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**“A Repeat Worth Remembering”**

September was so busy. Moving a business, a new heating and air unit, grandchildren activities, ballgames, church activities, deadlines of every kind, a fractured tibia, surgery, physical therapy...I could go on. October looks just as busy.

I am aware that there are many folks that are struggling with their own impossible months and even a devastating year. That might be one of you. So, perhaps you understand my feeling at times when life goes sideways. It is a feeling captured by The Righteous Brothers in the 1964 hit “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feeling.”

I don’t think we feel disconnected from God only when life is tough. I think it often happens when things are lucrative, overflowing with opportunities and resources. It is like the rich man story in the gospels. He was concerned about his salvation (Try Mark 10:17-31). He wanted God’s presence in his life, but his great resources overshadowed his desire for true love. Jesus said this position, the position of wealth, is the hardest to overcome for those who have lost, or who are seeking, that eternal lovin’ feeling.

I think lots of folks suffer from all kinds of distractions that keep them off balance and longing for that lovin’ feeling. So, what can we do when we’ve lost that lovin’ feeling? How can we bring back that lovin’ feeling?

Jesus would promote feeding on the word of God and “seek first the Kingdom of God” (Matthew 6:33). Paul says to know Christ “and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to him in his death” (Philippians 3:10).

Frankly, humanity will always struggle with holding on to that lovin’ feeling of God and for God. But, we can hold on to the confession that God loves us, gave his only Son for us that we might have eternal life. We can hold on to the confession that God is present whether we feel it or not. We can know that if we seek our Lord, we will discover that he is there and that lovin’ feeling has been available all the time.



So, hold on to your confession even when you don’t feel it and be a blessing as you love others who may have lost that lovin’ feeling like you have. Look, you might be the very one who sparks someone’s hope and search for a loving God, because you loved them like Jesus. You listened to them, gave to them without qualification, forgave them all the time, and served them like no one else would. So, let’s get busy and bring back that lovin’ feeling, the lovin’ feeling of God, for God and for your neighbor. Amen?

*Dr. Royal*



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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

On October 1, First Baptist Church and Horne Memorial United Methodist Church shared the bread and the cup along with brother and sisters around the world. It was a moving day, filled with the spirit, song, and moving words that reminded us of the beauty of community being brought close to one another as we draw close to Jesus. We extend thanks to everyone who showed hospitality to our visitors through word and action; especially our Ministers, Choir, Ushers, Deacons, Counters, Communion Committee, Hospitality Committee, Nursery Volunteers, and Sunday School Teachers.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Friends Retreat Recap

Friends Retreat 2023 was a blast! We loaded up 17 of our third-fifth graders and headed to Beatty Jeff Penn to gather with 9 other churches and over 100 children for a weekend of learning, fellowship, play, and FUN! The theme was Compassion: Learning to Love Like God. We explored what it means to do justice (✋), love kindness (♡), walk humbly (👣) through Bible stories, games, response, worship, and crafts. FBC3M kids participated in worship and Bible story time as they experienced the lesson with their peers. The laughs, smiles, excitement, and joy were hard to contain! We could not have asked for better weather as we enjoyed a gorgeous weekend outside with friends. This retreat simply wouldn't be possible without the hands, hearts, and feet of our incredible chaperone crew. As we go into the week and days ahead, may our own hands, hearts, and feet mirror Jesus, our very best teacher, as we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly, wherever God leads. ✋ ♡ 👣

## October in FBC3M

10/8 – 5<sup>th</sup> on Second 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Lunch  
10/14 – Musical Blitz Practice 9-12

Peace,

Rev. Sparker

Rev. Stephanie Parker  
Pastor of Children and Families



## Community Fall Festival

Join us for a pizza party, trunk or treat, games and more!

# November 1st

## 5:30-7:30PM

Wear your costumes and don't forget to bring canned goods for Clayton Area Ministries.

## Cooper Academy Mission Opportunity



## Missions Opportunity

Our church has been providing volunteers to the "With Love From Jesus Ministry" on the 4th Sunday of the month since March of 2021. This month we once again have an opportunity to serve local people in the community. Sunday, October 22nd is the date, and we need 5 to 10 volunteers to help with food, clothing and household furnishings distribution from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. You will be helping guests in the house select clothes and food items, sorting donated supplies, showing the Love of Jesus and telling the Good News. If you are interested and willing to help, please call or text Rudy Oliver at 919-271-1178, or email him at [reoholston@gmail.com](mailto:reoholston@gmail.com).



