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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.

AUGUST

- 5th - Eileen Huffman, Gail Reid
- 12th - Sherry Call, Sue Jacobsen, Peggy LaCons
- 19th - Celeste Hill, Ila Stephens, Sandra & Danny McCormack
- 26th - Diane Bryan, Sue Jacobsen, Peggy LaCons

**During the month of July Lifeline Ministries served
 16 families representing 36 individuals.**

AUGUST NEEDED ITEM: CANNED OR DRIED 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, Pastor
Michael How, Student Pastor
Iris Riddle, Music Director
Linda Womack, Secretary

The News..... August 2019



August 17th, 2019

You are invited to join in a friendly competition among church family and guests on Lake Greenwood.

Participants will blast off from the Highway 34 boat ramp at safe light (We will meet at the landing at 6:00 AM).

There will be a five fish limit per two-man team.

Weigh-in will be at Noon at the boat landing.

A sign-up sheet and list of tournament rules can be found on the table in the Welcome Center.

You can receive information by email by contacting Preacher Chuck at 992-8392 or csprouse@fbc96.org.



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| 2 - Reid McKellar | 18 - Bobby Robertson |
| 3 - Maria Barnes | Charles Wilson |
| Alex Hester | 20 - Tommy Eddy |
| Randell Parnell | Ronnie Fisher |
| 4 - Debbie Wightman | 21 - Frances Ellenberg |
| 7 - Jennifer Taylor | 22 - Pat Riggins |
| Tommy Walton | 23 - Gene Easler |
| 8 - Brianna Hammond | Suzie Morrow |
| 9 - Donald Leopard | 25 - Sandra McCormack |
| Frank Taylor, Jr. | 26 - Elliott Womack |
| 10 - Margaret Hodgens | 27 - R C Barbee |
| 11 - Bryan Ellenberg | Bobbi Jo Gibert |
| Bryan Hester | 28 - Brittany Akers |
| 12 - Tucker Parnell | 30 - Matthew Owings |
| 14 - Saylor Parnell | Bubba Quatttlebaum |
| 15 - Bill Gardner | 31 - Esther Akers |
| 16 - John Carter | Scott Kelly |



SONSHINERS The Sonshiners will have their regular monthly covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, August 6th at 11:00am. We will discuss peach trip, apple trip and beach trip.

**WELCOME
 NEW MEMBERS**
 KAREN & CHARLES WILSON
 BY LETTER



**PRAYER WARRIOR SCHEDULE
 AUGUST**

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| 4 - Joy/Jimmy Tollison | 18 - Barbara Hall |
| 11 - Tina/Tommy Price | 25 - Edith Owens |

Regular Sunday Services:
 8:00 AM / 9:15 AM Prayer Times
 8:15 AM Worship
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 5:00 PM Choir Practice
 6:00 PM Evening Worship
 Music & Missions



2019

Regular Wednesday Services:
 10:00 AM Wednesday Prayer Time
 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study
 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
 Adult Bible Study

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:45pm Exercise Ministry	2	3 
4 6:00pm Qlty Business Meeting	5 5:45 pm Exercise Ministry 6:00 pm Men's Prayer Time	6 5:45pm Exercise Ministry 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	7	8 5:45pm Exercise Ministry	9	10
11	12 5:45 pm Exercise Ministry 6:00 pm Men's Prayer Time	13 5:45pm Exercise Ministry 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	14	15 5:45pm Exercise Ministry	16	17 96 FBC Fishing Tournament 
18 3:30pm Bridal Shower-Lydia Hatcher 7:00pm Church Council Meets	19 5:45 pm Exercise Ministry 6:00 pm Men's Prayer Time Back To School	20 5:45pm Exercise Ministry 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	21 6:30pm WayFinders begin	22 MPB reserved-Pastor's Forum 5:45pm Exercise Ministry	23	24
25 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	26 5:45 pm Exercise Ministry 6:00 pm Men's Prayer Time	27 5:45pm Exercise Ministry 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	28	29 5:45pm Exercise Ministry	30	31 
- Sanctuary / MPB reserved (Carter/Havird Wedding) -						

Pastor's Corner

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going (Hebrews 11:8)

As individuals, as families and as a church we will not stay on track with God's plan without stepping out in faith. Throughout the Bible and throughout history when God's people were willing to follow Him trusting Him to provide for their needs and to guide their steps, they saw God accomplish what only He can accomplish. Most of us want to see God's Spirit change our lives, our families, our community, our nation and our world, yet we often freeze or hesitate to pull the trigger when God leads us to step out in faith trusting Him.

