



"To the First Baptist Church Family, Cliff and I want to thank each and every one for your support over the last 5 months with your calls, cards and prepared meals. My recovery is going well, and it is due in part to your kind gestures, which will long be remembered. Thank you, Jonathan and Chip, for coming to the hospital the morning of my surgery, for the prayers and, of course, the support for my family. Dana's hospital and home visits were much appreciated and brightened our day. Thank you for being the loving church that you are. In Christian love,"
Lynn Edwards

In honor of **Gladys Helms**, the Worship Choir and Blessed Assurance class made donations to the Building Fund.



In memory of **Lee Lowder**, a donation was given to the Building Fund by Mae Brooks.

A contribution was made to the Music Fund by James & Dianne Hudson in memory of **Lee Lowder**.



In memory of **Ruby "Teen" Crisco**, donations were made to the Building Fund by:
Doug & Ann Burgess
Jim & Cheryl Cameron
Barbara Drye
Brooks & Jane Barnhardt.

Christmas Show Trip: You will be receiving a letter/itinerary with luggage tags shortly for the **November 26-28** Myrtle Beach trip. Plans are to leave Monday morning around 10:00 a.m. If you didn't make full payment, the remainder is due **November 14**. You may place in an envelope with your name and "beach" marked on it or you may give it to Delinda or Betty Huneycutt. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist, Oakboro.



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Let me start here by saying, **"Thank you."** Thank you to all the people who were involved in making our Trunk R Treat event this past week a huge success. Thank you to the folks who brought their cars and handed out candy until they ran out, refilled, and handed out more. Thank you to the folks involved in cooking and serving the food. Thank you to our wonderful community business leaders who donated almost all of that food. Thank you to the folks who did the hay rides and jump castles and cake walk. Thank you to the folks who were just around to help wherever they were needed (and they were needed!). Thank you to Lisa, Sandra, and Renee for planning and organizing such a terrific event. Each of you were the church this week and just look at what an impact that had. It's not very often a church our size hosts an event that attracts well over 1,000 people. Now, we pray for the Spirit-seeds that were planted to take root and lead to Gospel encounters for the folks who need that. Speaking of which...

I was at a meeting recently where a group of pastors were talking about their upcoming Halloween events. Each of us shared a bit about our respective plans, and then a retired pastor whose wisdom and insight are much appreciated by the group asked a probing question: What's the purpose of your events? One of the pastors in the group quickly answered with something like this: "To evangelize the lost and introduce them to Jesus."

I paused for a minute in thought. As I did, a few different things occurred to me. First, my answer isn't going to sound very pastor-ly in a group that is passionate at the very least about the idea of evangelism. Second, I had not given this particular question the attention it deserved even though I knew the answer to it. Third, as much as I did and do respect this other local pastor and the great work he is doing in his community, if asked, he likely could not have given me a clear, concise answer regarding the God-given identity and church-specific mission of his congregation. Fourth, even though I hadn't thought all that much about the question before us, it was the fact that we do have such a clear identity as a community that allowed me to know the answer so quickly.

Here's what I mean: At First Baptist, we are place where people can connect to grow in Christ and reach out for His kingdom. Having this kind of clarity around who we are serves as a guide for us in terms of not only what we do, but why we do it. Think about it like this: While we should absolutely be living individual lives characterized by making disciples (a

process of which evangelism is an important part), we understand that for most people, their story of becoming a follower of Jesus began with them connecting with an individual or group of Jesus followers who helped them along in their journey. The fact is, while there are times when overt Gospel-sharing is timely, and we should always be on the lookout for when God invites us into a moment when He has brought someone in our immediate circle of influence under the kind of conviction wherein a bit of personal evangelism will push them over the edge of making a commitment to Jesus, not every event we pursue as a church will have evangelism as its stated, primary purpose...and that's okay.

Do you want to know what my answer to the question was? I said that our event was primarily about creating a space where people could connect with one another and with the church with the prayerful intention of seeing some of those connections blossom into disciple-making opportunities. I said that our goal was to create a fun, safe space for parents to be able to bring their kids to trick-or-treat in order to plant the idea in their minds that the Baptist church in downtown Oakboro is the kind of community they'd want to connect with if they were going to connect with a church. I said that our goal was to simply say to our community: We love you and are here for you. Period. Without expecting anything in return. At all.

