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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 P.O. BOX 85
 NINETY SIX, SC 29666



**LIFELINE MINISTRIES
 FOOD PANTRY**
 Open Each Monday, 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 1st - Eileen Huffman, Kathy Hardin, Beth Butler, Teresa Moorhead
- 8th - Alisa Smith, Peggy LaCons, Sue Jacobsen
- 15th - Celeste Hill, Ila Stephens, Joy Tollison, Grace Warner
- 22nd - Sue Jacobsen, Peggy LaCons
- 29th - Alisa Smith, Peggy LaCons, Sue Jacobsen

During the month of March, Lifeline Ministries served 24 families representing 68 individuals.

April - Canned Beans (Pintos, Limas, etc.) No Green Beans

Lifeline Ministries is open each Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to serve the 96 community. If you know of a family that is in need of food and they cannot wait until Monday to be served, please call the church office 543-2333 and we will make sure someone serves them.



First Baptist Church
 Ninety Six, SC 543-2333
www.fbc96.org

Chuck Sprouse, Sr. Pastor

Michael How, Assoc. Pastor Congregational Care

Lee Collins, Family Pastor

Iris Riddle, Music Director

Linda Womack, Secretary

The News.....April 2024



Tacky Night Fellowship

Saturday, April 20th

6:00 pm

MPB

POT LUCK SUPPER
 Bring a dish for all to enjoy
 Join us for a night of fun and fellowship!
 The tackiest male & female will be awarded a prize.



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| 1 - Jack Akers | 11- Bruce Murphy |
| 2 - Kaelynn Macon
Kim Myers
Johnny Vickers | 12 - Ashlynn Suttles
13 - Alexis Kelly
Gerald Sprouse |
| 3 - Holden Goff
Joyce Harter
Lee Kelly | 14- Faith Copeland
Courtney Kidd
Matt Myers |
| 4 - Linda Womack | Marie Robertson |
| 6 - Sissy Copeland | 17- Karsen Owings |
| 7 - Jillian Goff,
Mike Hudson,
Travis Insalaco | 18- Jewell Kelly
19- Shaina Evans |
| 9 - Caston Gibert
Don Riggins | 20 - Carolanne Richey |
| 10- Rachel Hunt
Brayden McCary
Charlotte Murray
Tyler Reynolds | 22- Zack LaCons
29- Wayne Davis
Matthew Parris |

PRAYER WARRIOR SCHEDULE

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| April | 7 | Brenda & Mike Balchin |
| | 14 | Ashlie & Kevin Crittendon |
| | 21 | Debbie Wightman |
| | 28 | Susan Benjamin |


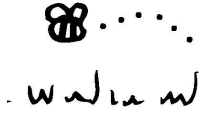



SONSHINERS Come join our Sonshiners on Tuesday, April 2nd. We plan to tour the Lakelands Baptist Association office and then eat lunch out. We will leave the Church at 9:30 AM

April 2024

SCHEDULES

Sunday	8:30	AM	Morning Worship
	9:30	AM	Sunday School (also Streamed)
	10:45	AM	Morning Worship (also Live-Streamed)
	6:00	PM	Sunday Night Student Ministry
Monday	6:00	PM	Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday	11:00	AM	Adult Bible Study
	6:30	PM	Adult Bible Study (also Live-Streamed)
	6:30	PM	Student Ministry Bible Study
	6:30	PM	Wednesday Night Kids
	7:30	PM	Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30 am Sonshiners Outing & Lunch	3 No Wednesday night Kids	4	5	6 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 2:00 pm 90th Birthday Drop In for Gerald Sprouse
14 3:00 pm Wedding Shower for Anna Grace Sprouse & Luke Cobb 6:00 pm Joint Service at Siloam Baptist	15	16	17	18	19	20 6:00 pm Tacky Night Fellowship
21	22	23	24 Quarterly Business Meetings After Bible Studies	25	26	27 Hiking Ministry to Lake Keowee area
28 5:00 pm Deacons Meeting	29 7:00 pm LBA Men's Rally	30				



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Psalms 34:17-19

Ever get discouraged?

I sure do. In fact I wake up some mornings feeling discouraged. Sometimes I feel like the world is against me, and I'm overcome with feelings of nobody really cares what's going on with me. You try and reach out to people but feel either ignored or unappreciated. Sometimes I get discouraged because of my past regrets, and sometimes I get discouraged because God so clearly has not answered my prayers and cries for help, when and the way I want Him to. I get discouraged when I put too much trust in people and expect them to do or say something that I've been longing to hear.

