

The Good News Letter

O LORD our Lord,
how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!
Psalm 8:9

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“The Blessing of Unity”

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)

What a wonderful time to be a member of First Baptist Church of Gaston! The Holy Spirit is working among us and permeates our services. To God be the glory!

When a church is unified, God will use the members for His Kingdom Work. The Great Commission becomes the focus, (Matthew 28:18-20) not self-centered interest. The unified effort results in changed lives and a sense of God’s presence among the people.

Don’t miss out on what God is doing at First Baptist Church of Gaston. Come join in and experience the blessing of unity!

See you this week!

Pastor Rex

HAPPINESS IS



...singing
in a choir.

I would like to invite you to join us for choir practice on Sundays at 5:00 PM.

We have such a great time together and now is a good time for you to get involved because we will just be getting started on our Christmas music beginning in September!

You don’t have to have a great solo voice, just a heart for God and a hankering to sing!

We meet each Sunday at 5:00 PM in the choir room upstairs. If you are looking for a place to serve, pray about choir! “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord”

Joyfully Serving,
Sherrell



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 9-16 ~ Week of Prayer of State Missions Janie Chapman Offering - Church Goal \$2,000						1 Dustin Eberhardt ♥Brandon & Tonya Huseby
2 Jo Ellen Haigwood Marshal Hogston Glenn Pound Wayne Watts Stephen Willetts ♥Robert & Christi Morey	3 Regina Glenn Cody Tidwell Mandi Williams Labor Day	4	5 Philip McBride Sherrell Ott Christine Reynolds Spiritual Warriors Luncheon 11:30 All Mission Groups & GA/RA/Acteen Recognition Serv. 7 PM Good News Club Mtg 7 PM-Room 200	6	7 Claudea Pound	8 Vanessa Ayer-Ramos Austin Boyd Cindy Gleaton Sherry Reynolds Janice Willetts
9 Amber Fallaw David Hinkle Jessica Parrish L. H. Sightler Lois Skipper Marion Sturkie	10 Huston Brock James Mclver Lonnie Shivers	11 Ben Livingston Dwain Smith	12 Faith Brock Nanette Stabler ♥Eddie & Collette Knight ♥E. N. & Melba Williams Prayer Meeting Mission Groups 7 PM	13 Roy Jackson Jim Pound David Rish	14 Hannah Anderson Sherrie Ellison Daniel Feaster Kyle Haigwood Kameron Haigwood Lee Sanford ♥Robbie & Nanette Stabler	15 David Hartgraves Savanna Martin Michael Rish Bailey Sharpe Brenda Woodruff ♥Ted & Janice Boldt
16 Melissa Alsbrook Rhonda Parrish Mike Rollison Alexander Stone Laurin Sturkie	17 Edward Dowd Pam Saunders Charles Sharpe Joel Sox Andie Suggs	18 Victoria Aziz Richie Pound Betty Sharpe	19 Lily Rose Peake Remington Reynolds Logan Sharpe Conf/Prayer Meeting Mission Groups 7 PM	20 Beatrice Bryant Jennifer Sawyer Lisa Sightler Kaileyanna Williams ♥Boyce & Sherry Rampey	21 Shannon Kincaid Agnes Sigh Karen Simmons Phyllis Templeton Shirley Watts	22 Cheri Vidrine ♥David & Grace Hartgraves
23 Pamela Cornette ♥Tony & Kim Miller	24 Taylor Griffin Susan Ott Smith Tyler Stalvery	25	26 Nathan Aultman Hallie Collette Brandon Dawkins Prayer Meeting Mission Groups 7 PM	27 Katlyn Kelly Patricia Sprinkle E. N. Williams	28 Victoria Hammond Eddie Knight Kinley Watts	29 Jennifer Delatorre Patricia Sightler Holly Watson ♥Harold & Annette Lucas ♥Randy & Sandy Poole
30 Josh Copeland Austin Godfrey ♥Harvel & Linda Sightler						

Dates for 2018/2019 Good News Club Meetings

Sandhills Elementary—Wednesday, September 12 - Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Francis Mack Intermediate—Wednesday, October 24 - Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Sandhills Primary—Wednesday, March 6 - Wednesday, April 10, 2019
All meetings are on Wednesdays only immediately after school dismisses for the day!





