

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of GASTON

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## **Brady Blog** A Written Word from FBCG's Senior Pastor

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### **Greetings First Baptist Family,**

Now that September is behind us, we are already 75% of the way through with 2023. I can't believe it but it is true! On the first day of this year, Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, I preached on the word 'Deliver(ed)'. We are to deliver the good news of Jesus because we've been delivered. Let's finish strong with this mission as we get ready to close out 2023.

As we are at the 3/4<sup>th</sup> mark of the year, I can't help but reflect on all that God has done in our Church. I can't help but point out that God has us in a very special and unique season in the life of our Church right now. In September alone, we welcomed 13 people into the membership of our Church who recently took our New Members Class. Which means we've had 42 people join our Church since January with many that I will need to baptize soon. To God be the Glory! Like I said, this is such a unique season in the life of our Church, and we need to stop, and give God praise for what He is doing.

In September we kicked off D-Groups (Discipleship Groups). This is a ministry that I had been wanting to try for quite some time. Our goal was to have 50 folks consistently in D-Groups. Through 3 weeks of D-Groups, we are averaging 95 people in 6 different Discipleship Groups. Discipleship is such a big part of what we do here at FBCG. Thank you, Church, for being a part of this 8-week discipleship program! We will have D-Groups again this coming spring.

October is such a big month of outreach opportunities right here in our community. Two events that I would like to make you aware of are the Gaston Collard Festival and our Harvest Festival! The Gaston Collard Festival will take place at 10 AM on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. If your child is wanting to be on our Church float, they must have their permission slip signed and be in the parking lot of Frances Mack between 9-9:30 AM. Our float this year is going to have an evangelistic theme as we will hand our 'salvatoir bracelets' with the hope we can share the Gospel with people! Our Harvest festival will be on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow concerning time and other details, but we will need trunks so sign up in welcome center and see Pastor Chris with any questions.

Before Thanksgiving and Christmas arrive, let's make sure that we make October count. Let's use the parade and the harvest festival as opportunities to be intentional with our community and to share the Gospel with folks we come in contact with. Let's apply what we've been learning for 12 weeks in now in the book of Philippians. Let's find true JOY in our Christian Journey.

As I close this month's edition of the Brady Blog, I'd like to close with what God said through the apostle Paul in Philippians 3:14, 'I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.' How are we pressing on? Are you pressing on in your daily life for the cause of Christ? Or for the comfortability of self? Press on and let's finish the year strong!

### **October Pastor Chris Korner**



We have made it to October my friends, my, how the year has passed so quickly. Birthdays, Anniversary's, new beginnings and old ones. I become very sentimental this time of year and more reflective. I suppose I become this way, and more so as I have gotten older. I am reminded that the time that we have been given by our Creator grows shorter every year, that we have a choice each day in how we will spend that day. I don't know about you, but I want to make each day count for eternity. Yes, I stumble and fall almost every day in that pursuit, but you know what, our Father isn't surprised. He still loves you and I, and one day, as a believer we will see Him face to face. I long for His words to be spoken to me personally, "Well done, good and faithful servant." What about you, as you lazily watch the leaves of summer drift slowly to the ground and realize, I have been made for a purpose, and that purpose is to glorify my Father in heaven.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct 1** Grief Gathering Group 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**Oct 4** Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, please bring sides/dessert  
**Oct 6** Family Fun Night at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Pumpkin painting and crafts  
**Oct 7** Collard Festival Parade, Children's float be at Francis Mack at 9-9:30 am  
**Oct 8** Pastor Appreciation Sunday  
**Oct 8** First Annual Sunday School Chili Cook Off 4-7 pm  
**Oct 8-10** State Fair Pre Ministry and Prayer Walk, if interested contact Lexington Baptist Association 803-356-2543  
**Oct 10** Senior Adult Apple Picking Trip-See Vickie Vidrine for information  
**Oct 15** Choir practice at 5:00 pm  
**Oct 16** Women on Mission at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**Oct 22** Choir Practice at 5:00 pm  
**Oct 24** Brotherhood meeting at 7:00 pm, a meal will be served  
**Oct 28** Trunk or Treat 2-4 pm  
**Oct 29** Pink Sunday-special service, request everyone wear Pink  
**Reminder**-Children's Choir Practice every Wednesday Night at 6:00 pm

### OCTOBER DEACONS ON CALL

- Oct 1** Chris Vidrine 803-513-4915  
**Oct 8** Chris Pound 803-518-2143  
**Oct 15** Duane Johnson 803-794-8506  
**Oct 22** Tom Learn 803-429-1358  
**Oct 29** Allen Ott 803-960-6820

