

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 19

5:30 pm Family First Feast, fellowship hall

Menu: BBQ Sandwich/Slaw/Hushpuppies/Banana Pudding/Drink

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

Sunday, October 23

9:45 am Sunday School - Chapel Class & via Zoom

11:00 am Morning Worship – Sanctuary & Streamed Live

Rev. Dwayne Burks preaching

Kid's Zone – Room 106

Wednesday, October 26

5:30 pm Family First Feast

Menu: Hamburgers/Lettuce/Tomato/Potato Salad/Chocolate Chip Cookie/Drink

Trunk or Treat after supper

Sunday, October 30

9:45 am Sunday School - Chapel Class & via Zoom

11:00 am Morning Worship – Sanctuary & Streamed Live

Rev. Dwayne Burks preaching

Kid's Zone – Room 106

Wednesday, November 2

5:30 pm Family First Feast, fellowship hall

Menu: Shepherd Pie/Slaw/Lemon Cheese Bars/Drink

Discussion of Budgets

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, choir room



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The Builder

First Baptist Church of Gastonia

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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR DEACON CHAIR

FBC Budget, Take Two 😊

When making a movie or TV show and they need to shoot a scene over again, they'll hold up a "slate" that shows the scene number and identifies which "take" it is.

This is our second take on the budget. The first one that was published was inadvertently the version before the final version. We apologize for the confusion. There are only a few lines that are different as

Finance Chair DeDe Gerhart explains:

The only changes between the 2 versions are as follows:

- In the revenue section, the amount we project transferring from BIA in 2023 to fulfill the budget is \$1,956.28.
- In missions, the amount we project distributing to CBF NC Missions is \$14,884.83, bringing the Total World Missions to \$23,564.83 and Total Missions to \$27,564.83, which is 10% of the Congregation Giving: Tithes/Offerings.
- The Food Service Director has been removed from the budget on page 3. In its place, we have added \$10,000 for Fellowship Meals, which we feel will provide the Church more flexibility in providing food and food services for the Church.

With these changes, the total budget comes to \$481,604.60, which is \$668.07 less than was reported originally.

Due to this corrected mailing, and in keeping with our Bylaws, we will have another meeting to discuss **the budget on Wednesday, November 2, 2022**. This is your official notice that we will vote on the budget without discussion at our Quarterly Business Conference on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**. We'll have our regular reports and the primary order of business will be the vote on the 2023 budget that is presented in this Builder. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Our search committee has now booked ministers for all the services for the rest of this year, and on October 25th is meeting with a CBF-NC representative about the process to find an appropriate Interim or permanent minister. At our Quarterly Business Meeting on 11/6/22 we will also be voting to authorize the search committee to search for ministers to present to the membership per our bylaws.

Our **Family First Feasts** continue on Wednesday nights and You are invited! Last week we had 3 young families with children join us. In our Vision process this spring many of us wrote that we need children and young families. Here they are! Now it's up to US to make them feel welcome and home. We need your help for that. Please consider joining us Wednesday at 5:30 for the Family First Feast. The food is good and the fellowship is priceless. Please come meet our guests and let's work on growing our congregation!

We're hosting a Trunk-or-Treat for SEAM participants on Wednesday, October 26th replacing the study time of the Family First Feast that night. If you would like to serve candy from your trunk, please contact Sharon Smith or the church office.

This week we'll appreciate all donations of candy for the trunk-or-treat. Collection boxes are in the Narthex and the adult wing hallways.

With the acceptance of the last deacon, I'm delighted to announce the **new deacons** you elected to begin service on January 1, 2023. They are: Jeff Worley, DeDe Gerhart, John Price, Wally Black, and Richard Hart.

There is a lot going on at First Baptist Church right now. Your presence and participation are welcome and appreciated!

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Worship Greeters

October

Bill Blalock, Sharon Rhodes, Avis Taylor

November

Mike Clagg, Cary Craig, Ann Siva,

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following Sundays are open to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sundays. If you would like one of these dates, please call Alice in the church office.

October 23, 30



Sympathy is extended to Lisa Pardo and family upon the death of her mother, Marlene Henderson, October 6, 2022.

Sympathy is extended to Teresa Biggerstaff and family upon the death of father, Joe West, October 12, 2022.

SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Norma Coleman upon her death, October 5, 2022

and to

the family of

Betty Psomadakis upon her death, October 7, 2022.

**IN LOVING MEMORY
 NORMA COLEMAN
 OCTOBER 5, 2022**



**IN LOVING MEMORY
 BETTYE PSOMADAKIS
 OCTOBER 7, 2022**





October 4-31

- 13- Sherry Smith
- 14- Rita Robinson
- 16 – John Bowen
- 17 – Lois Withers
- 18 – Debbie Fore
- 21- Linda Hamrick
Joyce Laws
- 22 – Rebekah Wynkoop
- 25- Rob Collis
- 31- Vivian Spencer
Linda Wright

BUDGETS FOR 2023 ARE INCLUDED IN THIS BUILDER (FBC (REVISED), CCM AND SEAM)

There will be a discussion of these budgets on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall and then on Sunday, November 6, we will vote on these budgets, without discussion.

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2023

Pledge Cards for 2023 will be mailed the week Of November 7th and should be returned by Sunday, November 20. Be in earnest prayer about your support next year for FBC!

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 October: Sharon Smith/Jeff Worley

Kids Zone

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

Who You Gonna Call?

Several members have questioned if we have a minister on call if we need one. The answer is yes. We've been assured by Thane Kendall, the Director of the Greater Gaston Baptist Association (GGBA), that ministerial support is available through them if we have a time of need. Thane and the GGBA have been totally supportive since day one. The North Carolina CBF people have also been helpful.

Should any questions arise or if you need anything please call the church office as always. Alice will route the request appropriately to a ministry group or committee. Our Congregational Care group in particular is always active and ministering to our membership. Of course, you can always contact your family deacon or any of our deacons. The currently active deacons are: Patti Black, Cary Craig, Ann Siva, Tammy Worley, Amy Avery, Sharon Rhodes, Sam Robinson, Avis Taylor, Jim Eddings, Scott Irvin, Sharon Smith, Jay Talluri, and Mike Spargo.

And, finally the Pastor Search Committee is made up of Chair Jeff Worley, Betty Clagg, Sharon Rhodes, Sam Robinson, and Richard Hart.

FAMILY FIRST FEAST ON WEDNESDAYS MENUS FOR OCTOBER

October 19

BBQ Sandwich/Slaw/Hushpuppies/
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October 26

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Drink

SERMONS

Sunday, October 23

Rev. Dwayne Burks

“Rejection”

Genesis 4:1-8; John 4:1-26; Genesis 50:15-21

Sunday, October 30

Rev. Dwayne Burks

“Do You Want to Be Healed?”

John 5:1-10



MEMORIALS

In Memory of: Norma Coleman

By: Jim and Ann Costner, Sharon Smith,
David and Linda Wright

In Memory of: Bettye Psomadakis

By: Bill and Julia Blalock, Susan Carson, Jim and Ann Costner, Marlene Justice, Sharon Smith, Frances Rhodes, Sharon Rhodes, David and Linda Wright

MISSIONS

BACK PACK MINISTRY

We now have 4 families with a total of 25 people. The bags are now delivered to Southwest Middle School on Tuesdays before 10:00 am.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, October 24
Finance/Deacon's Meetings

Wednesday, November 2
Discussion of 2023 Budgets

Sunday, November 6
Quarterly Business Meeting
Vote on 2023 Budgets
All Saints Remembrance

Week of November 7
Pledge Cards to be mailed

Sunday, November 20
Pledge Cards Due