Please pray about it and join us if you feel led to do so. You will be a blessing and you will be blessed too. That's a promise from Jesus!!

**"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"**  
Matthew 25:40



**WMU**

**MISSION**

**OPPORTUNITIES**

There are lots of mission opportunities this month:

**October 6th—Able to Serve Dance—6:00—8:00 pm**  
*Volunteers: Please arrive by 5:45 pm*

**Red Box Ministry—**We are collecting 4-5 oz. bars of soap.  
*Deadline is November 5th*

**Clayton Area Ministries "CAM"—**food supplies are low. They are need of canned goods and non-perishable items.

*Labeled bins have been placed outside of the church office for your donations.*

## Luminaries

2023



Each year during the Christmas season, luminaries are placed around the building to light up the church for Christmas. Each luminary represents the support First Baptist of Clayton gives to our Child Development Center. This year we are requesting your continued support and you can do so by sponsoring a luminary

for \$5. You can sponsor luminaries "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" someone special.

Donations can be made on-line by going to the church website and click on "Give Online". In the Memo line, please let us know if it is "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" and who the person is. If you do not put anything in the Memo line, we will use your sponsored Luminary as "To the Glory of Our Lord and Savior". You can also give by check, but please include the above information in the memo line to ensure your luminaries are received.

**Deadline for luminary purchases is Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Our Child Development Center appreciates all the support First Baptist Church of Clayton gives to us!

In His Service,

*Kailey Scott*



September was an exciting month in our youth ministry. We kicked off the new church year with the Rise Against Hunger Meal packing event. We are thankful so many youth were able to join in the fun. We started our Wednesday night devotional study “Feed the Dog”. The study is guiding our youth to feed their soul with God’s Word. Our Acteens had their kickoffs and the Middle School Acteens have started their MissionQuest for Confidence. They are going to be learning how we should put all our confidence in the Lord. Challengers got their hands busy in missions and changed smoke detector batteries for many of our church members. Our youth have been busy with their musical talents as well with Mix-It-Up Handbells and Youth Choir kickoffs. We can’t wait for them to share their musical gifts with us all. We also had our first youth outing to Frankie’s Fun Park in Raleigh. We have already had some much fun but there is much more to come in October. We hope all youth will join us!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT**

**Wednesday Night Activities –**

Wednesday Nights are a time for youth to come together for fellowship, games, devotion, and small groups. It is a chance to bond with your friends personally and spiritually. Devotions will be focused on ways to grow in your faith and discuss topics of interest. We know youth are busy so the evening is broken up so that you can come to all or part of the activities.

**Regular schedule of activities:**

5:30 – 6:00 – Youth Fellowship Meal in the Fellowship Hall (eat what is being served at church or bring your own) we encourage youth to join together for the meal

6:00 – 6:30 – Youth Fellowship and Games in the Upper Room. Come play ping pong, foosball, Xbox, sit around on the couches and chat with your friends about what is going on at school, etc.

6:30 – 7:30 – Youth Devotion and Small Groups in the Youth Room. We will start together as a whole group and then split into small groups by age and gender for a deeper discussion on the topics. This is a time to really connect with God’s direction for your life.

**ACTEENS AND CHALLENGERS –**

Sunday, Oct. 1st—Acteens lunch and drop off bags for CAM

Sunday, Oct. 8th—Challengers lunch and pick up bags for CAM

**YOUTH CHOIR –**

Sunday, October 22nd—2:00-3:00 pm—Choir Room

**YOUTH TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES –**

**FALL RUSH RETREAT** - Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Caswell Beach, NC

Sign up using the following link or QR code:

<https://onrealm.org/fbccclaytonnc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NWJiZTQ3NmMtY2ZiMS00ZDBkLWlwYmItYjA1YTAxMTkxZjAw>

**Friday, November 3rd—5:30 pm** Dinner at LaCocina and Judgement House at Benson Grove Baptist Church (Free of charge)

Sign-up in the Youth Room or by texting Mrs. Vicky 919-291-6832

**YOUTH REGISTRATION—**

We would like all youth and volunteers to register via Realm This will help us gather needed information and communicate through email to those participating. Use the following link or QR code:

<https://onrealm.org/fbccclaytonnc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZjVkJmZMTAtM2NIMC00NTU0LTkyNjAtYjA1MjAwZjUzMTEj>

**How to stay connected?**

Join Youth Activities REMIND for messages: **Send a text to 81010** ..... **Text this message @fbccyoutha**

Follow us on Instagram: **FBCCYouthClayton**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Youth Council.