Discouragement is a real feeling, and it's a real tool of the enemy to come against the child of God. If you let it sink in, discouragement will press you down, and it can hinder you from doing what the Lord has called you to do.

What do you do?

Here's what I do: Find scripture that encourages you in the Lord. Find out what God says about any given situation and then trust His Word. It has power to give life if you let it penetrate your heart.

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God hears our cries and our thoughts. And even though sometimes we feel there's no answer He is getting ready to answer in ways we could never imagine. Or maybe the answer is being given to us we just have too many distractions to hear. Just trust Him today. And every day. He does care.

I pray we think about focusing in on our relationship with Christ maybe some self inventory as well can help our perspective. Stay strong. Stay encouraged. We serve a great God.

Lee Collins
Family Minister Ninety Six FBC
864-993-6148



*WEDDING SHOWER FOR
ANNA GRACE SPROUSE & LUKE COBB
Sunday, April 14th
3:00—5:00 pm
MPB
Sponsored by the Women's Ministry*

HIKING MINISTRY The Hiking Ministry will be going to the Lake Keowee area on Saturday, April 27th. Raven Rock Loop & Twin Falls

VBS SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 23rd—June 26th

ONE CALL NOW Are you missing important church announcements? Please contact the church office to be added as one of our ONE CALL contacts. We use this automated phone system to make important announcements and sometimes quick changes. Don't worry about being overload with calls, we will rarely call more than once a week. We also would like to send an occasional text. Sign up for texts alerts by texting the word "alert" to 22300.

EMAIL PRAYER & DEVOTIONS Sign up to receive prayer request and the daily PACES devotion through emails by contacting the church at csprouse@fbc96.org.

NINETY SIX FIRST BAPTIST FACEBOOK Are you on Facebook? Please like our church page and share our post and livestreams!!

NINETY SIX FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WEBSITE Visit www.fbc96.org to keep up with church events and ministry.



We are so excited about our worship opportunities for Easter 2024. We had a wonderful Palm Sunday as worshiped together Sunday morning, and on Sunday night, when we celebrated Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Now we look forward to a joint Good Friday service with sister churches at Temple Baptist Church. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with a Sunrise service at 7:00 in the Picnic Shelter, followed by Sunday School at 9:30, and then Worship at 10:45 in the MPB. Be sure to invite family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to worship with us! I want to thank our Choir, Musicians, Praise Team members and our Sound Booth Ministry for their dedication in helping us to prepare for Easter. We began focusing on the cross in February, and have carried that theme up until Easter, when we will celebrate the resurrection. We are so blessed to have a large team of faithful servants! Please let them know how much you appreciate their commitment.

I am happy to welcome Beth Butler to our choir. Please thank her for serving. We could really use some new members, and I would love to talk to any who would be interested.

The Choir and Praise Teams will be working on a lot of new and uplifting music in the next couple of months that will carry us through the summer. Please pray for our Music Ministry as we seek to honor an audience of One...Our Heavenly Father...

*Because of Grace,
Iris*



You are invited to a drop-in 90th Birthday "Roundup" for Bobby Gerald Sprouse, Sr. on Saturday, April 13th 2 pm—4 pm in the MPB.

Western attire is welcomed but not required.

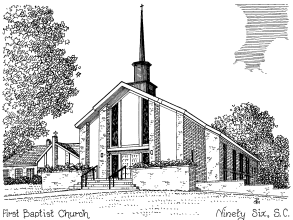
She's getting old but she's still going strong! Now I'm not talking about any of the ladies in my family or our church, I know better than calling them "old." I'm talking about our church. On January 17, 2025 our church will have ministered in the Ninety Six Community for 150 years. While churches go through seasons and some find themselves headed down a path of death where doors are closed, our church is still going strong and the best days are still yet to come.

We have set January 19, 2025 as the day to hold our 150 year celebration. We will gather in the Multipurpose Building at 9:30 for a time of teaching on our church's history and then after a brief intermission, we will get going again at 10:45 for a time of worship and celebration. Of course we couldn't celebrate such a momentous occasion without a meal, so we will fellowship around the table together on January 10th. We are also looking at the possibility of hosting a singing on January 17th so that we can celebrate the exact day that they first people gathered and formed a Baptist church in Ninety Six, SC.

