

FIRST FACTS

Sunday, January 15, 2017

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	372
8:30 AM Worship	161
10:30 AM Worship	242
Total AM Worship	403
No PM Worship	147

The People Gave...

Budget Receipts	\$	16,564.42
Building Fund	\$	590.00
Legacy Fund	\$	25.00
Bus Fund	\$	25.00
Other non-budgeted receipts	\$	3,089.10
Weekday Preschool Wage & Taxes	\$	-0-
Total Receipts	\$	20,293.52
Budget Requirements to date	\$	67,160.40
Budget Receipts to date	\$	47,810.24
Budget Expenses to date	\$	39,768.26

Sunday, January 22, 2017

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	379
8:30 AM Worship	210
10:30 AM Worship	256
Total AM Worship	466
PM Worship	162

The People Gave...

Budget Receipts	\$	14,832.81
Building Fund	\$	310.00
Legacy Receipts	\$	-0-
Bus Fund	\$	25.00
Other non-budgeted receipts	\$	703.00
Weekday Preschool Wage & Taxes	\$	-0-
Total Receipts	\$	15,870.81
Budget Requirements to date	\$	89,547.20
Budget Receipts to date	\$	62,643.05
Budget Expenses to date	\$	41,882.53

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Aaron D. Johnson, *Pastor*
Rev. Tommy Pierce, *Minister of Music*
Rev. Jonathan Lancaster, *Associate Pastor*
Jill Arrington, *Children's Minister*
BJ Faucett, *Student Minister*
Pam Whitt, *Pastor's Ministry Assistant*
Mary Moore, *Financial Ministry Assistant*
Dana Hill, *Programs Ministry Assistant*
Carolyn Ledbetter, *Weekday Preschool Director*
Luke Ledbetter, *Building Superintendent*

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Bible Study at Boaz Sr. Center

Bible study led by
Bro. Keith Dodd
Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

KEENAGERS Covered Dish Lunch (chicken fingers provided)

Monday, February 6-11:30 AM
Speakers: Kendra Newton
& Jennifer Colburn

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Fill a bottle, save a life!
Simply fill the baby bottle with
coins, cash or check to benefit
**Real Life Crisis
Pregnancy Center**

The money collected will be used to
provide diapers, baby clothes, baby
furniture, maternity clothes etc for
clients of the center.

(Bottles are available in the foyer/vestibule).

Make checks payable to Real Life CPC.
All donations of \$25 or more can
receive a tax receipt if you place your
name and address on the label
of the bottle.

**Please return bottles back to
basket in the foyer by
Sunday, February 12.**

Thank You:

We would like to thank Brothers Aaron, Tommy, and Jonathan and dear church family for your visits, food, prayers, and support during the hospital stay and passing of our precious mother and grandmother, Mary Lambert. We especially thank Brother Aaron, Brother Tommy, and Cindy Lancaster for leading a sweet funeral service. Thank you to the ladies of the church for your kindness in preparing and serving a wonderful meal. Mother was a faithful member of First Baptist for 57 years and she loved you, her church family, dearly.

The Mary Lambert Family

Sincere Christian Sympathy is extended by the staff and church family to ... The family of Eugenia McIntosh.

Deacons On Call January 29

Randall White
Harold Chitwood

Deacons On Call February 5

Neal Arrington
Stan Clemons

DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, February 1 at 7:45 PM in Chapel

DNOW17 WEEKEND February 17-19 Cost: \$50/student 7th -12th grade



Speaker:
Adrian Despres

(See inside for more information on Adrian)

Worship Leaders:
Jonathan and Lisa Moore

Sign up ASAP!
Please turn in registration forms
and money to BJ or Chastity

FROM THE PASTOR...

Aaron D. Johnson

Dear Church Family,

God is doing a fascinating work in our family of faith. Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed a special anointing in worship. Both our morning services have been blessed as well as the services each evening. What is taking place has neither been scripted nor organized. All I can say is that God is blessing us in a special way in worship. Thank you for being a part of what He is doing in our faith family.

We enjoy the benefit of excellent facilities. With the blessing of square feet of facility comes the significant responsibility to maintain and care for them. Over the past two years we have invested over \$200,000.00 in maintenance and repairs of our facility. Most of what has been done is readily visible. You can see the beautiful foyer renovations, the freshly painted ceiling in the worship center, the renovated restrooms, and multiple classes that have been painted and updated. One of our largest expenditures was the new roof on the four story educational building, or what we call "building B." The roof cost over \$70,000.00 and you never know it is there. That is a large sum of money to be invested in a place where it can't be enjoyed. Each time it rains, we enjoy not having to pump water from the fellowship hall!

Aging buildings require attention as well as funds. Right now we are in need of two big ticket, or very expensive, repairs. We must replace the roofs on all our facilities except the four story. According to roofing company experts, the roof on our newest building is "cooked." No ventilation was installed when the building was built. Without proper ventilation the summer heat literally bakes the shingles. The old and new auditoriums are not much better.

In addition, we must install a new fire alarm system. The current system needs significant updating and it appears that an entirely new system is the logical fix. Our Buildings & Grounds committee are working tirelessly on both of these problems. In their efforts to find the best value, and be good stewards of resources, they are seeking bids and doing due diligence in every part of the process.

