

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 20

9:45 am Sunday School - Chapel Class & via Zoom  
 11:00 am Morning Worship – Sanctuary & Streamed Live  
 Rev. Walt Windley preaching  
 Kid’s Zone – Room 106

5:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service-First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, November 23

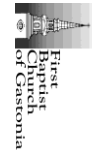
NO Activities

Sunday, November 27

9:45 am Sunday School - Chapel Class & via Zoom  
 11:00 am Morning Worship – Sanctuary & Streamed Live  
 Rev. Walt Windley preaching  
 Kid’s Zone – Room 106

Wednesday, November 30

5:30 pm Family First Feast, fellowship hall  
 Menu: Poor Man’s Supper – Pinto Beans/Slaw/Cornbread/Assorted Cobblers/Drink  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, choir room



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# The Builder

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## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR DEACON CHAIR

### ‘Tis the Season of Thanks - and still there are Needs

Thanks this week to Rev. Walt Windley for the powerfully intimate message Sunday about Hope in times of despair and rejection. That message was timely for many who heard it. If you missed it you’ll want to hear it on the recording of the service that is available on our church website, or on YouTube. It is indeed good to have Walt back in our pulpit again!

Thanks to Mark Wingate for returning to our organ. Your music is a gift to our congregation that we look forward to again next week.

**The Community Thanksgiving Service is THIS SUNDAY, November 20th, at 5:00 pm** at the First Presbyterian Church. It is a great opportunity to meet and greet friends from other churches, and will truly put you in the Thanksgiving holiday spirit. I’ll be there and hope to see you there so the community will know that we’re still here.

### Pledging toward our 2023 Budget

This week you should receive a letter from the Finance Committee and a pledge card for 2023. Please prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings to the life and ministry of our church. We’re asking everyone to bring their cards to the Sunday morning worship service on December 4th.

### Nominating for Committees and Ministry Groups – Needed Now

Thanks to the committee chairs who have responded to the nominating process and to the committee and ministry group members who have indicated their willingness to continue to server where they are, or where their interests lie.

### We need to fill each of these positions:

- Moderator** - presides over the 4 business meetings plus any called church meetings each year
  - Parliamentarian** - assures that our meetings run with proper order- (please volunteer if you can do this)
  - Clerk** – records minutes of the church’s quarterly business meetings plus any called meetings
  - Trustee** - signs documents approved by the church as the church’s representative
  - Finance** - we would like to add one additional member to our Finance Committee
  - Nominating** – we would like to have 3 people to do the nominating process in the fall of 2003
- If you’re able to do any of these tasks please send an email to [jimeddings@hotmail.com](mailto:jimeddings@hotmail.com), or call me at 704-866-4069 ASAP.

Right now our church needs the support and commitment of our members more than any time I can recall in my lifetime. If you get a phone call or email asking you to serve, or asking for your preferences or input, please respond positively as quickly as possible so we can complete this process and be about doing our Lord’s work here at First Baptist Church.

Church E-Mail: [fbcogastonia@gmail.com](mailto:fbcogastonia@gmail.com)

Church Website: [www.fbcgastonia.org](http://www.fbcgastonia.org)

### Worship Greeters

#### November

Mike Clagg, Cary Craig,  
Ann Siva

#### December

Julia Blalock, Lewis Denton,  
Scott Irvin

### MEMORIALS

#### In Memory of: Norma Coleman

By: Jay and Liz Talluri

#### In Memory of: Geri Pearson

By: Larry and Loretta Harris,  
Sharon Smith

#### In Memory of: Bettye Psomadakis

By: Jay and Liz Talluri



### POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone, Please fill out form below. Poinsettias are \$17.10 this year.

#### In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Placed by:

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_



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**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**On Sunday, November 20 @ 5:00 pm**

*First Baptist Church, Gastonia North Carolina*

First Baptist Church 704-865-8576  
 2650 Union Road Fax: 704-865-8579  
 Gastonia NC 28054 -Mailing: PO Box 6298, Gastonia NC 28054-6018

A place to belong, a place to become, a place to bear witness



**November 7-30**

- 14- Loretta Harris
- 17 – Bob Biggerstaff
- 20 – Heather Wynkoop
- 21- Aarin McMurray
- 28 – Tim Griffin
- Danielle Nanney
- 29 – Regina Cann
- 30 – Liz Talluri

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**Sunday School**

You are all invited to join us for our in- person Sunday School in the Chapel Class and via Zoom- each Sunday, at 9:45 am. We are following the Adult Sunday School books which can be picked up in the office or at the two entrances on Sunday.