Through the years people come and go in a church family. We will work hard to locate all of our former staff and their families, but we need your help locating former members and inviting them to our celebration. The ministries of our church have extended well beyond our street, community, association, state, and nation. Our small-town rural church has impacted the nations of the world through sending, praying, giving and many unique partnerships. Only eternity will fully reveal all that God has accomplished and will continue to accomplish for His glory through His church that first gathered in the Ninety Six Presbyterian Church facilities, but that now meets at 205 North Church Street.

She's getting old and she's still going strong and God ain't done with her yet! I know that the previous sentence is full of poor grammar, but it is filled with spiritual truth. What can a small-town rural church accomplish? God's church in Ninety Six, SC can accomplish whatever God has planned for us to do. The Bible that guides us and the Gospel we proclaim are as powerful where we serve and worship as it is in any setting around the world. God has given us everything thing we need not just to keep the doors open but to impact spiritual darkness with spiritual light. We have a family to disciple and care for, a town to serve and shine light in and the nations to impact with the Good News of Jesus Christ. After 150 years our mission is still simple and scriptural, we Reach—Equip—Send in the power of God and for the glory of God. Keep your eyes and ears open for more church history and vision for the days ahead. See you Sunday!!

On Eagles' Wings, **Chuck**



women's
ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry Retreat—August 8-11 A Deposit of \$100 is due by April 30th. We also have one queen bed for 2 people available to anyone interested with cost at \$175/person.

Mother/Daughter/Granddaughter Tea—May 21st. Save the Date We will have ladies sign up to decorate a table. All ages are welcome. If you know a girl/lady in our church that needs an adoptive mother for this tea, please invite her.



LBA MEN'S RALLY

Monday, April 29 at 7:00

First Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
2107 Mt. Moriah Rd, Greenwood

Speaker: Rev. David McIntyre
The main dish will be chicken bog

ONE-CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP We will meet together as One Church Family at 10:45 in the MPB on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

BAPTISM SERVICE Our next baptism service is planned for April 28th. This will be a special time as we celebrate and worship through baptism and the Lord's Supper!! If you are a candidate for baptism and want to know how you can participate in this service, please contact Preacher Chuck.



Growing Forward Together

We are once again seeing our GFT (Growing Forward Together) funds being put to use. Our Educational Building (the building that contains the offices) has been almost completely refloored and bathrooms are being remodeled. Through your sacrificial offerings over the past six years we have paved three parking lots, purchased a bus and updated the flooring in 70% of our church facilities. We still have a few projects to go before we transition to a Capital Stewardship Campaign to build a new Life-line Ministries. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to sacrificial giving.

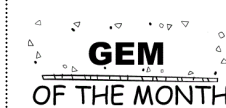


Hope and New Life

This past month has been a particularly challenging one for me personally. Experiencing loss is certainly a normal part of life but when those losses hit home on a personal level, life can seem particularly challenging. This past month I said "see you later" to two very special people in my life. The first was Tommy Eddy. Tommy was a godly servant in this church for many years and was great friend to many people. Even though I had the opportunity to share in his funeral service I will admit that I am still processing his passing even today. There have been many times I have wanted to pick up the phone and ask him a question but I simply cannot. The other person was my first cousin, Katie. Katie and I were the same age and I considered her one of my best friends, particularly when we were kids. As I am writing this article, I am preparing to lead her funeral tomorrow.

As sad and challenging as this month has been, I am thankful that God never changes. He never fails. And He loves me enough to walk with me though grief. Regardless of life's circumstances, God is good. In just over a week we will be celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and the grave. His resurrection is the hope in which I have placed my life. Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives all fear is gone. Because I know He holds my future... life is worth the living just because He lives! Life will always have its ups and downs but I have joy through the circumstances because God is good and my Savior lives!!!!!!

In His Service, **Michael**



Ethel Banks
119 Kate Fowler Rd
Ninety Six, SC 29666

Please encourage her by sending her a note or card.
"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7

GEM MINISTRY Each week we have people visiting members of our church and community who are no longer able to attend worship services. It is our goal to Go to them, Encourage them and to Minister to their needs. If you would like to know more about our GEM Ministry, contact Michael How.