You see, given the state of our culture—something we've now been talking about for a few weeks on Sunday mornings—people aren't likely to listen to the message we have to share until they've seen the love that's supposed to be behind it. In other words, they're not going to grow in Christ until they've connected with His people. And they're not going to connect with His people until they know they're loved by them. It's a good thing God has made us to be just that kind of a place as a church.

As we get deeper into the fall season with Christmas on the not-so-distant horizon, what kind of connections can you be making that will result in disciple-making opportunities on down the line? It may start with an invitation to church—and a great number of surveys have suggested that most people will accept an invitation to church if they actually receive one—but it may also start with an invitation to lunch. How can you make connections that will lead to people growing in Jesus? How can we do it as a church? Let's pursue it together and find out.

Pastor Jonathan

Our Record of Giving

Budget Goals – October	\$ 30,789.50
Budget Receipts – October	26,662.92
Budget Goals – YTD	55,421.10
Budget Receipts - YTD	47,182.92
Budget Variance	-8,238.18
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	3140.00
Ministry Appreciation	850.00
Shoe Box Postage	96.00
Wednesday Meals	448.00
NC Missions Offering (Total \$950)	330.00



For November, Stanly Community Christian Ministries is seeking donations of **light syrup or no-sugar-added canned fruit**. Thank you for bringing your items and placing them in the basement kitchen area.



**Church-Wide
November 10
6:00 p.m.**

**MENS
BBQ**

Please bring tea, soft drinks and/or desserts to share.



HOMEcoming October 21, 2018 with Rev. Dwight Mabry & Family



Youth Ski Retreat February 1-3, 2019 Winterplace Ski Resort, Beckley, WV Deposits Due Soon!

Package includes: Saturday night and Sunday worship featuring the Be Do Tell team and a guest speaker

- Two-nights' hotel lodging & continental breakfasts
- One-day ski or snowboard rental & lift ticket (8 a.m.-10 p.m.)
- Lunch vouchers and Dinner at worship venue

If your child is interested in going, or if you are interested in being a chaperone, please let a member of the youth committee know.

for KING & COUNTRY
Featuring ZACH WILLIAMS'
LITTLE DRUMMER BOY
THE CHRISTMAS TOUR

**Bojangles' Coliseum
November 30
6 PM**

FBCO has purchased a block of tickets for this concert. Please see Ashley Morton for tickets or more information.

Price: \$15 each



Church Volunteers

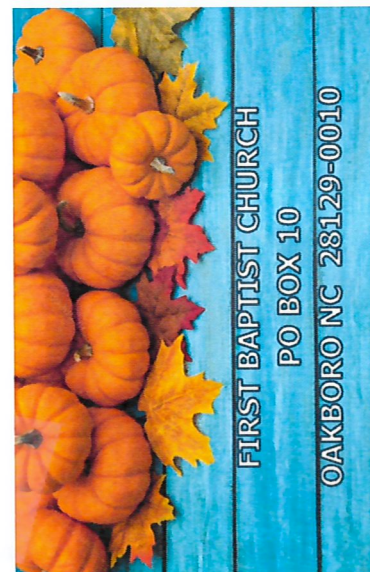
Date	Greeters	Nursery/Children's Church
Nov 4	Bobby & Renée Watkins – Sunday School April Tucker - Worship	Danny & Julie Poplin April Tucker
11	Eddie & Linda Arrowood- Sunday School Tracy & Lisa Lowder - Worship	Lisa Waits, Ashlea Mooney Andy Castelloe
18	Matt & Melanie Hudson – Sunday School Jane Baucom - Worship	Lisa Waits Kay Smith, Jane Baucom
25	Shea & Ashley Morton – Sunday School Felix Hinson - Worship	Andy & Julie Castelloe
Dec 2	Mandy Smith – Sunday School Wiley Little - Worship	Lisa & Tracy Lowder Sandra Chance

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Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Nov 4	Kevin Floyd	Jim Cameron
11	Matt Hudson	Lynn Edwards
18	Tracy Lowder	
25	Mike McClellan	Usher
Dec 2	Thomas Meadors	Gerald Lee



Deacon Ordination Service
September 23, 2018



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

On **November 8**, we will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the church to travel to Monroe to visit Bonnie Richardson and Gladys Helms. ALL ages are invited to join in this ministry. Please bring money for lunch.



