

FIRST FACTS

Sunday, October 13, 2019

The People Came...

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| Sunday School | 301 |
| 9:00 AM Worship | 347 |
| PM Worship | 84 |

The People Gave...

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| Budget Receipts | \$ 21,114.72 |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,220.00 |
| Other non-budgeted receipts | \$ 1,549.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 23,883.72 |
| Budget Receipts to date | \$ 890,244.57 |
| Budget Requirements to date | \$ 944,606.79 |
| Budget Expenses to date | \$ 794,658.15 |

Sunday, October 20, 2019

The People Came...

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| Sunday School | 327 |
| 9:00 AM Worship | 347 |
| PM Worship | 95 |

The People Gave...

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| Budget Receipts | \$ 41,045.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 170.00 |
| Other non-budgeted receipts | \$ 3,038.49 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 44,253.49 |
| Budget Receipts to date | \$ 931,289.57 |
| Budget Requirements to date | \$ 967,645.98 |
| Budget Expenses to date | \$ 817,128.79 |

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Aaron D. Johnson, *Pastor*
 Rev. Ryan Hitchcock, *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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Our Church's
125th Anniversary

Sunday, October 27th
Church-Wide Fellowship/Dinner
on the Grounds at 11:15 AM.
We will have a tent set up
across the street from the
church.

Meat (BBQ) & drinks
will be provided.
Please bring your favorite sides
and desserts to the tent.



2020 Budget

Schedule for Adoption

Budget Report to the Church
Nov 3 at AM Worship Service
(copies will be available)

Budget Committee Hearings
Wed, Nov 6 - 7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 10 - 5:30 PM
Wed, Nov 13 - 7:00 PM
Conference Room

Vote on Proposed Budget
November 17 following
AM Worship Service

Samaritan's Purse
**OPERATION
Christmas Child**



Shoe Box Ministry
Due November 10
Goal: 325 Boxes

Our Newest Members:

By Letter/Statement (5)

Jim Handley
200 Church St #571
Boaz, AL 35957
PH: 256.251.0625
Deacon: Garland Cox

Sincere Christian Sympathy is extended by the staff and church family to ... The families of **James Jones**, father of Jim Jones; **Dennis Johnson**, father of Lela Smith.

Deacons On Call Oct 27

Tony Turner
Kyle Nelson

Deacons on Call Nov 3

Garland Cox
Dan Erwin

The First Baptist Church Family

expresses its

APPRECIATION

to



Mary Moore

for her 11 years of faithful service



Mary will be retiring effective the end of this month.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Aaron D. Johnson

Dear Church Family,

Have you ever considered how a church changes? The church is described as a body. Sometimes we mistake the building for the church. However, Scripture clearly describes the church as a living body. Since we are a living body, change is required to live. With every member who promotes to Heaven, with every transfer of membership, with every new addition, the church changes just a little bit. That change is intensified when transition comes to the leadership of the church. We see that readily with Ryan, our new Music Minister.

This month we are going to have to make another change in our ministry team. After eleven faithful years of service as our financial secretary, our dear Mary Moore will be retiring. Over the last five and a half years, I have watched Mary work and have grown to deeply appreciate her dedication and the attitude she has demonstrated. She has worked under stressful times and under deadline demands. In each of these and more, she has served her Lord by serving us.

Mary, if not most, of our members don't know Mary. She is most comfortable behind the scenes doing the accounting of the church. Though many have not had the privilege of getting to know Mary, I can promise this family of faith that she will be missed. She has been a vital part of the ministry team here at FBC. She has weathered storms, been steady through staff transitions, and at all times has demonstrated class to all and concern for all.

If you see Mary, please wish her well and let her know how much her ministry had blessed this family of faith. She has requested...no, she has demanded, we do nothing big or showy. To honor her request, let me ask you to do what you feel most impressed to do. Give her a call, drop her a note, stop by the office, but please let her know she is appreciated. We will miss you Mary.

This Sunday is our 125th celebration! Please make plans to come and bring a friend! We will have worship and Sunday School as usual. After Sunday School we will gather on the grounds across the road for Sunday lunch. Remember to bring your favorite side dish and dessert. We need to use this time as a celebration of what God has done, and look ahead to what He is going to do. Bring a friend and be blessed this Sunday.

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. Our goal is 325 boxes with a challenge goal of 350. Take your child or grandchild, or neighbor's child, shopping to fill the box. This will be a teachable time for them. Through this box we can touch a life far away. We can also touch a life right here at home by teaching a stewardship lifestyle.

Your Pastor,



Pastor Aaron

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jill Arrington

Together we are guiding children to Jesus

Thank you for Praying ...

Thank you for praying for me and my family. Rachel is still in the hospital but getting better. Thank you for the generous gift on Minister Appreciation Day. I also really appreciate the encouraging words that were shared with me. We love being here with you at First Baptist Boaz.