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rachel Farmer ♥Clyde & Jeanette Spires	2 Stuart Pound Sr. ♥Jimmy & Sandra Watts ♥Jason & Emily Luther	3 Rick Barr Sr. Rachel Partin Hanna Stelly Mandy Stone	4 Clifford Curtis McKenzie Kirkland Donald Rowe Jimmy Sharpe Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15pm-8pm. GA/RA, Mission Friends 7-8 pm	5 Kolton Bolin Elisa Edwards Ernest Gantt	6 Ruby Farmer Terri Smith Ashley Yarbrough	7 Karen Dowd Neil Hanna Melody Sanford
8 Bryon Cole Sherry Rampey Eugene Sharpe Karen Willetts Erica Woodhams ♥Ricky & Megan Ransbottom	9 Jared Cox Sharon Hammond Alex Learn Kaden Learn ♥Jim & Alison St. Clair	10 Dawn Herron	11 Tom Hutson Jackie Johnson  Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15pm-8pm. GA/RA, Mission Friends 7-8 pm	12 Rebecca Bobbit Brittany Corder Crystal Eagerton Gloria Sharpe Peggy Smith	13 Tonya Huseby Samuel Rampey	14 Emily Luther ♥David & Samantha Smith
15	16 Vickie Jones	17 Robbie Duttmar Larry Williamson	18 Tyler Platt Kayla Hutto Trey Skinner III ♥Tyler Lauren Stalvey Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15pm-8pm. GA/RA, Mission Friends 7-8 pm	19 Taylor Hanna Dennis Henderson Helen Lockman Megan Miller Emily Sharpe ♥Duane & Jackie Johnson	20 Cindy Lambert Catelyn Thornton ♥Danny & Dawn Herron	21 Michael Hite Ashlyn Thornton
22 Erica Galloway Matthew Leonard	23 Gary Adkins Allyson Jeffcoat Pricilla Rogers Nicholas Tindal ♥Blandon & Samantha Smith	24	25 Melissa Vest Candice Austen  Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15pm-8pm. GA/RA, Mission Friends 7-8 pm	26 Sandy chasteen Michelle Cox Heyward Kelly ♥Braydon & Kaylan Huseby	27 Doris Barwick Annsley Pound Vince Sanford	28 Carolina Holmes Cheryl Reynolds ♥Warren & Beth Cope  
29 Tasha Gaffney Hannah Henderson  	30 Travis Henderson ♥Heyward & Beverly Kelly	31 Chelsey Bivins Jeff Rogers				



### SPIRITUAL WARRIORS NEWS from Vicki Vidrine, Director

The monthly luncheon is Wednesday, October 4th at 11:30 am. We will be having ham and we ask that you bring a side and/or a dessert. Apple Picking trip Oct 10th-Sign up in the Welcome Center.



**LIBRARY NEWS: Marilyn Hook (email: marilynhook1@gmail.com)**

Brotherhood Meeting October 24th at 7:00 pm, a meal will be served.



### Music Notes for October

This month the choir will be practicing on October 15th and 22nd at 5:00 p.m. following D groups. We will be singing October 1st, October 22nd, and October 29th this month. If you are interested in singing with us or maybe you sang in the homecoming choir, we would love to invite you back to sing with us this month. We have so much fun together at our practices and we truly enjoy leading worship on the Sundays that we sing.

May God continue to be glorified through our music ministry at FBCG !

Joyfully Serving, Sherrell



**Minister of  
Music**

**Sherrell Ott**

Thanks to everyone who help us exceed our goal of \$2,500 for the Janie Chapman State Missions Offering. We collected \$3,610 that will benefit state missions.

The Lexington Baptist Assoc. (LBA) is working with the SC State Fair Ministry and ask for help providing meals for the fair workers by providing brownies, cookies or Rice Krispy treats. Bring items to the church by Oct 4th. They are doing a Prayer Walk on Sat, Oct 8th from 9am to 5pm and serving meals Oct 9-10. If you are interested in helping, contact the LBA at 803-356-2543

The Prison Packet information will be out in the next several weeks. Our church goal is 65 packets. Prayer how you can be a part of this ministry.

The Women on Mission meeting will be Mon., Oct. 16th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We ask you to sign up for soup, salad or dessert so we have enough for everyone. We will be packing shoeboxes that night. We are collecting fishing kit & sewing kit supplies, glue sticks, pencils, crayons, and coloring books. We hope to see you there.