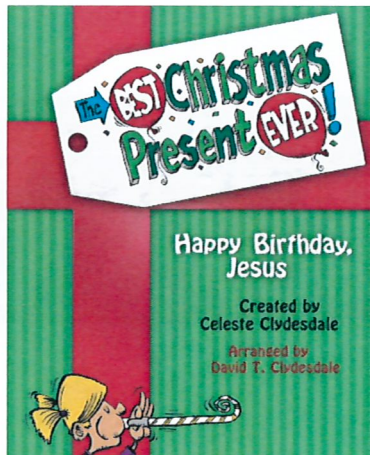
The following Thursday, **November 15**, also leaving at 8:30 a.m., we'll travel to Lexington to visit Bonda Whitley. We will be singing hymns with the nursing home residents in the dining hall. After that, we'll be "getting into the Christmas Spirit" to see the Christmas decorations at Reynolda House Museum of American Art in Winston-Salem. Admission is \$18; this will be an all-day trip.

Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, **December 4**, to go to Brookdale in Monroe to again visit Bonnie Richardson and sing Christmas music with the nursing home residents.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Dana B. Jenkins

HOPE Fellowship Christmas Trip

Join us on **December 13**, as we venture to Shelby and enjoy lunch at Red Bridges Barbecue Lodge. After lunch, we'll head over to The Banker's House to view the beautiful Christmas decorations. Designed by prominent architect G. S. H. Applegate in 1874, it has been the home of prominent members of the banking profession since its construction. There is a \$7 admission fee. On the way home, we may see the McAdenville Christmas lights. Mark your calendars now, and plan to go along. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.



PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN'S
CHOIR ON SUNDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 2, AT 6:00 P.M.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY
FOR THE "HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
JESUS" PARTY AFTERWARD





- November
- 1 Bud Smith
 - Michael Thompson
 - Robbie Foxx
 - Tracy Mitchell
 - 3 Cooper Hudson
 - Gray Crisco
 - 5 Jeremy Harris
 - Kennedy Foxx
 - 7 Shannon Henry
 - 8 Donna Coble
 - 9 Jennifer Eaglen
 - Sheila Huneycutt
 - 10 Lisa Lowder
 - Tracey Russell
 - Riley Wadkins
 - 11 Deborah Tucker
 - David Klutz
 - 13 Brenda Whitley
 - Bug Kippes
 - Rachel Lewis
 - 15 Starla Thompson
 - 17 Sam Jackson
 - 18 Andy Beatty
 - Sadee Lawhon
 - 24 Tommy Ross
 - 27 Jason Washburn
 - 28 Steven Davenport
 - 29 Angie Queen
 - Zoe Teeter

- December
- 1 Butch Poplin
 - Carter Miller
 - Nicole Kippes
 - 2 Harry Foster
 - Ruby Watkins
 - Audrey Teeter



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Weekly Sunday Schedule
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship



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Beatty Rehearsal & Wedding



Meals on a Mission
6:00 p.m.
Church-Wide
BBQ prepared by Men
7:30 Raleigh Ringers
@ Stanly Agri-Civic
Center

5:00 p.m.
Handbell Rehearsal
 Shoeboxes Due

8:30 a.m.
Two or More Prayer
3:00 p.m.
Children's Choir

GO VOTE
NO, SERIOUSLY...GO.

5:45 p.m.
The Gathering Place
6:45 p.m.
Missions Night for ALL Ages
Men & Women Meet in
Fellowship Building
7:45 Worship Choir

8:30 a.m.
Nursing Home Ministry
to Monroe
All Are Welcome!

11:00 a.m. Worship
in Church Sanctuary
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Drop-In Baby Shower
for Ashlea Mooney
5:00 Proverbs 31
Wannabes @
Ashley Morton's
Handbell Rehearsal

8:30 a.m.
Two or More Prayer
NO Children's Choir

5:45 p.m.
The Gathering Place
6:45 p.m.
Preschool Choir, TeamKid,
Youth & Adult Bible Study
7:45 Worship Choir

8:30 a.m.
Nursing Home Ministry
to Lexington &
Reynolda House
All Are Welcome!

5:00 p.m. Handbells
6:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Dinner
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

8:30 a.m.
Two or More Prayer
3:00 p.m.
Children's Choir

No Services
or Activities



Office Closed

11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper
5:00 p.m. Handbells

8:30 a.m.
Two or More Prayer
10:00
Beach Departure
3:00 p.m.
Children's Choir

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The Gathering Place
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