

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SNL Community Group, 6 p.m.	2	3 Children's Choir, 3:15 p.m.	4 Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.	5 Stewardship Mtg. 6 p.m.	6	7
8 SNL Community Group, 6 p.m.	9 Moving back to Children's Building 5-7 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, 7 p.m.	10 Children's Choir, 3:15 p.m.	11 Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.	12	13	14 HOMECOMING Kiddie Run, 8 a.m. 5K, 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 7 p.m.
15 HOMECOMING Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Dinner on the Grounds	16	17 Children's Choir, 3:15 p.m.	18 Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.	19	20	21
22 Family Gathering & Deacon Ordination 6 p.m. followed by Chili Cook-off	23	24 Children's Choir, 3:15 p.m.	25 Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.	26	27	28
29 GA Baptist Associational Meeting @ Beulah Baptist Church, 4 p.m.	30	31 Children's Choir, 3:15 p.m. TRUNKS OF TREATS, 6:30—8 p.m.				

Monthly Summary July 2017	
Monthly Offering.....	\$40,759.15
Monthly Budget.....	\$48,748.58
Year-to-Date Offering	\$314,695.72
Year-to-Date Budget	\$382,488.78
Year-to-Date Expenses.....	\$288,651.63
Designated Receipts.....	\$2,221.00
Sunday School Average Attendance	171

Wednesday Regular Schedule:
 Southern Manor, 10 a.m.
 Fellowship Supper, 5:45 p.m.
 Youth Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.
 Preschool Music & Missions, 6:30 p.m.
 G.A.s & R.A.s, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Regular Schedule:
 Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Community Prayer Groups, 6 p.m.

THE Fellowship

Monthly Newsletter from First Baptist Church of Washington, Georgia

October 2017



HOMECOMING 2017...

Celebrating 190 years of ministry!

Join us for Homecoming Weekend on October 14th-15th

Featuring Dr. John Childers

Saturday, October 14th

Jason Chapman 5k Walk/Run @ 8:30 a.m. (Kiddie Run @ 8 a.m.)
 Pancake Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m.
 Saturday Night Worship Service @ 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 15th

High Attendance Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.
 Homecoming Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.
 Dinner-on-the-Grounds
 and Open House for our newly renovated Children's Building!

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Following Jesus
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 Loving Others  
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 Impacting the World!

Our Church Staff

Kevin Madden	Senior Pastor 706-401-6124
Scott Yaikow	Youth Pastor
Walt Brown	Minister of Music
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Ed Smith	Building Superintendent
Janet Clayton	Nursery Attendant

Sunday Night Life Ministry

We have had a tremendous response from our recent Sunday Night Life Community Groups as well as the Chapel Services being held on Sunday evenings. Our high attendance has been 157 people participating in 6 different groups. It's not too late to join! Home groups and Chapel will be meeting on October 1 & 8. There will be a special time of communion during for each group on October 8th as we observe the Lord's Supper together in these small group settings.

Coming Soon on Sunday Nights @ FBC...

Oct. 22—Family Gathering & Deacon Ordination @ 6 p.m.
 Oct. 29—Georgia Baptist Association Annual Meeting at Beulah Baptist @ 4:00 p.m.



Words from Walt

Keep Unity – May the Lord lead your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s patience. 2 Thess. 3:5
Unity...It is a word we hear quite often in the church.

There are many things said by the Lord about **unity**. Permit me to remind us of these great truths. “**All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other**” **John 13:35**.

Think about this verse for a minute. Could it be that unity is the key to reaching the world for Christ? If unity is the key to evangelism, shouldn’t it have precedence in our prayers; in our worship? Should we, as Paul said, “**make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace**” **Eph. 4:3**? If unity matters to God, then shouldn’t unity matter to us? If unity is a priority in heaven, then shouldn’t it be a priority on earth? Nowhere, by the way, are we told to **build unity**. We are told simply to **keep unity**. That implies that it should already be in existence. From God’s perspective there is but “**one flock and one shepherd**” **John 10:16**. Unity does not need to be created; it simply needs to be protected.