For the past couple of years God has been working in my heart leading me to guide our church to expand our staff. Looking at the ministry needs and opportunities in front of us, we can't keep up much less move forward with our current staff structure. While I am thankful for an opportunity to grow, it will require a step of faith from our church family. For the past several years we have plateaued or leveled out in attendance and ministry outreach. We have gone as far as we can go with what we have in place. Knowing that God desires us to grow not stagnate or shrink, the time has come to add to the staff structure of our church.

I have been working with the church's Personnel Ministry on and off since October of 2018 looking at the needs of our church and the best way to meet those needs. We feel led to add an associate pastor to our church that will serve in the areas of visitation, missions, fellowship, senior adult ministry and technology. This will be a full-time position and this addition will help vital ministries reach their full potential. We will also be shifting some current staff responsibilities. I will be meeting with our Deacon Ministry about the time that you receive this newsletter to get their input and then hopefully we can present a detailed plan to the entire church family soon. I would ask right now that you pray for our church leadership as we continue to seek God's guidance in this area. Pray for our church family to have a heart to step out in faith. Pray for God to lead us to the right person to lead new and current ministries to their full potential.

We decided back in January of 2017 that our purpose as a church is to Intentionally Reach the lost with the Gospel message, to Intensely Equip those who have been reconciled to God to walk with Him and work for Him and to Impactfully Send equipped workers into the place of service that God has for them. The harvest field is ripe for harvest from the front steps of our church to the other side of the world. Our neighbors and our world need to hear about Jesus. Many Christians need to be disciplined and taught how to live for Him. Those who have a heart to serve need to have doors opened so that they can fulfill God's call. We are now in a season where we have the opportunity to step out in faith trusting God to take us to new heights as we continue to make Kingdom investments through the life and ministries of 96 FBC. See you Sunday!!!

On Eagles' Wings,
Chuck



SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC Sunday, Sept. 1st at 6:00 p.m.

We will serve Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
and our church family is asked to bring sides and sweets.

All are welcome!
Special Music by "God's Tool Box"

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SCHOOL PRAYER LIST If you work or volunteer in any position in our school systems, please sign our sheet in the Welcome Center. Whether teacher, aide, custodian, nurse, Good News Club, cafeteria, etc. We want to be able to pray for you during this school year.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OUTREACH The Women's Ministry will also be taking cookies to all the 96 Schools for Teachers- back to school day. We need ladies to bake cookies. If you can volunteer to bake cookies, please see Vicki Sanders.

EXERCISE MINISTRY Our Exercise Ministry continues to meet in the MPB on Mon, Tues and Thurs at 5:45 pm for about an hour. We invite you to join us. If you don't feel comfortable walking / exercising to dvd, you are welcome to walk laps inside the MPB. For additional info, see Linda Womack or Stacy Sargent.

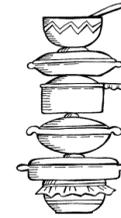


Growing Forward Together: We are thankful for each family that sacrifices a little extra each month to help us take care our facilities and our church campus. Just like our homes, our church seems to be in constant need of updating. We want to maintain and update our facilities without having to go into debt and your gifts to our GFT fund makes this possible. When you give to GFT, you are ultimately making an investment to help change lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To date, \$ 154,884.47 has been given through our GFT Offering. Thank you for your investment into God's Kingdom through the 96 FBC



RIGHTNOW MEDIA: Did you know that there are Billy Graham videos on Right Now Media.

Also, if you have enjoyed any of the RightNow Media videos and would like to share, please provide that information in the Pew Registers or email the church office so that we may be able to promote it. If you have not already joined, you can either scan the QR code or text RIGHTNOW96FBCSC to 41411 or contact the church office.



FROM THE KITCHEN Are you missing some dishes? There are a number of crock-pot, carriers, containers, bowls, etc. that have been left in the kitchen over the last few months. Please go by the Welcome Center to retrieve your dishes.



listen to our **SERMONS** online

Remember as you travel this summer that our sermons are recorded and can be found on our Website.

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 Sandra Lockaby or Linda Polatty.

GEM OF THE MONTH

John McCray
206 Augusta Circle
Greenwood, SC 29646

Please encourage John by sending him a note or card.