Harvest Festival October 31, 2018 6 to 7 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rachel Farmer ♥Clyde & Jeanette Spires Deacon Meeting	2 Melissa Davis Stuart Pound, Sr. Virginia Thomas ♥Jimmy & Sandra Watts	3 Rick Barr, Sr. Rachel Partin Sarah Skinner Hanna Stelly Mandy Stone Spiritual Warriors Luncheon 11:30 All Mission Groups 7 PM	4 Taylor Gardner T. L. Huggins Winston Miles Stephen Perry Donald Rowe Jimmy Sharpe McKenzie Kirkland ♥J. B. & Irma Baden	5 Elisa Edwards Ernest Gantt Clint Spires	6 Janice Cook
7 Charles Bryant Rebecca Darr Karen Dowd Neil Hanna	8 Bryan Cole Joshua Love Sherry Rampey Eugene Sharpe Karen Willetts Erica Woodhams <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Pre-Fair Ministry</div>	9 Brenda Bauer Jared Cox Dena Dawkins Halli Spire Laura Willingham ♥Jim & Alison St.Clair	10 Dawn Herron Prayer Meeting Mission Groups 7 PM	11 Charles Bobo, Jr. Jackie Johnson Lauren Sprinkle	12 Rebecca Bobbitt Brittany Corder Crystal Eagerton Amanda Munsell Gloria Sharpe Peggy Smith Amelia Suggs Wendell Templeton	13 Tonya Huseby Travis Meetze Samuel Rampey
Pre-Fair Ministry			State Fair Ministry			
14 Chris Phillips Jay Sharpe Brent Smith Claudette Smith Global Disaster Relief Sunday	15 Jennifer Stansil ♥Frank & Kim Ayer	16	17 Dwayne Fallaw Larry Williamson Conf/Prayer Meeting Mission Groups 7 PM	18 Michael Dawkins David Hildebrand Kayla Hutto Trey Skinner III ♥Graham & Erin Houghten ♥Tyler & Lauren Stalvey	19 Taylor Hanna Dennis Henderson Kandee Lei Jackson Helen Lockman Megan Miller Emily Shape ♥Duane & Jackie Johnson	20 Harley Phillips Joanna Shivers Catelyn Thornton ♥Danny & Dawn Herron ♥Jacob & Rebecca Hull
State Fair Ministry						
21 Henry Dowd Michael Hite Ashlyn Thornton Senior Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">State Fair Ministry</div>	22 Vanessa Clark Erica Galloway Matthew Leonard	23 Frank Buchanan Audrey Headden Allyson Jeffcoat Miles Rhode Pricilla Rogers Nicholas Tindall	24 Reagan Fickling Prayer Meeting Mission Groups 7 PM	25 Kayla Gallop Melanie Marlowe Hampton Newman, IV Melissa Vest	26 Sandy Chasteen Michelle Cox Karen Frownfelter Kaylan Huseby Brayden Huseby Heyward Kelly Tammy Rewis	27 Doris Barwick Annsley Pound Ann Smith
28 Melissa Day Cheryl Reynolds Robert Wise ♥Warren & Beth Cope	29 Tasha Gaffney Leianne Johnson Spencer Lail Ben Spires	30 Travis Henderson Rebecca Ridgeway ♥Heyward & Beverly Kelly	31 Chelsey Bivins Jeff Rogers Harvest Festival			

Harvest Festival ~ Wednesday, October 31, 2018

A TRICK OR TREATING ALTERNATIVE FOR CHILDREN THROUGH GRADE 6

Food ~ Games ~ Trunk-or-Treat / Non-scary costumes are preferred. Lots and lots of individually wrapped candy will be needed! Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate earmarked "Harvest Festival."

Women on Mission

School is back in session and many mission opportunities are available. First, The Camille Graham Women's Prison Picnic has been moved from **September 8 to November 3**. We will have more information in the bulletin. Lots of food will be needed for this event. There will be sign up sheet in the Welcome Center for both food and participants. If you are interested in working with this project see Margie Rish, Cindy Furtick or Pam Spires.

Thanks to everyone who helped support Mrs. Beverly Kelly on mission in Honduras and Amelia Suggs on Mission in Costa Rica. Both ladies stated they had a wonderful experience and received a blessing. We look forward to hearing more about their trips!

Upcoming Events

September 5 - GA/RA/ACTEEN Recognition service - 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary with a reception following.

September 9-16 - Week of Prayer for State Missions - Janie Chapman Offering - Church Offering Goal - \$2,000.

September 20 - Missionary Day at Camp LaVida - Anyone can attend. October begins the Cooperative Program emphasis all month.

October 8-9 - State Fair Pre-Ministry - Lots of home baked goods will be needed to hand out to the fair workers during this time.

October 10-21 - State Fair Ministry - Workers and snacks are needed. There will be sign-up sheets for State Fair Ministry Projects in the Welcome Center.

October 13 - State Disaster Relief Training - More information will be in the bulletin

October 14 - Global Hunger Relief Sunday - We will be collecting food items and financial support for to the GPS Center.

October 19-21 - Carolina Girls - ACTEENS event in Greensboro, NC—Theme **"LOVING THE NATIONS"**

Last, the Lexington Baptist Association will be partnering with several organizations to help with the **ORPHAN & VULNERABLE CHILDREN RELIEF PROGRAM**. These programs will work with foster and orphan children to provide support through the church. Please be in prayer about this program and how our church body can minister to these children and families.

As always please pray for our missionaries worldwide.

Love in Christ, Margie Rish, WMU Director

Trash Pick-up

September 29th is the next scheduled date for our litter pick up crew. We'll meet at our church at 8 a.m. and disperse in teams out to Hwy #321. Please consider coming out to help for a few hours if you can, as we are continuing to make a difference in our community, representing First Baptist Church Gaston. You are encouraged to bring gloves, hats, sunscreen, etc. If you have any questions, or want more information, feel free to contact me, Margie, or Collette Knight. Thanks in advance for your dedication. David Rish d_rish@bellsouth.net 803 518.4594

Spiritual Warriors Luncheons

September 5 and October 3 at 11:30 AM

Fried chicken will be provided in September and roast beef in October. Please bring your favorite sides and desserts. Come... enjoy good food and fellowship!

Library

There are several new items available from the church library. There are two titles from the author, Joni Eareckson Tada, *A Place of Healing* and *A Spectacle of Glory*. *Through My Eyes* by Tim Tebow is also available. Additionally, I have purchased a copy of the DVD, *I Can Only Imagine*, for the library.

The story behind the creation of this song is a moving and touching story of how a person can be healed through Christ. Please contact me at marilyn.hook1@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 803-237-6937 if you would like to arrange a showing of this movie. If you borrow the DVD, please return it so that others may enjoy it.

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