Teachers for November: Sharon Smith/Jeff Worley  
Kids Zone

Jamie Lewis - 11:00 am in Room 106  
in the Children’s Sunday School wing.

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**PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2023**

Pledge Cards for 2023 will be mailed this week and should be returned by Sunday, December 4. Be in earnest prayer about your support next year for FBC!

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**FAMILY FIRST FEAST ON  
WEDNESDAYS  
MENUS**

**November 16**

Turkey/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy/Broccoli Casserole/  
Pumpkin Pie/Drink

**November 23**

NO Activities

**November 30**

Poor Man’s Supper  
Pinto Beans/Slaw/Cornbread/Assorted Cobblers/Drink

**Transcript of the last sermon Dr. Aldrich delivered at the First Baptist Church of Gastonia on December 30, 2012 – Part 3**

My second turning point was from fundamentalist theology to a more open stance toward truth. My home pastor, whom I admired very much but later came to disagree with his viewpoints, would stand in the pulpit and call Harry Emerson Fosdick an agent of the devil. Our closing hymn will be one written, composed by Harry Emerson Fosdick\*.

I was a junior at Wake Forest College before I learned that Fosdick was one of the most creative voices that the American pulpit ever knew. That same pastor placed charts on the rostrum around the pulpit on Sunday nights that charted the second coming of Christ. He just knew everything that was going to happen before Christ came back again. Well, I was a high school student then and he had me so scared that I didn’t think I was going to be able to graduate from college or get married before the end of the world came. I grew up thinking that to become a Christian I just had to adopt a rigid set of orthodox beliefs and doctrines. That, however, is not what Jesus said. Jesus said “Come follow me, and a I will make you to become fishers of men.” I like the first part of that especially “Come follow me and I will make to you”, I will remake you, I will transform you, I will make you a new creature by my love and grace. I will say my fundamentalist background did introduce me to the basic doctrines of the Christian faith, and I’m grateful for that. But It did not lead me to understand the deeper, richer application of those doctrines, those teachings to the way I was going to live.

Jesus calls us to a new way of life, to a new relationship to God, to a new relationship to each other, to other people. When I was struggling with theological questions that I had never thought of at Wake Forest College I literally thought my professors were trying to take my faith away. Instead, they were challenging me to examine my faith, to make sure I knew what it was, to make sure that it was authentic, to make sure it spoke to my heart and my innermost needs.

During this time, E. Stanley Jones, the Methodist evangelist missionary to India came to Raleigh for a series of meetings. He helped me so much to understand that, if I got my relationship to God straight, my doctrines would take care of themselves. Becoming a Christian is a matter of relationships, relationship to God, relationship to each other. The fundamentalist cup was just too small to hold the breadth and the depth of the larger Christian faith that I learned as I grew to understand it.

(\*note: the closing hymn referred to in the sermon, was “God of Grace and God of Glory”)

**SERMONS**



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**WALT WINDLEY WILL BE IN THE PULPIT DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER\**

**SERIES TITLE**

*“What you planned for evil, God used for good.”*

**Sermon titles and Scripture passages:**

11/20 - Exodus 3 - “Cry and Calling”

11/27 - Exodus 4 - “Why Me?”

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**MINISTERS IN THE PULPIT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

**December 4 & 11– Rev. Christ Hensley**

**December 18 – Rev. Lauren Vanacore**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**

Rev. Dwayne Burks

**December 25 – Christmas Day**

Rev. Dwayne Burks

**MISSIONS**

**BACK PACK MINISTRY**  
Monetary donations are needed to buy the items that are needed. Thanks for your help.

We now have 7 families with a total of 36 people.

The bags are now delivered to Southwest Middle School on Tuesdays before 10:00 am.



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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sunday, November 20**

5:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service

@ First Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, December 4**

Pledge Cards Due

**Wednesday, November 23**

NO Activities

Alice – Vacation Day

Put up Chrismon Tree

**Saturday, November 26**

Decorate Church for Christmas

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**First Sunday in Advent**

**November 27**

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Shoe boxes are available in the Narthex. Deadline to return boxes is Sunday, November 20.