

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of GASTON

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Gather. Grow. Go.

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75% of the year is already behind us. As we seek to finish strong as a Church family, let me remind you of the Word of the year that we started out with back in January. **Committed**. We opened up this year on the first Sunday of the year by studying Psalms 37:1-5. Are you staying **committed** to the Church? Are you staying **committed** to your personal walk with God? Are you staying **committed** to Church attendance? Are you staying **committed** to your Sunday School Class? Are you staying **committed** to your D-Groups? Are you staying **committed** to personal prayer and quiet time? Are you staying **committed** to the Bible Reading Plan that you began this year? Are we staying **committed** to the ministries that we lead? Are you staying **committed** to the Lord by financially giving to God what is already His? We've only got three months left in 2024. We must stay committed, Church! Only **you** can answer the questions I've asked you in this month's edition of the Brady Blog.

September was an awesome month as we welcomed many new members into our Church! So far in 2024, we've welcomed 26 people into the membership of our Church. Hallelujah. Join me in welcoming Eric Hathaway, Sandra Leder, Heather Schoolcraft, Stephen and Claudia Burdette, and Rev. Steve & Sandy Kittrell. All of whom joined our fellowship in September.

In September we had several important things occur. We began two new Sunday School classes, ordained 3 new deacons to deacon ministry, Good News Club ministry started back, D-Groups launched, and we exceeded our goal for our Janie Chapman Missions March with \$5,324 being given to missions right here in the state of South Carolina. September was so awesome and I give God praise and Glory for such a great month of ministry.

Several events I'd like to draw special attention to in October that involve great outreach, is our participation in the Gaston Collard Festival parade on October 5th. If you and your child want to participate, be at the Francis Mack school at 9 AM to help decorate the float. We will need adults to come as well to help handout flyers. On Saturday October 26th we will be having our Harvest Festival from 4-6 PM. Please see Travis Henderson to see about signing up to help with a trunk to help. So, that means there are many ways for you to already get involved.

Selfishly I am seeking your prayers as I continue to pray, prep, plan and prepare my preaching plan for next year as well as our reading plans. I love you all and I can't wait to see what God is going to do in October in the life of First Baptist Church!

Love you all.

Pastor Brady & First Lady Hannah

**UPCOMING EVENTS**


- Oct 2 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Oct 4 Family fun Night at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Oct 5 Gaston Collard Festival, church float see Travis Henderson or Sandy Drawdy for details
- Oct 6 NO D Groups
- Oct 6 NO Grief Gathering Group meeting for the month of October
- Oct 6 Annual Sunday School Chili & Dessert Cook-off 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.  
Sign up in the Welcome Center or your Sunday School class
- Oct 10 Senior Adult Apple Picking Trip, sign up for this adventure in the Welcome Center
- Oct 14 D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Oct 20 Day of Prayer SC Baptist Association
- Oct 20 D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Oct 21 Women on Mission at 6:00 pm
- Oct 26 Harvest Festival 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Oct 27 Pink Sunday
- Oct 27 D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Oct 29 Brotherhood Meeting at 7:00 pm

**Church cookbooks are on sale \$10.00 each, the books are available on Wednesday nights or see Lauren Cantrell**



**OCTOBER DEACONS ON CALL**

- Oct 6 Glenn Pound 803-238-7477
- Oct 13 Tom Learn 803-429-1358
- Oct 20 Mike Rollison 803-269-3089
- Oct 27 Stafford Johnson 803-908-9090

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



**SPIRITUAL WARRIORS NEWS from Vicki Vidrine, Director**

The Monthly Luncheon is Wednesday, October 2nd at 11:30 am. We will be having ham & we ask that you bring a side and/or a dessert.

Would you like for your children to look at or listen to print books? Here are some recommendations from the American Library Association: Let children see the front of the book and some of the pages in the book so they can see the characters. Ask them to identify the characters, i.e., is it a bear? Let them tell you about the scenery. Read slowly and talk about what happens on each page. Let them tell you what they think will happen in the story.

Even the youngest children have tablets now but you can still talk to them about the games and characters they see. Children can learn to identify colors, shapes, numbers, letters and words on their tablets when you interact with them.

There are books on the display shelves that have Bible stories for children. You can use these to read and teach them about the Bible.



**LIBRARY NEWS: Marilyn Hook (email: marilyn.hook1@gmail.com)**

Brotherhood meeting October 29th at 7:00 pm. A meal will be served.



### October Music Notes

October is upon us and the choir, praise team and children's choir are in full swing! If you would like to be a part of our adult or children's choir, please reach out to me for the adult choir or Michelle Cox for the children's choir.

