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#### OCTOBER EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

Oct 5 Team 5 Bonnie McBride, Stacy Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly  
Oct 12 Team 6 Traci Rish, Cheryl Reynolds, Matt Drawdy, Carla Sightler, Bailey Speares, Megan Spires  
Oct 19 Team 1 Collette Knight, Jo Lynn Martin, Wendy Sanford, Patti Reynolds, Pam Thomas, Erin Taylor  
Oct 26 Team 2 Amie Cobia, Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Christian Chavis, Sammy Smith, Ally Sanford

#### Weekly Schedule

##### Sunday

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

##### Monday

12:30 PM Motivational Monday

##### Tuesday

12:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Warriors

##### Wednesday

06:00 PM Family Supper  
07:00 PM Midweek Worship, Youth, GAs, RAs, Mission Friends & Acteens

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON

121 Oakey Springs Drive  
Gaston SC 29053

#### Library Annoucement

The books on display for October are in recognition of the church's homecoming event and the missions carried out by Baptists. It is important to know where we came from and continue in our faith and growth of the church.

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These are exciting times for Upper Room. Our midweek meetings continue to be well attended and our Sunday small group is steadily increasing after a Summer swoon. Most importantly, we recently had 4 students accept Christ and follow through with baptism. All glory and honor and credit goes to God! Students recently participated in One Night Worship at Shandon Baptist, and our Fall Overnight event. October will bring us our first Guys/Girls "Night In" on Wednesday the 15th. This will be a night of activity and Bible study designed to build relationships and discipleship and will take place during our normal meeting time. I truly believe God is working on the hearts of this generation and we've already seen proof of this. Please pray that more will respond to the gospel and be saved!

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GASTON

## BRADY BLOG

### A WRITTEN WORD FROM FBCG'S SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

One of the most encouraging phrases that occurs time and time again in the Bible is the phrase 'But God'. It occurs a total of 43 times! Following the Brady Blog from last month, I shared with you excerpts from the book of Ephesians. I have been slowly going through the book of Ephesians, phrase by phrase, in my personal quiet time with the Lord. In Ephesians 2, which Pastor Steve recently preached from not too long ago, we find some interesting words inspired by God and penned by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 2:1-3. Verse 3 in particular really encapsulates the depravity and severity of the disease that kills more people than any other disease, 'the disease of sin'. Ephesians 2:3 says, 'among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.' Some of the phrases used there are quite alarming, but this is the nature in which we all once walked. Sin and life in the flesh should be alarming to us! The phrase 'carrying out the desires of the flesh and mind' is a terrifying reality that we see carried out almost daily in our world. Turn on the news, scroll through social media, and very quickly you see individuals carrying out fleshly desires. Then, in verse 4, we find that phrase. That wonderful, life changing and beautiful phrase, 'but God'. 'But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ', Ephesians 2:4-5. But God made a way! Even when we could not! Verse 4 tells us that this was done because of the great love that God has for us, even when we were dead in our sins. In Christ, we've been made alive! The phrase 'but God' is really and truly life-changing!

With so much going on in the world today with evilness, lack of justice, and flat-out terrorism, we must remember 'but God'. No matter what your situation or predicament is, don't forget that with God all things are possible. So, if you're in a dark spot today, you don't know what to do, and you don't know where to turn, may I remind you of the phrase 'but God'. We have the greatest hope in the history of all humanity, Jesus Christ. Let's cling to Him and never forget, 'but God'.

I hope you will make plans to join us for homecoming on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, for our 201<sup>st</sup> Homecoming! Rev. Lee Butler, our new Associational Mission Strategist, will be preaching! We will have an old-fashioned 'dinner on the grounds' immediately following the service! We hope to see you soon!

With Love,  
Pastor Brady

*Rev. R. Brady Henderson*



#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON STAFF

Rev. R. Brady Henderson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steve Kittrell, Associate Pastor  
Mrs. Sherrell Ott, Minister of Music  
Mr. Allen Ott, Media Director  
Mrs. Velvet Lucas, Administrative Assistant



Women on Mission

Fall is here and many mission projects are available for you to help with. First, thanks to everyone who brought supplies for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at the Ladies meeting in September. We are still collecting small items, toothbrushes, brush & combs, wash cloths, small toys for boys or girls. We will be packing shoeboxes at our October 20th meeting, so items are still needed. Our goal is to pack 400 boxes.

The State Fair is almost here and many mission opportunities exist. First, if you would like to make cookies or brownies to send to the pre-fair ministry, they need to be at the church by Wed, Oct 1st. Mrs. Hannah Henderson will deliver to the Associational Office. If you would like to work during the Pre-fair Ministry helping serve lunch on Oct 6-7, please contact the Associational office at 803-356-2543.

Our next WMU Ladies meeting will be Oct 20th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, our meal will be soups and salad. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. We will enjoy our meal and some Fellowship, then go to our new location for all Samaritans Purse Shoebox Operations in the old Sightler house, right at Mack St. & Carlisle St. If you need more info see Hannah Henderson, Melissa Goff, or Margie Rish. As always keep our missionaries worldwide in your prayers.

