First Baptist Church Eatonton

Messenger

NOVEMBER 5, 2020

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE WITH ALL.

FROM THE PASTOR

Notes of thanks are due to the Nominating Committee and the Finance Committee. Both completed their committee's work last month quietly and faithfully with their presentations on October 25. Their work leads us for the coming fiscal year. Thanks to them for their work and thanks to all who agreed to serve as requested. Thanks to the church at large that committed to live together with the fiscal commitments requested. Now, continue to pray for the committees as they meet and lead themselves to lead us in our many mission endeavors throughout the year.

Also a note of thanks to the ones who allowed their names to be put into nomination for deacon. It is always a bit of a precarious venture to allow one's name to be nominated and then to serve if elected. I welcome the newly elected deacons as they join the deacon body – Rob Brown, Joni Dixon, Walt Rocker, Steve Tubbs, Roger Vining and Charles Winslette. I look forward to our service together.

As you may well know, Founders Day is scheduled for November 15. However, I discovered it a bit late to celebrate it in the usual way. It will happen, but not with the usual fanfare, dinner and recognitions. Blame it on the pandemic and our inability to plan far enough ahead of time for a larger celebration. I wish, and always pray for an end to the pandemic's role in our affairs. I do hope next year will be more the norm, with greater freedom of movement and with the ability to make Founders Day a great celebration.

I am mindful of the risks we take every day to live our lives. I am also mindful that some people's health and wellbeing means greater risks for some than others. I continue to lift you up in my prayers, along with the hope of a vaccine. I am most concerned these days for the effect isolation is having upon so many people. My mom passed away a couple of years ago at the age of 94. I cannot imagine her surviving the isolation in which some are living these days. Join me in praying for these individuals, their families and the many caretakers who are giving care to these people. Call these people. Send a card their way. And if they text, email, etc. send them lots of pics. May God's grace keep and hold them and God's face shine upon them.

Know that I long to be with you in more face to face events than the CDC recommends. I realize there are yet many people I have not met, as well as many from whom I have not yet heard their story. The more I listen the more I hear, and the more I long to hear, people's life stories. I long for these connections as your pastor. It will forever feel awkward until I have had more in depth times together with you. Know of my pastoral love for all. Please call me as needed and share with me other people's needs as you discover them.

Grace and Peace,
Craig

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Children and Youth Ministry

Seeing young people smile and have a good time is one of the best parts of ministry. Last week we had a pumpkin carving contest and saw children and youth compete on having the best pumpkin carving. The "judges" saw everything from a scary face to baby pumpkin Yoda, and after careful deliberation and artistic judging, Ford Rocker won the contest. Everyone had a great time and fellowshipped afterward around home-cooked chili and cornbread.

Then, this past Wednesday, we had a trunk or treat event in the gymnasium with Stepping Stones. The goal was to create a safe opportunity to have a trick or treat event with our church's children and Stepping Stones. Adult volunteers and youth helped set up themed tables to pass candy to the children, and seeing the children running around in the gym reminds us all of how much of a blessing children are to our church family.

We want to continue building the children's ministry and offer more opportunities for the children in our worship service on Sunday. Therefore, starting this Sunday, there will be a children's sermon during our worship hour. Children are part of the future church and the present church of today, and we want them to have a part of our regular Sunday service. The children's message allows them to hear God's word on their level while worshiping with their families.

We look forward to adding new worship elements on Sunday to continue reaching our children and youth. We appreciate all the prayer and support from our church family.

Jacob Roberts

Trunk or Treat Highlights

JuBELLation

Come join us!

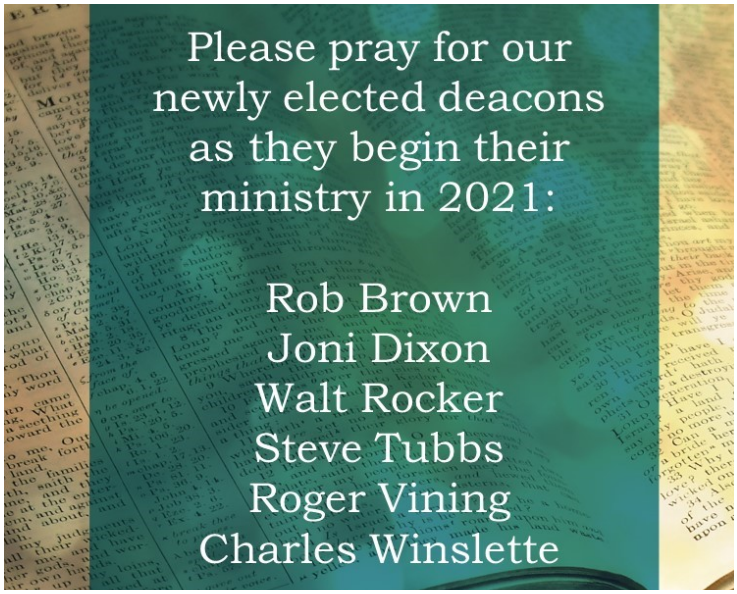
Handbell Choir meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:25 in the choir room.