All that said; we are looking at a financial need of almost \$300,000.00. The repairs will not wait for a financial campaign. We must make these repairs as soon as possible. During our next business meeting, Wednesday January 25, 2017, our finance committee will bring a motion to open a line of credit that will not exceed \$300,000.00. The Buildings & Grounds committee will be charged with securing the repairs and will report to the church as repairs are made. Our total expenditure on building repairs and maintenance will top a half a million dollars over a two year period once these repairs have been made.

All that, and we still need a multipurpose building that will serve as a fellowship hall and meet other program needs. God is blessing us significantly. We are now called to be faithful with the blessings. Join me as we make an impact in our mission field!

Your Pastor,



Pastor Aaron

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jill Arrington

Together we are guiding children to Jesus

5 spots available

Calling ALL Children in grades 1-6 Children's Missions Explosion

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 Cost \$7

Join us for an energetic day! Children and their leaders will learn about new cultures and ministries while being equipped to take the Gospel with them BY ALL MEANS possible!



Contact Jill in the church office
256-593-8580 or 256-302-7033
ASAP

2 Chaperones needed.

WE'RE HEADED TO
CENTRIKID!
July 7-9, 2017

CentriKid camps

CentriKid is a high energy, intentional, gospel-centered overnight camp for 3rd-6th graders. Their mission is to help kids experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ. This takes place through track times, recreation, worship, Bible study, church group time, and a variety of other fun events. CentriKid Camps are committed to providing content that is rooted in Scripture, a safe location, kid-friendly programming, and staffers who are deeply invested in your kids.

If you are interested in more information about this camp, please contact Jill by February 12th.



Join me in praising God for His Spirit moving in the lives of adults and children in our community and church.

Thank God for the leaders who faithfully minister to more than 225 kids each week through FBC children's ministries on Sunday morning and evening, Monday and Tuesday Kids Afterschool Bible Clubs, Wednesday night Choirs & Kids On Mission groups and Thursday Frontline Childcare. Also, thank Him for those who teach academics and spiritual truths to the 137+ children at The Shepherd's Place Monday through Friday.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Tommy Pierce

Dear Church,

It's good to see new people getting involved in the Music Ministry of First Baptist Boaz! It seems that every week we have new members in one of our musical groups. Why don't you come and join us? I promise it will be a tremendous blessing to you. There's no audition! All you have to do is show up at our next rehearsal. If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact me. Leading in worship is a wonderful way to serve the Lord!

The New Horizons are planning a trip for this spring. This great group of folks are such a blessing. Let me urge you to give strong consideration to becoming a part of this group. We meet every Monday at 1:00 and end promptly at 2:00. The fellowship, musical opportunities and mission opportunities make the New Horizons an outstanding group that I know will help you grow in the Lord! Again, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Just give us a try. I know you will be glad that you did.

Our Student Choir is going to Immanuel Baptist Church in Hokes Bluff on March 12th. They will be leading in the 6:00 evening service. This is an excellent opportunity for our Student Choir to go beyond our own church doors. Pray for them as they prepare. We'll be singing 10 songs. I'm challenging the student to give their testimony during the course of the program. This will be a great outreach time for the choir!

Bro. Tommy



STUDENT MINISTRY

BJ Faucett

Meet Our Speaker for DNOW17

Adrian Despres became a Christian while playing football for Furman University (Greenville, SC). As a respected student, athlete, and peer, Adrian began sharing his faith with others as he used his God-given public speaking abilities.

In 1990, after graduating from Seminary at Columbia International University, Adrian joined the Itinerant Ministry Staff of Kingdom Building Ministries, now called Forge, with whom he continues to serve today. In addition, Adrian served as the Chaplain for the University of South Carolina's football team for 15 years. With past speaking engagements in over 15 countries, his ministry reaches thousands of students and young adults each year and has brought thousands into a relationship with Christ.

In his current position as Vice President of Forge, Adrian's passion to see lost souls saved and Christians called into a life of laboring for God continues to propel his ministry. Adrian lives in Columbia, South Carolina, with his wife, Lisa, and has four children: Rachel, Branson, Kaitlyn, and Benjamin.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Jonathan Lancaster

Church Family,

In light of the division we see in our country, I feel led to remind us all of the instruction of Christ:

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
(Matthew 5:43-48)

In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us that we are commanded to love our enemies—those with differing ideologies & those who might wish us harm. As we follow this command, we display the heart of our Father. He is the One who pours out His goodness on the evil & the good, the righteous & the unrighteous. Romans 2:1-4 tells us that He demonstrates this kindness for the expressed purpose of leading men to repentance.

Jesus calls us to mirror the action of our God by showing love & kindness to those who are opposed to us. We do this with the same purpose as our Father—to lead people to repentance & salvation. As Christians, we must come to a place of wanting to see people come to know Jesus as Savior more than we want to win a war of words. After all, every believer understands what it feels like to receive love that is undeserved. We call it grace!

I pray that each member of our family of faith would be a light in the darkness this week!

Grace & Peace,



PRAYER MINISTRY

We are expanding our prayer ministry by having someone praying throughout each Sunday AM service. We will be praying specifically for that service, the music, the message, and asking God to move on the hearts of our people, as well as praying for our country and our elected officials. **We are looking for people who will live out 2 Chronicles 7:14.** Would you commit to being a part of this ministry? If so, please contact Paul Taunton at 256-840-5532 or ptaunton4@gmail.com.