Children’s Worship

Oct 5 Sunnie Gail Pound, Amber Bachelder, PJ Hathway  
Oct 12 NO children’s Worship - Homecoming Sunday  
Oct 19 Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey  
Oct 26 Shawn Goff, Melissa Goff, Ally Sanford



**BROTHERHOOD**  
Meeting October 28th  
at 7:00 pm.  
Kevin Mills will be  
speaking

**SPIRITUAL WARRIORS**  
October 1st  
at 11:30 am.  
Fried Chicken will be  
served

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
October 3rd  
at 6:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

October Music Notes



We are so excited about Homecoming! Our choir and praise team will be singing some great songs and what a joy to worship together each week with our church family and we hope to have many join us on October 12th for a special time of celebration! Our music ministry is growing, and I am thrilled! So many people are excited about worship and leading worship. If you would like to join the music ministry, we have several opportunities – Children’s Choir, Jesus Crew, and our Choir! Our praise team has grown so much, you will see us rotating and what a great blessing that is!

I will be having a total knee replacement surgery on Monday, Oct 13th, so for October, the choir will not be practicing, but we will keep you posted on when we practice in November! I covet your prayers for my recovery. I have some great examples to follow in some of you that have already been through the surgery – Bravo!!

Thanks again for your love and support of our music ministry, your kind words, cards and prayers are much appreciated!

Happy October!  
Joyfully Serving,  
Sherrell

The annual Chili Cook-off is **Sunday, Nov 16th at 3 PM** at the church. Save the date and be on the lookout for more details! We are adding some new categories this year! So, we hope to have even more people joining us to cook and to vote!



Jim Thomas



Upcoming  
EVENTS


- Oct 1 Spiritual Warriors luncheon at 11:30 am
- Oct 3 Family Fun night at 6:00 pm
- Oct 4 Gaston Collard Festival - meet at 9:30 to participate in the parade. Children must have signed permission slip from parent or guardian.
- Oct 5 NO Grief Gathering Meeting for October
- Oct 5 D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Oct 7 Senior Apple Picking trip be at the church by 7:15 am
- Oct 11 Still Waters Sisterhood at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, See Kaylyn Johnson for information
- Oct 12 Homecoming Sunday, Rev. Lee Butler will be bringing the message, dinner on the grounds after service
- Oct 12 NO D Groups will meet
- Oct 19 Day of Prayer for Baptist Association
- Oct 20 Women on Mission meeting at 6:00 pm, bring your favorite soup or salad.
- Oct 26 Pink Sunday
- Oct 26 D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Oct 28 Brotherhood meeting at 7:00 pm

The RA’s & GA’s will be having a Peanut butter and Jelly drive during the month of October and November.



OCTOBER DEACONS ON CALL

- Oct 5 Chris Vidrine 803 513-4915
- Oct 12 Mike Rolison 803 269-3089
- Oct 19 Stafford Johnson 803 908-9090
- Oct 26 Duane Johnson 803 626-6700

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Tonya Sims  Family Supper-6pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 - 8pm GAs/RAs/Mission Friends 7-8PM	2  Stuart Pound Sr.	3  Rachel Partin Hanna Stelly	4  Clifford Curtis McKenzie Kirkland Donald Rowe Jimmy Sharpe
5  Kolton Bolin Elisa Edwards Ernest Gantt	6  Terri Smith	7  Karen Dowd Neil Hanna Karen Jumper Melody Sanford	8  Byron Cole Sherry Rampey Eugene Sharpe Erica Woodhams  Family Supper-6pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 - 8pm GAs/RAs/Mission Friends 7-8PM	9  Jared Cox Alex Learn Kaden Learn	10  Dawn Herron	11  Jackie Johnson
12  Crystal Eagerton Gloria Sharpe Peggy Smith  HOMECOMING SUNDAY!	13  Tonya Huseby Samuel Rampey	14  Emily Luther	15  Melvina Brazier  Family Supper-6pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 - 8pm GAs/RAs/Mission Friends 7-8PM	16  Vickie Jones	17	18  Jimmy Amick
19  Taylor Hanna Dennis Henderson Megan Miller Emily Sharpe	20  Cindy Lambert Catelyn Thorton	21  Ashlyn Thorton Wharton	22    Family Supper-6pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 - 8pm GAs/RAs/Mission Friends 7-8PM	23  Gary Adkins Allyson Jeffcoat Nicholas Tindal	24	25  Melissa Vest
26  Sandy Chasteen Michelle Cox Heyward Kelly Braydon Huseby Kaylan Huseby  Pink Sunday 	27  Annsley Pound Vince Sanford	28  Carolina Holmes Cheryl Reynolds	29  Tasha Gaffney Hannah Henderson  Family Supper-6pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 - 8pm GAs/RAs/Mission Friends 7-8PM	30  Travis Henderson	31  Chelsey Bivins	
Family Supper 6pm - Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15-8pm - GA/RA/Mission Friends 7-8pm Worship Service 7pm						