Contact John Cotton for more information.

NOW 2020

Night of Worship Music Festival

Join us for a mixture of praise and worship music performed by the FBC Quartet, Worship Teams from Bible Fellowship Church, Church Central and MENDED.



Help us stop the spread of Covid-19

Wear a face mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, use hand sanitizer, and wash your hands for 20 seconds.

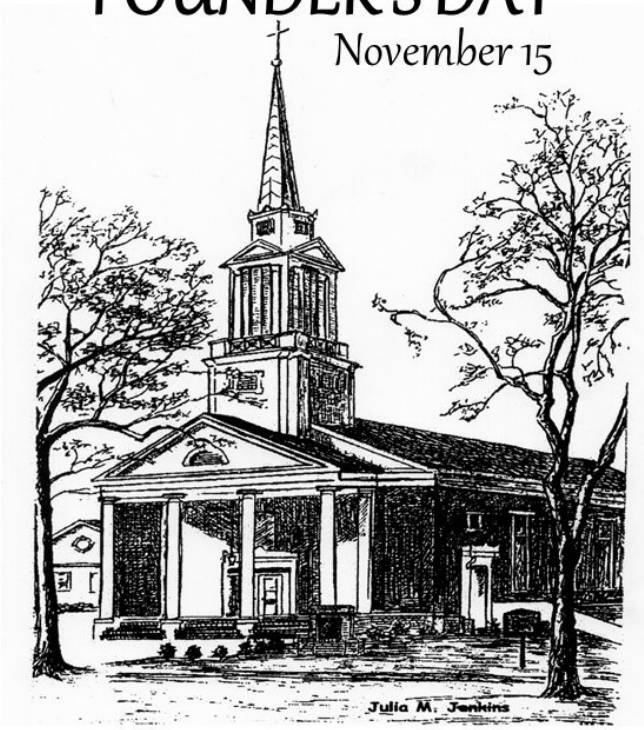
Do Not Enter if you have had symptoms of Covid-19 (Fever, Cough, Sneezing, etc.) OR if you have been exposed to Covid-19.

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—4:00pm

FOUNDER'S DAY

November 15



Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 13 and Sunday, December 20.

Order your poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one by Monday, November 30

The cost is $7.00

To reserve your poinsettias, please place your check with the information in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

You can pick them up after church on December 20

"Babies First Christmas" Shower

for

Lauren Camp Brown

Girl Due March 2021

Alexie Waddell Camp

Boy Due January 2021

November 15 at 6 PM

First Baptist Church of Eatonton Fellowship Hall

Registered at BabyList.com

RSVP to Lisa Tubbs by Nov. 8—LISA41.SJM@gmail.com

FAMILY NIGHT CONNECTIONS

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Adults, Youth and Children will gather in the sanctuary for music, prayer and games.
Then everyone will break into small groups for Bible Study.

Join us for Morning Worship

Sundays at 10:50 AM

Come In Person or

Watch on Facebook Live

Missions

Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

OCC Boxes are due November 15th.

This means we only have 2 weeks
to collect these gifts for the Children.

The OCC Monthly Gift Suggestion for November
is the $9 donation for shipping.

Now Hiring Children's Director

The Children's Director is responsible for leading the church's children's ministry which includes Sunday's Children's Church and Wednesday children's programs. The Director is responsible for envisioning, leading and planning with volunteers a children's ministry that leads to the development and formation of Christian faith among children from nursery through elementary school age.

The Children's Director works in partnership with the leadership of the Associate Pastor, the Music Minister and the Senior Pastor. Additional information can be obtained from the Associate Pastor, the Senior Pastor or the Personnel Committee Chair, Steve Benton.

Financial Report

Weeks of October 18, October 25 and November 1

Budget Needs	28,185.00
Budget Receipts	26,743.00
Budget Needs YTD	413,380.00
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Thank You

Church Members,

Thank you for your prayers for my son Danny. He is so much better. God has blessed me in so many ways. One is having a caring, loving, praying church family.

Love you all,
Betty Pinholster

Worship Report

Sunday, October 18	60
Sunday, October 25	99
Sunday, November 1	70

JOIN US SUNDAYS FOR MORNING WORSHIP
10:50 A.M. in the Sanctuary and Live on Facebook

JOIN US WEDNESDAYS FOR FAMILY NIGHT CONNECTIONS
6:30 P.M. in the sanctuary for ALL ages for a night of worship, Bible study, prayer, and games

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Return Service Requested

No Wednesday Night Activities will take place on November 25.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Thanksgiving Dinner

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 at 6 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Church will provide all the food at no cost

RSVP to the Church Office by November 16