How do we do that? Does that mean we compromise our convictions? No. Does that mean we abandon the truths we cherish? No, but it does mean we look long and hard at the attitudes we carry. At all costs **Keep Unity!**

*Because of Grace,
Walt*



WORLD HUNGER MONTH

October is World Hunger Month. Bread boxes are available at the Information Table and the buffet outside the sanctuary for you to fill with money the whole month of October. We will collect bread boxes on Sunday, October 29th. On Sunday, October 22th following the Family Gathering we will have our annual World Hunger Chili Cook-off. Sign up by calling the church office to make chili or on your Connection Card.



ATTENTION SILVER STREAKS—UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ The Silver Streaks will have lunch at the Yesterday Café in Greensboro on October 12th. They will leave the church parking lot at 10 a.m. After lunch your car pool group may decide to visit the shops around Greensboro. Reservations are required, so please sign up on your Connection Card or in the church office by October 2nd.
- ◆ Rock Gym Dinner Theater in Elberton on Saturday, November 4th. Cost is \$37.45. Play is “Salute to Our Troops”. This wonderful USO-style show will feature comedy routines, fantastic singing, dancing and more. Reservations must be made in the church office by paying by October 30th.
- ◆ A three day, two-night trip has been planned to Myrtle Beach, SC, for November 13th-15th. We will be staying at the Beach Cove Resort, which is located right on the ocean. The total package cost includes the following: Sleeping accommodations (2 nights), 2 breakfasts, one dinner at the Original Benjamin’s seafood restaurant, and a ticket to the Alabama Theater’s Christmas show. Total Package Cost - Single occupancy \$ 242.00 per person – Double occupancy – \$ 159.00 per person. Other associated costs on your own will be 2 lunches, and 1 dinner. You must sign up, and pay for your reservations at Church office by Monday, October 30th. We will depart from the Church at 8:30 am. Monday, November 13th via Church Bus. We have only 10 rooms booked so sign up quickly.



HOMEPOINTE OPEN HOUSE

The HomePointe Center is hosting an open house before and after the Saturday evening Homecoming Service on October 14th. Please drop by and enjoy some light refreshments while you browse the many resources we have to encourage you and your family in your faith walk. There are numerous brochures, DVDs and books to enjoy; and while you are there, don’t forget to register for our beautiful fall give away.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wednesday Night

Activities Begin

@ 6:30 p.m.



Preschool Music & Missions

(ages 3–5)

Led by Paula Stevens



G.A.s

(Girls 1st grade–5th grade)

Led by Michelle Smith, Paula Denard & Paige Denard



R.A.s

(Boys 1st grade–5th grade)

Led by Bruce Bailey & Ed Pope



We will be sponsoring Trunks of Treats on Tuesday, October 31st from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in our parking lot. We are asking our First Baptist Family to once again help with this wonderful outreach for our community. We need classes, groups, individuals, and even businesses to sponsor a trunk or two. Sign up your trunk in the church office or on your Connection Card.

This is a tremendous opportunity to serve hundreds of children and families from our community!

Youth Ministry

Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study

We are having Youth Bible Study on Wednesday nights in The Ark. We begin around 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and come even if you have practice or a game. I do not mind if you smell bad or if you are a few minutes late.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

The youth will be preparing a meal for the church family on the second Wednesday night of each month. This is a fundraiser to help to pay for MFuge. We will be preparing hamburgers and hotdogs. You must participate in the meals to get credit to help pay for MFuge. The youth will be preparing the meal on October 11th. You need to meet in the kitchen at 4:45 or as soon as you possibly can.

Winter Retreat 2017

Winter Retreat 2017 will be in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The dates are December 30, 2017-January 3, 2018. We will be staying in a cabin and going to Dollywood on New Year’s Day. The cost is \$200. We will be doing fundraising to help with the cost. If you have not paid your deposit, please see Scott.

Boston Butt Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Boston butt to help to offset the cost of Winter Retreat for the students.

Jason Chapman 5K

The Jason Chapman 5K is Saturday, October 14th. This is a fundraiser for the Youth Department and for the PreK Department. Your help is needed in operating the run. If you want to run in the race that will count as helping. There is also a pancake breakfast that is a part of the race and we need help with that. Remember you must participate in order to get credit. This will help with Winter Retreat.

Homecoming Weekend

First Baptist Church is having Homecoming Weekend October 14-15, 2017. The weekend begins with the Jason Chapman 5K and pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. There is a service at 7 pm on Saturday night and the regular service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. There will be a meal served after the Sunday service. Rev. John Childers will be preaching during the weekend.

