

FIRST NEWS

Our mission, centered in worship, is to REACH people for Jesus, CONNECT them in Christian fellowship, GROW together spiritually, and SERVE our community and world as we become mature followers of Jesus.

From the Pastor's Desk

September has been a big month for our church. The beginning of two different morning worship services has been a big change. In fact, leading us to two different morning worship services has been the biggest change I have led in my five plus years of pastoring. The build-up to September was both exciting and challenging. It was exciting in a way most things are when you are looking forward to something happening. It was challenging in that when you lead through a change process, you let some people down. Letting people down is often experienced as a challenge. Nevertheless, I can say that having been through two Sundays of the new arrangement, I am as energized as I have ever been as a pastor. Allow me to reflect on the two services in four ways.

First, I am proud of our church. Every church responds to change in different ways, and we responded with an openness that is refreshing. I cannot tell you what the future holds, but I am proud that we have gone to two services. Second, I am thankful for all the musical gifts in our church. From Mark, to the accompanists, our choir, our soloists, our praise team, and our sound and TV people, we are blessed with people who have outstanding gifts. Third, I am enjoying worshipping and preaching in both morning worship services. Both services are alive and filled with worship. They may look and sound different, but I believe God is being praised in both services. I am not referencing my enjoyment simply because I am trying to "cheer-lead" the two services. I really feel this way. Finally, I look forward to what God is going to do with both services. My dream is that both services will be filled with people, and the people present will be worshipping, learning, and growing closer to God. It is a good and exciting time to be the pastor here. Thank you for allowing me to be here during this season.

Pastor Ross

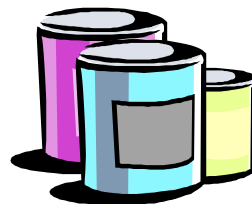
Fall Festival



**Saturday, October 24, 2009
6:00 to 8:00 P.M.**

**Family Life Center
Tell Your Friends and Neighbors**

Benevolence News



**The Benevolence Committee is on again collecting
canned and dry goods for Caring Is Sharing.
Please bring your items and place them in the
boxes that are provided throughout the church.**

The Benevolence Committee

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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*With
Sympathy*

The First Family expresses their Christian love and sympathy to:

Jane Warnell in the loss of her brother,
Sonny Denton
Charles Davis in the loss of his niece,
Bonita Lam
Dixie Cunningham in the loss of her
Father.
Family of Jimmy Dean
Family of O.Z. Foxworth
Family of Tom McClure

With Gratitude

Thank you for the shorts, school supplies, and food and most of all for your kindness. I am getting better slowly, but it is hard to walk with the cast on.

Kirby and Rebecca Alshere

Dear Church Family,

I want to express my thanks to everyone for the cards, food, visits, but most of all for your prayers. Special thanks to Janet Dean who was my greatest encourager and whose faith never wavered.

I Love you all,
Cecile Krause

My Dear Church,

Thank you so much for your words of encouragement and prayers. As we went through the time leading up to the hospitalization and surgery, we felt your prayers. I thank our Lord for our loving, praying church!

In His love,
Betty Sanderson

A Window into Jacob's Ladder

Our school kids enjoyed the Shivers Library summer reading program.. The party on the last day is always lots of fun! Elijah's Cafe treated all of our readers to a free dinner. The children made their menu choices at Jacob's Ladder. When they arrived at Elijahs, the table was set with their names on their cups and dinner was ready. They had a wonderful time!

Mrs. Shekitha was wondering if her three year old class was really listening to their lesson. Later during free time she noticed they were playing school. The "teacher" was asking the class to identify the colors on the wall. The "pupils" answered correctly.

Our children are always listening. Pray with us as we share Jesus. Even the little toddlers love to give a loud, "Amen" and clap their hands when their teachers pray before meals.

In Christ's Love, Linda



Friend Day Oct. 25, 2009

Starting making plans now on who you are going to bring for Friend Day. This will be a great day for our church. You will hear more about this in your Sunday School classes. Composer/writer Jim Boone will be with us this Sunday. The Celebration will sing his song *Prayer*.

Arts & Crafts

**1:00 to 4:00
Tuesday, Oct 6, 2009**



Mrs Sue DeHaven from Woodville United Methodist will give a talk on heart compression pillows. FBC will be working in conjunction with the Methodist church on making these pillows. The meeting will be in the Old Fellowship Hall in the Education Building.

Two Services to Pick From

Your Choice

8:30 or 10:45 A.M.

