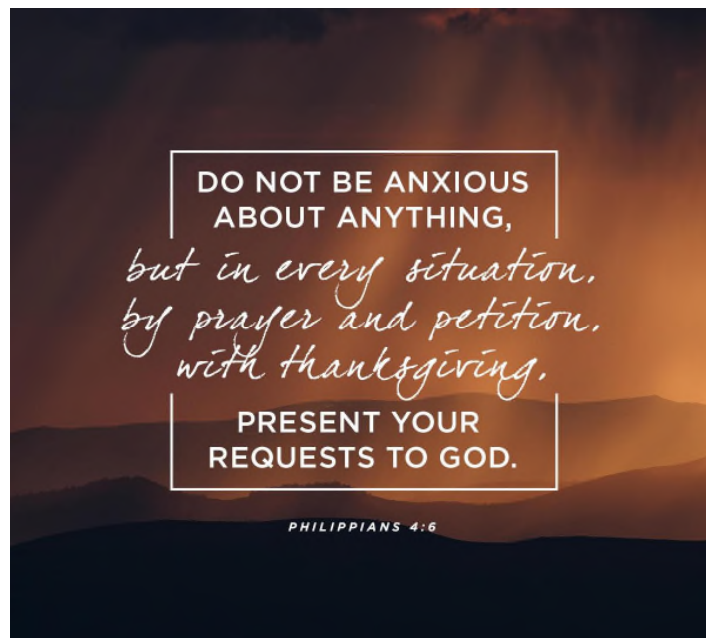


From the Pastor's Desk:

The Thief Called Anxiety

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

Wow! Today's world is full of challenges and anxiety producing opportunities; yet God's word teaches that we are to "Not Be Anxious!" Now, that can be a "Tall Order!" When I was a boy, September was the month that school started back, new experiences were happening, and I had to spend my hard-earned tobacco money to buy school clothes. Who would have thought that those simple days of my youth would be such great memories of a slower and less stressful time? As an adult, the pressures and the negative influences and the attacks from Satan, combine to create an atmosphere of Anxiety and Stress, in my 66th year. Praise God! Jesus offers a way to manage stress and anxiety and we are to embrace it and to actively use it to overcome the stress of the day. So, how do we deal with stress and anxiety? Simple: Pray – Ask in Humility – Be Grateful – Ask God Directly!! We must trust God, we must position ourselves and cling to His Promises and be in a posture or position to receive His Power, Provision, Presence and His Peace! Live for today and claim His Promises for Tomorrow! Enjoy September 2023! Do not let Satan, through anxiety, rob you of God's joy and power! May this be the time that your walk with Christ, becomes so strong that fear, anxiety, and worry has no place in your life! Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!



September 2023

Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for September is:

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

Proverbs 21:21 KJV

September 2023 Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1	Psalm 107-109	Day 16	Proverbs 13-15
Day 2	Psalm 110-115	Day 17	Proverbs 16-18
Day 3	Psalm 116-118	Day 18	Proverbs 19-21
Day 4	Psalm 119:1-88	Day 19	Proverbs 22-24
Day 5	Psalm 119:89-176	Day 20	Proverbs 25-27
Day 6	Psalm 120-127	Day 21	Proverbs 28-31
Day 7	Psalm 128-134	Day 22	Hebrews 1-4
Day 8	Psalm 135-138	Day 23	Hebrews 5-7
Day 9	Psalm 139-142	Day 24	Hebrews 8-10
Day 10	Psalm 143-146	Day 25	Hebrews 11-13
Day 11	Psalm 147-150	Day 26	Ecclesiastes 1-4
Day 12	Titus, Philemon	Day 27	Ecclesiastes 5-8
Day 13	Proverbs 1-4	Day 28	Ecclesiastes 9-12
Day 14	Proverbs 5-8	Day 29	Solomon 1-2
Day 15	Proverbs 9-12	Day 30	Solomon 3-4

SAVE THE DATE

Meetings/Gatherings this Month:

- Sunday, September 10th: Mission Team Meeting @ 4:00pm
- Monday, September 11th: Levada Driver Circle Group @ 2:00pm in the FMC
- Monday, September 11th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
- Tuesday, September 12th: O.W.L.S. to Fall Senior Adult Rally in Benson; leave @9:00am
- Tuesday, September 12th: Baptist Men Meeting @6:00pm
- Monday, September 18th: Vera Hocutt Circle Group
- Monday, September 18th: Administrative Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
- Monday, September 25th: Deacon Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC
- Tuesday, September 26th: O.W.L.S. Meeting @ 9:30am in the FMC

Every Wednesday:

- Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping 7:30am to 12:00pm
- Wednesday Night Meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Wednesday Bible Study Groups at 6:30pm (Adult, Youth & Children)

