

From the Pastor's Heart

This Sunday is the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Where were you when you heard the terrible news on that day? We all know where we were and what we were doing. 9/11 was that kind of event. Our lives have been marked by it forever.

How can we honor the memory of the lives that were lost? How can we live with the sadness that fills our hearts while clinging to our hopes for a better future for our children and grandchildren? This can be a time for looking back and a time for looking ahead; a time for sad memories and a time to prepare ourselves to move forward.

Through the ages, in times of tragedy God's people have sought comfort and guidance through prayer, through the reading of the Holy Scriptures, through the singing of hymns, and through the fellowship of other brothers and sisters in the community of faith.

This Sunday in particular we will gather as a community of faith to find comfort in being together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We will gather to worship our Lord. We will sing songs of faith. We will read from Holy Scripture. We know that through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we will be bolstered in our faith, reminded of the greatness of our God, and made ready to face the future with renewed hope.

As we approach Sunday, let us pray that God's wisdom will be sought and followed by our nation's leaders as well as by the leaders of all the nations of the world. Let us also pray that terrorism shall perish forever from this earth and that God's will shall be established here just as it is established in heaven.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Sunday School and worship this Sunday.

Don

Inventory of Keys

The deacon body has asked us to take an inventory of church keys. They want to know who has been issued keys to any parts of the church facilities. Please call the church office, 892-9076, to let us know which keys you have in your possession. Thank you for your help.



Thank you!

Dear First Baptist Church,

Words cannot express our appreciation for the love, care and concern shown to us during the loss of our father and husband, Edward Woods.

Our many thanks to Dr. McClung and the family of First Baptist Church. The visits, calls and lunch prepared for our family was much appreciated.

It was appreciated more than you know.

Kay Woods & Family

Sherry Ramsey & Family

Gina Terrell & Family

Servants 09-11-2011

(If you are unable to attend, please ask someone to serve in your place.)

Children's Moment: Julie Moore

Deacons: Jimmy Howard ~ Jon Powell

Ushers: Craig Smith ~ Jon Powell

Greeters: Melva Stevens ~ Susan Dawson

Extended Session

Nursery AM: Christy Abney ~ Julie Moore

Toddlers: Sean and Christa Knowles

Pre-K: Craig and Raina Smith

Nursery PM: Julie Moore

SUNDAY
Library 9:30-10:00 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
AM Worship 10:55 AM
Library 5:30-6:00 PM
PM Worship 6:00 PM

First Baptist Church Staff

Donald L. McClung, DMin, Pastor
Carson Brit, Music and Youth Minister
Raina Smith,
Director Children's Weekly Ministries
Cheryl Howard, Organist
Marla Garito, Pianist
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WEDNESDAY
Library 10:00AM-12:00
4:00-6:00 PM
Prayer Meeting
Youth Bible Study
GAS
and "WOR"
6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal 7:30 PM

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A Note from the Finance Committee and the Property and Space Committee!

Sunday we will have one more opportunity to give a special offering toward the roof repair over the hallway between the sanctuary building and Cook Chapel. Please let your gift be over and above your gift to the budget and the debt retirement.

The finance committee reports that besides the \$3,846.10 received in the last two special offerings for roof repair, the church has two designated line items that can be added to this effort: \$1,559.98 designated toward building repairs and \$758.00 collected from Peaches to Beaches that was also designated toward property upkeep. The bottom line is that since the roof repair will cost \$8,351.00, **we lack only \$2,186.92.** Sunday let's put it over the top!

Attention all committee chairs!

Budget Planning

Please meet with your committee as soon as possible to prepare your budget requests for 2012.

Budget requests must be submitted to the Finance Committee no later than Thursday, September 15.

Can you help?

Joe and Mary Agnes will be on vacation beginning Tuesday, September 13 and will return on Tuesday, September 20. In their absence we need a few volunteers who are willing to help police areas throughout the buildings after each service/activity to ensure everything is left in order (tables and chairs in place, trash taken out, lights off, doors locked, etc.). If you are willing to help with this endeavor, please call the church office to let us know (892-9076). Thanks in advance for your help!