Classic or Celebration

October Birthdays

1: Eddy Harrison, Judy Pool, Jake Hickman 2: Terri Randall, Eleanor Lanyon 3: Doris Baldwin, Laurel Butler 4: Jo Stephens, Becky Weeks, Charles Spurlock, Kenni Satterwhite, Cidney Sturrock 5: Lila Jo Kirkland 6: Barbara Soileau 7: Lila Kirkland, Frances Clark, Saphyre Weeks 8: Thomas Carter, Walt Davis, Darren Daffron 9: Marae Pounds 10: Dora Pritchard, Sharlott Hickman, Madison Hennigan 12: Nita Selman, Mary Williams, Frank Walker 13: Kristyn Miller, James Kenesson 14: J.T. Toney 15: Adrienne Bell 16: Mary Neal, Alva Cook, Drake Allison 17: Linda Boyt, Sharon Moseley, Savannah White, Micah Wagner 21: Audrey Shelton 22: John Weeks 23: Myrtle Estes 24: Billy Tindel, Sharon Fuller, Darryl Rose, Charles Fentress 25: Connie Sturrock, 26: Margaret Leman 28: Brad O'Neal 29: James Bounds, Eleanor Spurlock, Allen Temple, Jane Worrell, Linda Sue Allison, Sherri Weeks 30: Tommy Mackey 31: Rachel Sturrock, David Mahan



Two Services Start with a Bang! I am as grateful as I have ever been to our Music Ministry members who have given of their time and talent to kick off the fall with two services. Many of our choir members are singing in both services. This past Sunday, our first SPAM Sunday was blessed as we had more youth in the loft than ever before. Thanks to you, our youth continue to have experiences that would not be possible without your prayers, your financial support, and your time. Time with young people is so important! Take any opportunity you can to spend time with a young person. You have no idea what that means to them and their future.

God Answers Prayers Right on Time For many months, I have prayed as well as many of you that God would bring us a bass player! The Thursday before our first two service Sunday, God through a divine appointing brought us Jacob Parish. Jacob with Richard Shaw, Michael Greaff, Bryce Cooley, Beverly Reese, and Sherri Weeks make up the members of the Praise Band. These folks bring a tremendous spirit of worship through their gifts each week. I thank God for them. I thank God for our singers as well. I would be remiss not to mention the team in the first service too. Judy Pool and Anne Garner bring a combined effort of more than 48 years of service through piano and organ. Our church is spoiled to have the best of both worlds in musical styles. I am so blessed to serve with them. Come join us! We need You!

Christmas Rehearsals have Started We have already started rehearsals for this year's presentation. The date for this year's performance is Sunday night, December 13. As usual, we are encouraging anyone in the community who wants to participate to come and join us! Listening discs are available at no charge. Contact Richard for yours! Sunday night rehearsals begin October 4. See you there.

SONlight Ministries, Sunday night, October 18

SONlight reaches out to the world via radio with two forms of radio broadcasts that seek to work along both sides of the Great Commission. We seek to share the gospel with 60 second evangelism message, and help disciple with 5 minute Bible studies and interviews.

Media Team Needs You! Two services require two sets of computer operators, two sets of sound operators, and two sets of broadcast teams. We are more interested in your availability than your ability! We are all trainable! Come try it, you might like it! You could work in one service and worship in the other! There are many options!

Cowboy Churches Thrive Sunday night, November 1, we will hear from Special guest Charles Higgs. Charles is the director of *Texas Fellowship of Cowboy Churches*, BGCT. Cowboy churches are growing in popularity as a way to appeal to non-believers who avoid potentially stuffy conventional churches. And water-trough baptisms are an increasingly common occurrence for the laid-back group. Based on openness and grace, the movement appeals to those living the cowboy lifestyle -- or city-slickers with the cowboy attitude. Suits, ties, pews and theological nit-picking are foreign to the movement. Instead, services often come before or after rodeos, branding days, roping events and barbecues. Don't miss this opportunity to find out what is going on right here in our area.

Mark

Grades 6-12

MISSION POSSIBLE: REACH SEEKERS – BUILD BELIEVERS

SPAM SUNDAY/Fundraisers: Our last SPAM fundraiser of 2009 for Centrifuge Camp 2010 at Ridgecrest North Carolina is Sunday, October 18. We can't say thank you enough church for your continued generosity and love for our teenagers. Teenagers and parents please remember that you only get credit from the fundraiser when you attend Sunday school, "big church", and work during lunch. I want to encourage you to pay your \$50 non-refundable deposit as soon as possible (due by February 1, 2010). This will open your camp account and allow you to begin putting money into your account to pay down your balance. We will send out monthly statements beginning in November 2009. The first statement will have the total trip cost enclosed. We are planning various opportunities for you to raise funds for camp. We will communicate specifics as opportunities are solidified. You will only receive credit from fundraisers that you work ... showing up and making an appearance is not enough.