**Women on  
Mission**  
Margie Rish,  
Director



Join us for Family Fun Night!

Friday, October 6th at 6:00pm.

Pumpkin Painting & Crafts!



Sunday School Chili cook-off is right around the corner! We are looking forward to a great afternoon of food and fellowship. We will have cornbread, chili, and dessert. If you are not in a Sunday school class but plan on attending, just sign up on one of the sheets in the hallway if you would like to participate in the competition. We will also have outdoor games like horseshoes, cornhole, ladder ball, bocce ball, and any other outdoor games that people bring. Bring your lounge chairs and if you have a tailgating tent, bring that and plan on spending the afternoon together in great fellowship and fun. We wanted to try something different this year and have the Sunday school picnic right on our own church grounds. The time will be October 8th beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending around 7:00 p.m. This is for anyone in the church. Even if you're not in a Sunday school class, we would love for you to come and join us. Many thanks, Jim and Sherrell



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28th 2-4 pm



Children's Church  
meets on Sundays  
in Room 203

A big THANK YOU to the Children's Worship volunteers for Sunday mornings! Praise God! Listed below is the team rotation. Please contact Sandy Drawdy if you have any questions.

**Oct. 1 Team 4** Charles Burton, Sherry Burton, Shawn Goff, Melissa Goff

**Oct. 8 Team 5** Emily Furtick, Sunnie Gail Pound, Savannah Peele

**Oct. 15 "Reminders to Remember"** Parents, pick your child up from the Fellowship Hall after church service please.

**Oct. 22 Team 1** Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey, Troy Peele

**Oct. 29 Team 2** Travis Henderson, Liz Henderson, Emily Petrey

# ATTENDANCE

## September's Attendance

Sunday School Average: 171

Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church: 247

Wednesday Evening Worship: 203

### DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY—2023-2024

<b>Duane Johnson</b> 803-626-6700 <b>A-B</b>	<b>Keith Ray</b> 423-823-2555 <b>C-D</b>	<b>Josh Stabler</b> 803-608-0922 <b>E-F</b>	<b>Tom Learn</b> 803-429-1358 <b>G-H</b>
<b>Dwain Smith</b> 803-446-1595 <b>I-J-K</b>	<b>Chris Pound</b> 803-518-2143 <b>L-M</b>	<b>Glenn Pound</b> 803-238-7477 <b>N-O-P</b>	<b>Chris Vidrine</b> 803-513-4915 <b>Q-R</b>
<b>Terry Pound</b> 803-447-6267 <b>Sa—Sm</b>	<b>Heyward Kelly</b> 803-794-0723 <b>Sn-U</b>	<b>Allen Ott</b> 803-960-6820 <b>V-W-X-Y-Z</b>	

## SERVICES

### Sunday,

09:30 AM.....Men's Prayer Group  
09:45 AM.....Sunday School  
11:00 AM.....Morning Worship  
Children's Worship  
4:00 PM .....Discipleship Groups

### Monday,

01:00 PM.....Ladies Prayer Group

### Wednesday,

06:00 PM.....Family Supper  
06:15-6:45 ... Youth & Acteens Supper  
06:45-8 PM.....Youth Bible Study  
07:00 PM.....Prayer Service, GAs, RAs,  
Mission Friends & Acteens



## OCTOBER EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

Oct. 1 **Team 6** Traci Rish, Cheryl Reynolds, Matt Drawdy, Carla Sightler, Rebekah Lewis, Megan Spires  
Oct. 8 **Team 1** Collette Knight, Jo Lynn Martin, Wendy Sanford, Deanne Foster, Pam Thomas  
Oct. 15 **Team 2** Amie Cobia, Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Christian Chavis, Sammy Smith, Ally Sanford  
Oct. 22 **Team 3** Sandy Poole, Bonita Mishoe, Aggie Sigh, Jim Thomas, Ginny Henderson, Bailey Speares  
Oct. 29 **Team 4** Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Melody Sanford, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Reese Speares

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Upper Room will be making our annual trip to Sease Farms Corn maze on Saturday, October 28 immediately following Trunk or Treat. Any student that works the Trunk or Treat will receive free admission to the corn maze. Otherwise, cost is \$18. Students will need money for food. Deadline for sign up is October 22. Students will also be taking part in veteran headstone restorations and flag decorations on Saturday, November 4 to commemorate Veterans Day. This will begin at 10am and lunch will be provided. Students who participate will get a discount on Summersalt fees.



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