Future Events coming up:

- Sunday, October 1st: Homecoming Service with covered dish meal following
- Sunday, October 8th: Youth Sunday Service
- Saturday, October 7th: Wendell Harvest Festival
(our children and youth are participating in the parade and the Kids Village with their balloon twisting skills)
- Saturday, October 28th: Trunk or Treat 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Saturday, November 4th: Fall Fest 8:00am to 2:00pm

Update on the New Church Directory

The Directory Committee completed the review of the proof of the directory and returned it for corrections on Monday, August 21. We think the directory turned out great and are looking forward to it being completed. Universal indicated that it should take about 20 working days to make corrections and return the directories to the Church. Hopefully, we will receive them sometime in September. At that time, we will set up some tables in the FMC after Church for those that had their pictures made to come by and get their copy. As a reminder, each family that had their picture made gets one copy of the directory. We will have several lines set up in the FMC to expedite the distribution of the directories. Thanks again for all that participated. We hope you enjoy them. We will put a notice in the bulletin when we begin the distribution.

Thank you. The Directory Team: Ricky Watson, Joan Watson, Lou Holland, Jean Hocutt, Carrie Sellers, David Hughes

On Hold....



We are getting closer to resume this process. Please be in prayer for this area of ministry for our Church:
*Children's Director Search Committee

Recurring Prayer Needs

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|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Shawn Allen | Jax Hopkins | Brandon Richardson |
| James Bailey | Donna K. House | Christi Sasser |
| Wayne Batten | Joan Hunter | Connie Scott |
| Judy Boswell | Bruce Jacobs | Betty Seibert |
| Lester & Fonda Boyd | Oscar & Shirley Lane | Ray & Donna Smith |
| Greg Clay | Denise Lewis | Lori Stokes |
| Linda Coffey | Emma Maidon | Eldie Strickland |
| Tracy Crocker | Pam Maynor | Julie Swinson |
| Charles Driver | Nancy Morse | Sue Thomasson |
| Shirley Earp | Ricky Narron | Annette Walton |
| Kim Eatmon | Jonathan Newell | Dale Weathers |
| Phyllis Edwards | Carol O'Neal | Lee Williford |
| Gayle Haines | Mike O'Neal | Robert & Betty Williford |
| Anita Hales | Teresa O'Neal | Bruce Young |
| Randy Hales | Kay C. Perry | |
| Linda Hammett | Pat Pettit | |
| Mike Harris | Donna Pippin | |
| Mike & Georgia Himmel | Larry Price | |
| William Hocutt | Joan Privette | |
| Carl Holt | Annette Ragan | |

New Prayer Needs

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| Lynn Bailey | Dennis Locklear |
| Mike Bailey | Kenneth Jones |
| Elaine Barham | Sara Hill Kennedy Family |
| Nancy Batchelor | Kenneth Nowell |
| Bruce & Judy Brantley | Frank Price |
| Randy Creech | Jane Strautnieks |
| Wayne Currie | Marie Strickland |
| Joanna Farriss | Jerry Watkins |
| Nancy Fletcher Family | Unspoken Requests |
| Janice Hill | |
| Elizabeth Hocutt | |
| Roger Hocutt | |

Children’s Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Pam Batten-Co-Leader):

The Evangelism Block Party was a huge success. Even though the number of guests was down some, we had a great day of fellowship and sharing the Word of God with community people. Thanks so much to all the wonderful volunteers we had. We had a record number of volunteers helping with this event and the weather was wonderful.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Christmas in August. This was an effort led by our young people to assist three missionaries. We will be mailing the items to them soon. If you want to include something, get it in today.

Children’s Church continues to GROW. We recently had a Sunday with 14 children attending. It is amazing to watch them grow and learn about God. Four of our Children’s Church members will now become volunteers because they have aged out of the program. They are looking forward to stepping up to become volunteers and we are looking forward to seeing them grow in their ministry. Thanks to our Youth volunteers who help us each Sunday. Thanks to Pam and Don for making this such a great ministry.

Wednesday night programs continue for Mission Friends and Journey Kids. These programs introduce the world of missions to our children. Thanks for bringing your children on Wednesday nights.

Last year our children balloon twisters participated in the Wendell Harvest Festival and passed out 350 BTC information packets. We are participating again this year and hope to see you on Saturday, October 7 in Wendell.

We have added another way for our children and youth to spread the Word of God at the Harvest Festival. We are planning to have a float in the parade. Some of our young members will be riding the float, some may be walking along with it. We are not limiting anybody from riding because of age. We may have to limit the number of riders once we determine the size of the float. We are also looking for candy donations to pass out during the parade. After the parade is over the balloon twisters will begin making balloons and passing out BTC info packets.