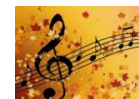
We will be approaching our holiday season and singing Christmas music before you know it!

(even though it is 85 degrees outside-smile)

Galatians 6:8-10 are some of my favorite verses and they encourage us to live to please the spirit and to do good one to another! Let's go into this season putting others first and watch God pour His blessings on our church family!

Joyfully Serving,

Sherrell



Fall is in the air and so are missions opportunities. First, thank you to everyone for supporting our Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions. We exceeded our goal of \$4,000.

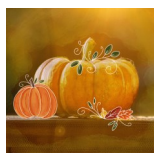
If you are interested in working at the SC State Fair Pre-Fair Ministry here's what's going on. Oct 6-8, prayer walking opportunities, but you must sign up. You can make cookies, brownies or cakes, they must be individually wrapped to the church by Sunday, Oct 6th to get to the Association Office. If you wish to help serve meals to the workers and minister to them those dates are Oct 7-8, contact the Lexington Baptist Association at 803-356-2543. This is a great local outreach.

Our next ladies meeting is Monday, Oct 21st at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We will have soup and salad for our meal and there will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. You can still bring supplies through Wed, Oct 16th. Everything will be in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have a great time together. All ladies invited.



**Women on Mission**  
Margie Rish,  
Director

As always, continue to pray for our missionaries worldwide.



**Family Fun Night!!!**  
**Friday, October 4th at**  
**6:00 pm**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

#### Chili and Dessert Cook-off

Sunday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm

Tasting will begin at 5 PM

Awards will be given at 6:30



Sign up in Sunday School or in the Welcome Center  
Bring your camp chairs, tables, crock-pots, desserts, chili, and outdoor games!  
Bowls, plates, napkins and utensils will be provided!



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. 6** Team 1 Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey
- Oct. 13** Team 4 Emily Petrey, Stafford Johnson
- Oct. 20** Team 5 Sunnie Gail Pound, Amber Bachelder, PJ Hathway
- Oct. 27** Team 3 Traci Rish, Faith Cavarretta, Bonita Mishoe



# ATTENDANCE

## September's Attendance

Sunday School Average: 182  
Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church: 246  
Wednesday Evening Worship: 165

### DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY—2024-2025

<b>Mike Rollison</b> 803-269-3089 A-B	<b>Keith Ray</b> 423-823-2555 C-D	<b>Troy Peele</b> 803-673-5330 E-F	<b>Tom Learn</b> 803-429-1358 G-H
<b>Dwain Smith</b> 803-446-1595 I-J-K	<b>Noel Pound</b> 803-467-0382 L-M	<b>Glenn Pound</b> 803-238-7477 N-O-P	<b>Chris Vidrine</b> 803-513-4915 Q-R
<b>Stafford Johnson</b> 803-908-9090 Sa—Sm	<b>Heyward Kelly</b> 803-794-0723 Sn-U	<b>Allen Ott</b> 803-960-6820 V-W-X-Y-Z	

## SERVICES

### Sunday,

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

### Monday

12:30 pm.....Motivational Mondays

### 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

<b>Oct 6</b>	Team 5	Bonnie McBride, Stacy Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly
<b>Oct 13</b>	Team 6	Traci Rish, Cheryl Reynolds, Matt Drawdy, Carla Sightler, Rebekah Lewis, Megan Spires
<b>Oct 20</b>	Team 1	Collette Knight, Jo Lynn Martin, Wendy Sanford, Patti Reynolds, Pam Thomas, Erin Taylor
<b>Oct 27</b>	Team 2	Amie Cobia, Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Christian Chavis, Sammy Smith, Ally Sanford

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Happy Fall! Thank you to all the Extended Session workers for a great year. We are excited about the growth to our preschool department. We would like to add one more team to our extended session rotation. If you would be willing to volunteer and have completed the children safety requirements, please contact Lisa Pound 803-553-3004 or call the church office and the information will be sent to Lisa. We need 3 more volunteers to add one more team.



We've enjoyed a great start to the new year in Upper Room! It's always an exciting time welcoming our new 7th graders to the mix and we look forward to how God will move this school year. We are also welcoming Noel Pound to the leadership team! I know the kids will love him and he will be a great addition to the ministry.

We have a lot of plans lined up and sign ups are available upstairs. Our Fall Overnight event will be Friday, October 11. We'll have worship, food, fellowship, and sleep! On Saturday, November 9, we will have our 2nd annual Veteran grave restoration and flag decoration day. These are great ways for your student to get involved and we hope they'll join us. See Adam for any questions or details on our upcoming events.



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