Friend Day: Sunday, October 25 is Friend Day. It is also high attendance Sunday for all churches in our association. Invite and bring a friend to Sunday school and church. I am praying that we set a record for attendance and that God will do a great work in the hearts of our friends as they worship with us.

Ministry Opportunity: We need non-perishable food items. We are joining the Benevolence Committee in the food drive for Caring is Sharing. People in our community and county need food. Please bring canned goods and place them in the boxes provided in the youth area.

2010: We will start the year with DNow weekend and Hot Hearts featuring TobyMac in January. Details for registration and sign-up will be communicated soon.

Tidbit: Teens today are wired – in more ways than one. According to a study by the National Sleep Foundation, teens that have lots of electronic gear in their rooms are twice as likely to fall asleep in school. The study found that almost all teenagers in grades 6-12 had at least one electronic gadget – be it a computer, cell phone, television, or some other device in their bedrooms. Thirty-nine percent had four or more.

God Bless,
Todd

WEEKLY EVENTS AT FBC

SUNDAY

Church Library (FLC).....	9:00-9:30 & 10:30-10:40 A.M.
Sunday School.....	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Church Library (FLC).....	4:30-5:00 P.M.
Families In Action (FLC).....	4:30 P.M.
SPAM.....	4:50 P.M.
Evening Service.....	6:00 P.M.
Christmas Choir Practice.....	7:00P.M.

TUESDAY

Library.....	10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Pray & Weigh.....	12:00 P.M.
Boy Scouts.....	7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Preschool Play Day (FLC)	10:00 A.M.
Teacher's Meeting (Chapel).....	5:45 P.M.
Prayer Meeting (Chapel).....	6:15 P.M.
Handbell Choir Practice.....	5:30 P.M.
ISM (Grades 6-12).....	6:30 P.M.
Adult Choir Practice.....	6:30 P.M.

CHANGES OR NEW EVENTS AT FBC

Sunday Oct. 4:

Lord's Supper.....	8:30 & 10:45 A.M.
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Tuesday Oct. 6:

Melody Maker's (Parlor).....	9:15 A.M.
Arts & Crafts (OFH).....	1:00 P.M.

Thursday Oct. 8:

RTA's (FLC).....	11:45 A.M.
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Monday Oct. 12:

Deacon's Meeting	6:30 P.M.
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Sunday Oct. 18:

SPAM Luncheon.....	12:00 P.M.
Business Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.

Monday Oct. 19:

SNBA Association Meeting

Tuesday Oct. 20:

Melody Makers (Parlor)	9:15 A.M.
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Saturday Oct 24:

Fall Festival.....	6:00 A.M.
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Monday Oct. 26:

Card Ministry (OFH).....	10:00 A.M.
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VITAL SIGNS

Bible Study

	<u>30th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>27th</u>
Preschool.....	31	20	36	29	31
Children.....	26	21	19	20	24
Youth	46	41	40	64	60
Adults.....	162	144	170	146	146
General Officers	4	6	6	5	5
Total in House	269	232	271	264	266
Bible Study	50	53	18	44	43
Nursing Homes	39	39	39	39	39
Total	358	324	328	347	348
Av. Attendance to Date	288	271	291	295	297

Financial Report thru September

Annual Budget.....	\$686,952.00
Budget Required to Date.....	511,353.89
Budget Received to Date	448,026.58
Budget Required Weekly.....	13,507.56
Budget Received	48,861.70
Designated	39,198.97
Total.....	\$88,060.67

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Office
283-2588

Prayer Room
283-8557

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pastor	Ross D. Shelton
Minister of Worship & Music	Mark D. Tolar
Minister to Students	Todd Pounds
Sunday School Director	Richard McCullough
Pastor's Administrative Assistant.....	Kay Katzen
Education Administrative Assistant.....	Richard McCullough
Organist	Anne Garner
Pianist.....	Judy Pool
Director, Child Care Center	Linda Boyt
Building Supervisor.....	Orrill Davis
Chairman of Deacons	Sergio Ramos



*Please Pray
For*

J.C. Clark
Eleanor Spurlock
Bryce Cooley
Zach Wolden

**If you can't make it to S.S.
or church, watch the service
on cable channel 2.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Church 10:45 A.M.
and 6:00 P.M.**



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