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 28 from 6pm until 9 pm in the upper parking lot. Be thinking about participating and we will have more information in next month’s newsletter.

Thank You All the parents for bringing your children to Church for these events. We are looking forward to many new adventures in 2023.

Thanks again to all of you for making this such a wonderful Church.

Wayne & Pam

Youth Team (Danielle Gidding-Team Leader/Christin Brown-Co-Leader):

We are excited to welcome the rising youth joining us this month. We are having a Back to School Youth party on Saturday, September 30 at Brandon and Crystal Baker’s home. We are planning on having our Youth Sunday service on October 8th.

Mission Team (Annette Ragan-Team Leader/Sandy Trippe-Co-Leader):

The Missions Team is actively planning for this year's Fall Fest, which will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023. We would appreciate all the help we can get during the planning phase and for the actual event. There will be a Missions Team meeting on September 10 at 4:00 to start finalizing some details. Your presence is welcomed to offer your ideas and learn more about the process. The Missions Marketplace Flea Market will be open for shopping on Saturday, September 2. On Monday, September 4, we would use your help in putting away the Spring/Summer clothes and putting out the Fall/Winter clothes. We will start at about 9:00 am. Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Property Management Team (Ross Carroll-Team Leader/Steve White-Co-Leader):

The FMC kitchen A/C has been replaced and should be up and running soon. We are still waiting on the insurance money to get to us to have the fence and basketball goal replaced. The wall outside behind the sanctuary has fallen down and is unsafe, so please avoid going around the northwest end of the Education Building. Also the updates have been completed with the sound equipment. As we have mentioned before, if you see anything that needs our attention, please let us know. Thank you and God Bless!

Today < > September 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 • 10am Sunday School • 11am Childrens Church • 11am Worship Service	28 7pm Deacons Meeting FMC	29 O.W.L.S. Bus • 9:30am O.W.L.S. Group	30 8-12 Flea Market • 5pm Wednesday Night Meal • 6:30pm Adult Bible Study • 6:30pm Childrens Programs • 6:30pm Youth • 7pm Choir Practice	31	Sep 1	2 8-12 Flea Market
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September Birthdays

- 4th Harmon Glasco
- Ray Hale
- Alex Michaud
- 5th John Cooke
- Gene Butler
- 6th Seth Creech
- Jean O'Neal
- 8th Susan Andrews
- Tammy Narron
- Colby Staton
- 10th Tony Alford
- Kalea Johnson
- 12th Amy Heyward
- Jordan N. Ashley
- 13th Ashelyn Briggerman
- Wayne Creech
- Eliza Grady
- Pam Turner
- 14th Traci Boyette
- Ray Boswell
- Phyllis Edwards
- Richard Langston
- 16th Ross Carroll
- Wayne Currie
- 17th James Akers
- Emaly Bergeron
- Trent Horne
- Sandra Weathers
- Joey Wheeler
- 18th Don Farriss
- Jennifer Mitchell Shipman
- 19th Roger Hocutt
- 20th Nikko Bannon
- Paul Morris
- 22nd Harrison Bloniarczyk
- Dylan Greene
- Phillip Hill
- Fannie Holt
- Miste Liles
- 23rd Rob Himmel
- Ruth Johnson
- Chris Walters
- Eliza Wheeler
- 24th Tracy Crocker
- 25th Phyllis Andrews
- 26th Samantha Perry Lambert
- Lori Bunn
- 27th Craig Custer
- Ray Hocutt
- Kimberly Makepeace
- 28th Ricky Andrews
- Heather Balance
- 30th Tiffoney Green
- Teresa Morgan
- Tommie Strickland
- Tempie Whitley
- Connie Bechdolt



September Anniversaries

- 6th Oscar & Shirley Lane
- 11th Bobby & Rixie Stevens
- 12th Ken & Chrissy Hunter
- 13th Leamon & Lenore Strickland
- 20th Sonny & Sandy Trippe
- 21st Wayne & Sharon Creech
- 26th Denny & Sarah Ide, Jr.
- 27th Glenn & Chasity Bunn
- 29th Don & Cathy Farriss

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Ricky Narron-Team Leader/ -Co-Leader):

The Deacons are continuing to still, reach out to our shut ins, with calls, cards, and prayer. We welcome our new Deacons: Wesley Dunbar and Tracy Crocker.

Administrative Team (Ricky Watson -Team Leader/David Hughes-Co-Leader):



We held our monthly meeting on August 21, 2023, as required by our job description. As usual, we reviewed the previous monthly financial report, including the income, expenditures, all Ministry Team's expenditures for the month, as well as the investments we have through Edward Jones. At the August Leadership Team meeting, we were assigned the task to review two items and bring back recommendations to the Leadership Team. Those were: updating the Rayford and Lillian

Driver Scholarship Guidelines and the updating the Guidelines for use of the Church buildings to allow dancing at wedding receptions in the FMC for father/daughter, mother/son, and bride/groom dances only. We discussed both during the meeting and began the process of making some proposed revisions to the guidelines for church review and approval. As required, those revisions will be approved by the Leadership Team and then brought to the church at a regular Church Conference for approval.