Thank you for praying for those who participated in camp at WorldSong Missions Place. Twenty-five children and 5 adults from our church attended this Missions Festival recently. The kids were exposed to missions in Thailand. They had an eye opening experience of Thailand's culture through food, customs, crafts, and games that were led by young adults who have a heart for children and missions! They learned about personally living out the Great Commission. **#ALFMF2019**

Thank you for praying for the 100 plus kids and 3 leaders who participate in our afterschool Kids Bible Club.



We are representing FBC and Jesus during the community event at "Old Mill Park" on October 31. "Monster Mash at the Mill" will be open from 5-8 pm. If you would be willing to work at a game booth, please contact Jill or the church office. Thanks!

In the church foyer, each month, you will find the following personal and parenting resources., free of charge to you. If you can't find one, please contact or leave a note for Jill.

ParentLife: partnering with parents to raise Godly kids

HomeLife: faith—family—life

StandFirm: God's challenge for today's man; this is a monthly men's devotional guide.

Journey: A woman's devotional guide to intimacy with God

Missions Mosaic: discover how to involve your family in missions—in your home—in your church—in your world through the insights in this magazine

Grades 1-6 Memory verses:

Parents, please memorize these verses with your child:

"Honor your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land that the LORD God is giving you." Exodus 20:12

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24



ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Jonathan Lancaster

Church Family,

Our Sunday School organization is very important to what the Lord is doing (and wants to do) in the life of our church. It is the "little" church inside the "big" church. Sunday School is where lifelong relationships are formed and our members are mobilized to love out the Great Commission.

Because of Sunday School's importance, we have set aside time for a monthly opportunity for encouragement, communication, and training. The first of these monthly Sunday School Leaders' Meetings is scheduled for Sunday, November 17. During our time together, we will talk about victories won, hurdles we are facing, and logistical issues for each of our classes. We will also begin a video-driven training called Sunday School Matters.

So, if you are a Sunday School leader, make your plans to meet me in room D-200B at 5pm on Sunday, November 17 for our first monthly meeting. If you aren't a Sunday School leader, encourage the leaders in your class to participate. I believe this training is essential to making our Sunday School organization the best tool it can be for accomplishing Christ's purposes!

Shifting gears, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for showing your love for my family and me all year long, but especially through your recent Minister Appreciation gift to us. Our family is truly blessed to be part of the FBC family, and I am honored to serve with you here. Your encouragement, prayers, and support are blessings for which we do not thank you often enough. We pray that God would continue to bless our church and use us for His glory in the years to come.

Grace & Peace,




Women's
FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 17
4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

All ladies are invited.

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Ryan Hitchcock

Find Where God is Working and Join Him

"We don't choose what we will do for God; He invites us to join Him where He wants to involve us."
— Henry T. Blackaby, Experiencing God

This past Sunday I had an interest meeting to see if there were any young people interested in starting up a youth choir or ensemble. I discovered, to my surprise, that there were quite a few who were interested. In fact, 21 students (7th-12th grade) showed up in the choir room after our worship was over to express their interest in being a part of this opportunity. How exciting! Our first youth choir practice is scheduled for January 12th!

Isn't it great when you can clearly see where God is working? I didn't recruit or beg anyone (not even my own kids) to be a part of this. It was just a simple invitation to come and see if you would like to sing in a choir. And God moved.

I had an experience early in my adult life where I was allowed the opportunity to go to Russia and sing with a choir (Oklahoma Singing Churchmen - similar to the Alabama Singing Men). We took close to 300 people and broke into 5 choirs during the day, because it's easier to accommodate 50-60 than 300. We also were able to reach more people by doing that. Then, we reassembled as one choir for special evening performances and evangelistic outreach. During the day, we also passed out Bibles that were translated into Russian and various other minority languages.

One cold afternoon, my small choir sang for a group of nurses at a nursing school. There were probably 200, mostly women, dressed in their strange white nursing uniforms. (Nurses in Russia, at least in the early 90's, wore these really tall, white hats. They looked almost like chefs at a fancy restaurant.) They sat quietly and respectfully at attention throughout the whole concert. Then, after we sang, one of the pastors who was travelling with us preached a short evangelistic message. After the translator finished the invitation to the "altar" (we were in a school auditorium), we watched in amazement as 80-90% of the students got up and began walking to the front of the stage. I had expected little to no movement, thinking they were just being polite for the nice Americans. I even overheard the pastor ask the translator if the students understood what he was asking them to do - give their lives to Christ. The translator responded immediately, "They know EXACTLY what they're doing." I wept in shame at my lack of faith.

Father, teach me to have faith - even faith as much as a mustard seed!

Singing forever for His glory,

