FBC: Interim Pastor Search Committee Chair; Preschool/Children's Committee, Personnel Committee; Music Committee

Sundays in October

As we seek an interim pastor, several guest preachers will provide pulpit supply. Our schedule of guest preachers is as follows:

October 6 – Dr. Mike Queen

Dr. Queen has served churches in North Carolina for the last 36 years, most recently as pastor of First Baptist Church in Wilmington. Currently, he is the Co-Coordinator of the Center for Healthy Churches – Carolinas, and also serves as a congregational coach.

October 13 – Dr. Larry Hovis

Dr. Hovis serves as the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. Prior to his current position, he served congregations in both North Carolina and Virginia.

October 20 – Rev. James Blay

Rev. Blay has served as the Coordinator for Student Affairs and the Coordinator for Student Leadership at the Ricks Institute in Liberia, and as the Vice President for Administration at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary. Some of our former Passportkids campers will also recognize him as their summer camp pastor!

October 27 – Dr. Andy Jung

Dr. Jung is the Associate Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. He has served churches in North Carolina for 15 years, most recently as pastor of First Baptist Church of Albemarle.



Family Night Supper Menus

October 9, 2019—Red Ticket: Boneless Pork Loin, Grilled Mixed Vegetables, Spanish Rice, Rolls, Salad, Apple Cake
Blue Ticket: Pizza, Chips, Fruit

October 16, 2019—Red Ticket: Baked Chicken w/gravy, Rice, Butter Beans, Rolls, Salad, Blueberry Cake,
Blue Ticket: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Fruit

October 23, 2019—Spaghetti, Green Beans, Toast, Salad

October 30, 2019—Hot Dogs, French Fries, Cookies



Prizes will be awarded at Trunk or Treat for most creative car, funniest car, and people's choice. We will need plenty of cars and plenty of candy. Please bring individually wrapped candy to the church office.



Fun & Fellowship

October 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Building

We will be celebrating Halloween.

Bring a sandwich and a friend!

Baptist Women's Luncheon


October 7th at 11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building

Speaker: Rev. Bonnie Reedy,
Southeastern Hospice Chaplain

Please bring a sandwich.

The Glen Flora Group will meet at 10:45 a.m.

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**Youth Ski Trip—January 17-20
 Canaan Valley, WV**

For youth in grades 7-12. A \$200 deposit is due October 16th. The total trip cost is \$500. Contact Doug Reedy for more information.

First Baptist's  **Plate Sale**
Friday, November 22nd
\$7.00 each

✂ 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

✂ Plates include wood-fired BBQ, beans, slaw, bread, dessert.

Boston Butts can be purchased in advance—\$30 (\$35 day of sale)
 Tickets are available from any FBC Youth or in the church office.
 Proceeds go to support FBC Youth.

<u>For the Record</u>	
Budgeted 2019	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019)	\$13,461.54
Received September 29, 2019	\$2,817.00
Need to date	\$525,000.00
Received to date	\$441,990.33
Over (Under) Budget	(83,009.67)

Coming up. . .

October 11-13—Youth Leadership Retreat
 October 19—Community Café hosted by Sanctuary Choir
 October 21—Finance Committee & Deacons Meetings
 October 23—Quarterly Church Conference
 October 30—Trunk or Treat

November 1—All Saints Sunday
 November 4—Baptist Women's Luncheon
 November 5—Senior Adults to Carolina Opry Bible Study #3
 November 11—Veteran's Day
 November 14—Fun & Fellowship
 November 16—Community Café
 November 18—Finance & Deacons Meetings
 November 22—Youth Barbecue Sale
 November 27—No Wednesday Evening Activities or Meal
 November 28—Thanksgiving Day

First Sunday Food Drive

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods for local charities. Our next food collection is Sunday, October 6th. Place your donations in the collections bins near the entrances or bring them to the church office.

Donation suggestions: Canned vegetables, canned fruits, Vienna sausages, canned meats (such as chicken breast), pork & beans, rice, dried beans, boxed meals, baby foods, bottles of water and juices.



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