Continuing with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws, this month we are providing Article XI, Adoption and Amendments.

If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy.

If you have any questions concerning the Administrative Team or our meetings, please contact one of the members.

They are: Chair: Ricky Watson, Members: David Hughes, Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, Juan Trippe, Crystal Baker, and Joyce Creech (ex-officio).

ARTICLE XI (Approved 5/14/03)

Adoption and Amendments

General

This constitution shall be considered adopted and in immediate effect if and when 75% of the members present at the business meeting at which vote is taken shall vote in favor of same. This vote shall be taken not less than thirty days after formal presentation of the constitution to the church, and notice of such meeting in which the vote is to be taken shall be given at least one week in advance.

A. Constitution Amendments

This constitution may be amended, altered or repealed by a 75% vote of the members present at any regular business meeting of the church. Such amendment, alteration or repeal must be given to the clerk in writing at a regular scheduled church conference. A vote on said amendment, alteration, or repeal will not be acted on by the church prior to the next regular scheduled church conference.

B. Copy of Constitution

A copy of this Constitution and By-Laws shall be kept by the clerk at all times among her records and another copy shall be kept in the church office and all amendments to, or revisions thereof, shall be prepared by the clerk and attached to copies of the Constitution and By-Laws and made available to the church members upon request.

Discipleship Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

- September 3 is Promotion Sunday: children starting Kindergarten, Third Grade, or Sixth Grade will move to a new class. This is a big day for those students! Pray for successful transitions.
- September 3 is also the day we welcome some new teachers in our Sunday School classes. Thank you for your willingness to share your teaching talents!
- Sunday School is available from 10:00-10:50 in the following locations:
- **Children's Classes: Location: Education Building**
- Nursery I: Ages birth - 2 years old (1st Floor)
- Bible Beginners: Ages 2 - 4 years old (1st Floor)
- Bible Learners: Ages 5 - 7 years old (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) (2nd Floor)
- Bible Discoverers: Ages 8 - 11 years old (3rd - 5th Grade) (2nd Floor)
- Youth: Ages 12 - 18 years old (6th - 12th Grade) (2nd Floor)
- **Adult Classes: Location: Education Building**
- Journey: Young Singles & Couples (2nd Floor) Studying Books of the Bible
- Mildred Driver Class: Singles & Couples (1st Floor) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway
- J.O.Y.: Ladies Class (1st Floor) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway
- Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: (Men's Class) (1st Floor) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway
- **Adult Class: Location: FMC**
- Growing in Jesus: Singles & Couples: Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Visitors to Sunday School may check in with Susan or Tonya to help you locate a class. Everyone is welcome!

Worship Team (Dana Hocutt-Team Leader/ -Co-Leader)

- Thank you so much to all members of the 2022-2023 Worship Team for taking on the responsibility to make sure that your area of our worship experience was a success. You all have very special talents that are so much appreciated. Please share your compliments to each of them individually on any Sunday morning. Thank you again!
- Beginning in September, Dana Hocutt will be the Leader of the Worship Team. Please notify Dana if you have requests.
- Save the Date: October 1 we will celebrate Homecoming at BTC. Our guest speaker will be Clint Andrews. Following the service there will be a covered-dish lunch in the FMC. Further details will be coming soon via our Sunday Bulletin and Facebook posts.

OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Patsy Narron-Team Leader/Olivia Cooke-Co Leader):



The O.W.L.S. have had a busy August. On the 17th we went to the Howell Theatre in Smithfield to see the movie "Sound of Freedom", a very informative movie about child trafficking. On Tuesday the 29th we had our regular monthly meeting in the FMC with 13 in attendance. Olivia did a devotion on how as Seniors we are to pass on our wisdom to the younger generation. We also had games, followed by lunch at Robinwood.

Plans are being made for upcoming trips. In December we will go see another play on Jesus' Birth at Naroway Productions in Charlotte. More details will come later.

This month we will be going to Beulah Baptist Church in Benson on Tuesday the 12th for our annual Fall Senior Rally from 10-2. We will be leaving Church at 9:00am that morning. Sign up sheet is available in the Information Center. We also have the Ark Trip coming up in October, so stay in touch by checking the bulletin or information center as to what's going on.

Also we will be having our regular monthly gathering on Tuesday, September 26th @ 9:30am in the FMC. We invite all seniors to come out and join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship!

God Bless,

Patsy and Ricky Narron & Olivia Cooke