In His Love,
Pastor Scott



NOTES OF THANKS

Dear church family,

Words cannot express how blessed I am for all your love and expressions of love and concern that you have showered on my family. From the bed I sleep on to the ramp I use to come and go. FBC church family has done so much.

- Margie Burke

Dear church family,

Your love and prayers have meant so much to Herbert and I. The Doctors give us every hope that the cancer is cured. We'll know for sure in a few more weeks after another CAT scan. Your faith has supported us during this time.

- Selina Hopkins

First Baptist Church,

Thank you all for everything. Thank you for all the prayers. I'm doing much better now after both my surgeries. Your prayers mean so much to me.

- Ruthie (Ruth & Todd Clements' granddaughter)

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Contributions have been made to the Pre-K Ministry in memory of Kip Burke by Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Callaway.

A contribution has been made to the General Fund in memory of Travis Jackson and David Randall by Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Hearn; in memory of Jane Newsome by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coxwell and Mr. and Mrs. Benjie Edwards; in memory of Travis Jackson by Dr. and Mrs. Gene Pollock.

Contributions have been made to the Troupe Harris Scholarship Fund in memory of Jane Newsome by Eloise Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tiller, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Fievet, New Beginnings Class, Jesse Mercer Class, Joe, Jake and Griffin Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells, Dianne Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. David McClearen, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gunter, Mr. and Mrs. David Harris, Mark Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. John Webster, Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Hearn, Lynn Randall, Bill Cannon, Nancy Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Geddings.

A contribution has been made to the Children/Youth Ministry in memory of Jane Newsome, David Randall, and Don Wheatley, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Clayton.

A contribution has been made to the Georgia State Missions in memory of Jane Newsome by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Chafin.

A contribution has been made to the Children/Youth Ministry in honor of Ruth Holes by Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Clayton.

A contribution has been made to the Georgia State Missions in honor of Ruth Holes by Patsy Winn.

A contribution has been made to the Youth Ministry in honor of Kyle Barse by Ed Pope.

Pre-K Corner for October 2017

Learning Is Fun at FBC Pre-K!

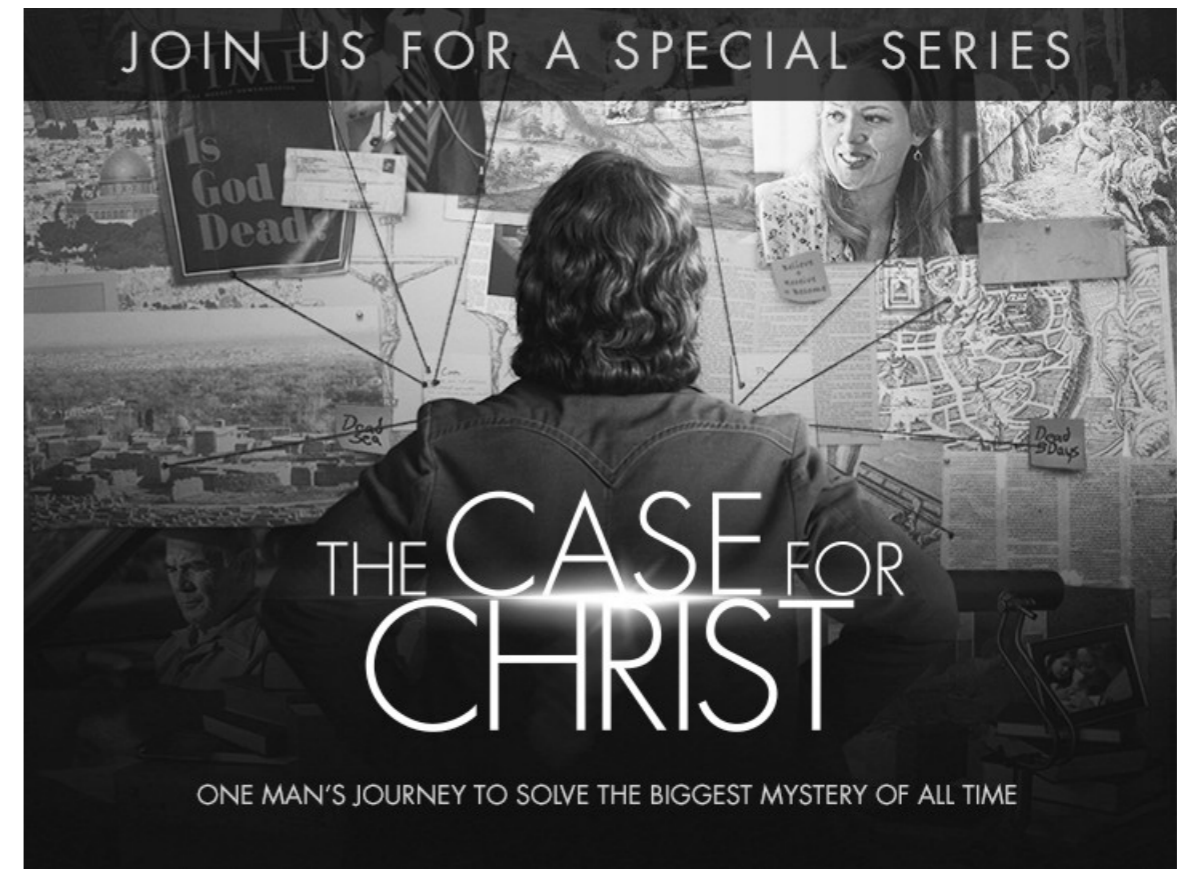
May we all stand in awe of the beautiful world that God has made for us to enjoy! During the recent changing of the seasons from summer to fall, the students have learned a song called "Rake the Leaves" that encourages them to be helpers at home. As the classes have studied about the five senses, they have seen that they are indeed "wonderfully made by God".