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."
1 Peter 5:7

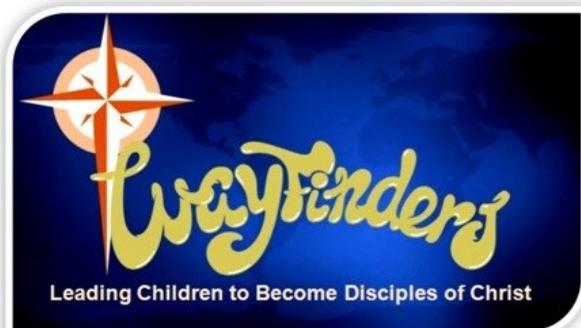


Come Find The WAY!!!

Each year as Summer winds down and fall approaches I am filled with a variety of different types of emotions. In a way I reach a point where I wish summer could never end. Summer camps, swimming pools, game nights, etc.. make summer a fun and exciting time for our kids. However, as much as I wish summer could last forever I know that a new year brings exciting opportunities for our kids to connect with each other, learn about Jesus, and have fun all at the same time! This is why I am so excited about WayFinders beginning again this Fall.

If you aren't familiar, WayFinders is our Wednesday night Children's program. Each Wednesday our children will come and experience Bible study, games, and fellowship that will help to build a foundation for them to be who God designed them to be. It has truly been exciting to use The Gospel Project curriculum during WayFinders. The Gospel Project take kids on a Christ-centered, chronological journey through Scripture through bible stories, songs, and games. If you haven't already, I hope you will bring your children to Wayfinders each Wednesday night beginning at 6:30. I am excited to see what God has in store this school year!!!

In His Service,
Michael



Wednesdays Beginning August 21st

6:30-7:30

Preschool—5th Grade



Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family, I want to thank you for all the love and support you have given my family and I during this extremely hard time. I appreciate all the prayers, the cards, the calls, the visits and the food that we have received. Please continue to pray for us as we deal with our loss and try to continue our lives without Kelsey—it is so hard. As we recently learned in VBS—when life is sad.... God is good! Sincerely, Celeste



BRIDAL SHOWER The Connections Sunday School Class is sponsoring a Bridal Shower for Lydia Hatcher on Sunday, August 18th from 3:30—5:00 pm in the Hospitality Room at the MPB. Lydia is registered at Zola.com. Amazon & other gift cards are welcomed.

ONE-CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP Our next One Church Worship services will be on Sunday, September 29th in the MPB. We are thankful that although we worship three times each Sunday that we remain One Body in vision, purpose and fellowship.

BAPTISM SERVICE Our next baptism services are scheduled for September 1st during the 10:45 worship service. If you are a candidate for baptism and would like to participate in this service, please contact Preacher Chuck.

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LIBRARY NEWS Check these out !

“The Reason for My Hope” by Billy Graham

“God Speaks: Stories for Teens” published by Honor Books



Our FBC's Got Talent did not disappoint! Thanks to everyone who participated! Let's remember to always seek to use our talents, gifts and hobbies to benefit others and bring God glory. Oh, and the ice cream was wonderful, and was such a sweet treat!

I will be sharing more about this in a Ministry Moment on August 4, but our Music Ministry will be presenting a Thanksgiving Praise and Worship Musical on November 24 at 6:00 PM in our sanctuary. This will be a great night of worship, praise and celebration. We will begin practicing on Sunday, August 25 at 5:00 pm. Anyone who would like to be a part of this great service, please sign up in the Welcome Center.

Coming up on September 1, we will have “God’s Tool Box”, a quartet from the Batesburg area to come and share with us at our Sunday School Picnic. You will be blessed!

Our revival services are October 25-27 which is a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We will be blessed at each service by The Centurions from Greenwood. Each service will be held in the MPB, and Sunday evening's service will be a night of praise and celebration. The Centurions will be in concert on Sunday night as well as leading us in worship for the other services. Please be praying for God to bring revival to us as individuals and as a church. Also, please be busy inviting our friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members to attend.

I have been reminded recently of how we should serve the Lord and His Church with excellence. So often, we tend to just go through the motions or keep doing the same thing the same way and get the same results. Because He is worthy, our call to serve should reflect His “worship” in our prayers, passion and planning. No matter where we serve, or how few we impact, we should seek to serve with EXCELLENCE!

Because of Grace, Iris

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

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