Mr. Malcolm Nelson, B'day 09-03

Mr. Joe Slade, Jr., B'day 09-02

Edith Nelson

Mr. James Whelchel

Bobby and Bobbie McAnally

Tommy and Nancy Dawson

Ruth Grinstead

Bonny and Faye Dixon

Mr. Johnny Sigmon

Bobby and Bobbie McAnally

Tommy and Nancy Dawson

Mrs. Bernice Crowe

Mrs. Dorothy Fauscett

Tommy and Nancy Dawson

09-04-2011



Financial Report September 4, 2011

<u>Budget Receipts</u>		<u>Designated Receipts</u>	
Budget Needs for 1 week	\$ 7,542.60	Building Fund	\$ 1,656.00
Budget Received 09-04-11	\$ 8,915.10	Youth Missions	\$ 280.00
Beginning Bal 01-01-11	\$ 8,291.03	Food Service	\$ 115.30
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$ 207,879.45	Roof Fund	\$ 1,846.00
Budget Expenditures YTD	\$ 207,381.90	Chapel	\$ 171.70
General Fund Balance	\$ 8,788.58	PCCLC	\$ 355.00
as of 09-06-2011		Praise Band	\$ 50.00
		TOTAL	\$ 4,474.00

Building Fund Update

At the end of August 2011, a payment of \$8,717.23 was made. Of this figure \$4,843.71 was applied to the principal and \$3,873.52 was paid in interest, leaving a balance of \$687,666.24.

Menu September 14, 2011

Please make your reservations by noon on Monday.

This week's meal is sponsored by

The Adult III Sunday School Class

Hamburger Steak
 Creamed Potatoes
 Blackeye Peas ~ Green Salad
 Lemon Delight
 Iced Tea ~ Iced Water



In-Home Bible Studies Coming Soon!

Our in-home Bible studies will begin in October. Presently we have six homes that will be hosting our Sunday night Bible studies in October! The dates are **October 9, 16, and 23**. The studies are taken from the *Serendipity Study Bible*. The theme of the Bible studies is "Coming Home: Pilgrims on Their Way Back." You may sign up for the in-home Bible studies beginning this Sunday. Presently we have 6 homes who will be hosting the study: Carson and Jennifer Britt, Blake and Sherry Milner, Blake and Lynn Smith, Don and Carol Ann McClung, Wayne and Betty West, and Berta Mae Wright. If you would like to host a group in your home please contact the pastor. Here is our schedule of study:

<u>October 9</u>	
The Call of Love	Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
<u>October 16</u>	
Hide and Seek	Adam and Eve: The First Prodigals (Genesis 3:1-24)
<u>October 23</u>	
Straying From God	Jonah Takes a Cruise (Jonah 1:1-17)

News from Carson

This past Wednesday marked the beginning of the Christmas season for all of us church choir folks at First Baptist. We began working on our Christmas program music for this year. As absurd as Christmas music in September may sound, I assure you that it is not. We will continue to practice each Wednesday between now and December. This is a great time to come back to choir if you have been out for some time and a great time for new choir members to join. Please be in prayer for the choir as we continue to lead our congregation in worship and as we prepare for the celebration of His birth.

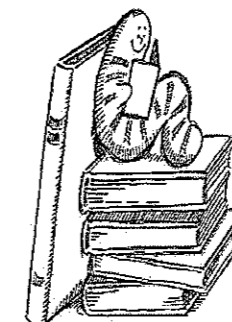
On September 30 the Hawkinsville High School football team will be playing Greenville at home. Immediately following this game we will have a 5th quarter for students from 6th grade through the 12th grade. This is a great opportunity for our church to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. If you are willing to donate food, drinks, money, or time please come talk to me. We can't do it without your support.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday!

Carson

CHURCH LIBRARY OPEN

Wednesdays
10:00 am ~ 12:00 noon
and 4:00 PM ~ 5:30 PM



09-04-2011

Joyce and Frank Dortch

Clarice Slade

McLeod Curry

Bobby and Bobbie McAnally

Marine Cpl. Tony Mullis

Tommy and Nancy Dawson

June Hortman

Charles and Charlene Douglas

Brianna Cape, 16th B'day

Brett Cape, 16th B'day

Lynn, Lissi and Levi Carr

Kelly Pritchett Family

Solid Rock Community Church

Our First Baptist Church Family
expresses deepest sympathy
to the family of

Mrs. Dorothy Fauscett,

Peggy's mother-in-law.



Pulaski-Bleckley Annual Meeting

October 13, 2011 ~ Ruth Baptist Church
Registration at 4:30 PM
First Session 5:00 PM