In August and September, the students learned about ocean animals through stories, hands-on activities, games, music, and art. Pre-K has had fall pictures made, attended a play at the Little Theater called "A Stone in the Road", and made items for the "Love Washington" event. For Grandparents' Day, the children did a wonderful job singing to over forty grandparents and visitors. Career Day was a huge success as the students learned about nursing from Ray Hardy and Jill Thornton; being safe around electricity from Rayle EMC employees Richard Heard and Stephen Phillips; decorating a delicious cookie for snack-time under the direction of Carolyn Naas from the Square Cafe; and singing and playing musical instruments with Pre-K music teacher, Gayla Brown of FBC. The FBC Pre-K staff and volunteers make learning fun!

We invite everyone to participate in the "Jason Chapman 5k Walk/Run and Kids' Fun Run" on October 14th. Those registering will receive a T-shirt, race bib, goody bag, pancake breakfast, certificate, and maybe a winner's medal! The Kids' Fun Run for ages 3-10 starts at 8:00 a.m. and costs \$10. The 5k begins at 8:30 p.m. and costs \$25. Sign-up today at www.fbcwashington.org or by going by the church office. Proceeds from this annual event help to support the FBC Pre-K and FBC Youth ministries as requested by the family of the late Jason Chapman, a young Christian friend to so many at FBC and in the community.

Pre-K's main Bible verse for the 2017-18 school year is:

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6



The Case for Christ is a dramatic and heartfelt story of Lee & Leslie Strobel. Lee was an award-winning investigative reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, but his family was turned upside down when his wife, Leslie, unexpectedly became a Christian. Lee felt compelled to utilize his journalist and legal training to disprove the claims of Christianity which pitted his resolute atheism against her growing Christian faith.

The Case for Christ movie is based on Strobel's best-selling book and is a dramatic and heartfelt portrayal of their compelling journey of faith.

This movie and the 4-week Bible study provide a unique and powerful opportunity to dig deeper into the evidence Strobel uncovered and to apply it to our own lives.

Sunday, November 5th—Movie Night @ 6 p.m.
Bible Study Sessions on November 12 & 26 and December 3 & 10

Nursery, Children's Ministry and Youth study will also be provided.

FALL STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

November 5, 12 & 19

"Contentment in God's Glory"

Philippians 4:10-20

Come and discover biblical principles on stewardship as Pastor Kevin concludes his preaching series from Philippians with a focus on experiencing true contentment that brings glory to God.

There will be three stewardship messages on November 5, 12 & 19.

November 19th is our Commitment Sunday and will include a **Thanksgiving Stewardship Lunch** following the service.

The church will provide turkey and dressing and everyone is asked to bring side dishes, salads or deserts.