FRANKIE’S OUTING

# Triangle East Baptist Association

Nov. 6  
*Women's Ministries*  
Prayer Gathering

Host Church: Selma Baptist

Ladies from all TEBA churches are invited to a special night of prayer for International & North American Missions, TEBA Ministries, TEBA Church Planters & our Pastor's Wives and their families.

*"Rise Up & Pray"*

Formerly known as "World Day of Prayer," this event will be a sweet time of prayer, inspiration, & learning together.



All ladies interested in attending and riding with a group, please call the church office no later than Noon on Friday, Nov. 3rd to sign-up.

The bus will leave the church parking lot at 6:00 pm.

## DOES YOUR YARD NEED RAKING???

Challengers are youth guys on mission for our church families!! On Sunday, November 19th, we will be out and about raking leaves. **We are specifically looking for Homebound or Senior Adult Church Members who would like for us to come to your home and rake leaves for you.** If you would like for us to drop by on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19th, please contact Melissa Long by text or phone at 919-201-7502 or by email at:

[melissalong2038@gmail.com](mailto:melissalong2038@gmail.com)

Call today!!

We look forward to serving you!!



## MERCY: THE POSTURE OF KINGDOM CITIZENS

Can you remember a time when you needed—and received—mercy? Why did you need it? Who extended it to you? How did it affect your life? Mercy is something that must be experienced before it can be given, but those who give it receive it again in greater measure.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7 ESV). It is a reciprocal transaction: if we show mercy, we receive mercy, from God if from no one else. Two questions face us in this beatitude: Who are the merciful? and What does it mean to receive mercy?

Merciful people are those who, recognizing that they are unworthy recipients of God's mercy and grace in Christ, and would be hopelessly lost without them, adopt a posture of mercy toward others, just as God has shown them.

The Greek word for merciful is closely related to the Hebrew word *chesed*, which is extremely rich in meaning. More than simply sympathizing with or feeling sorry for someone in trouble, being merciful involves the ability to get right inside someone else's skin—to see, think, and feel from their perspective; in other words, to identify with them at a deep personal level. It involves a sense of sorrow for people who are trapped in sin or other difficulties, which prompts us to relate to them with a forgiving and compassionate spirit.

Being merciful doesn't just happen. Because it is sometimes hard to *feel* merciful toward some people and in some situations, to do so requires a deliberate effort of the mind and will.

The phrase "receive mercy" is a "divine passive," indicating a free gift that only God can give. He shows mercy to those who are merciful. The more mercy we show, the more God's mercy is extended to us. This is not by "works," but is the natural result of a life changed by Christ. In other words, if we have received mercy from God when we don't deserve it—and if we truly understand it—our heart is changed so that we freely and naturally extend mercy to others who don't deserve it any more than we do.

Mercy is for the *undeserving*, which is why we *all* need it—and why we all, as kingdom citizens, need to extend it to others freely and lavishly.



*Rev. Stephen Nance*



## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastor Search Committee is excited to share that we are now accepting resumes and applications for the Senior Pastor position. We encourage church members that know of a good possible candidate to direct them to our church website. The position is listed under Job Openings.

We ask for your continued prayers as we begin reviewing resumes and applications.

Pastor Search Committee,

Anne Abene  
Craig Lee  
Rudy Oliver  
Sandra Phillips

Keith Blackley  
Melissa Long  
Diane Pearce



North Carolina  
Museum of Art

**Thursday, October 12:** Visit to North Carolina Museum of Art. Lunch following at Captain Stanley's. 9:30 am-2:30 pm.

**Sign up** in the church office NLT Monday, Oct. 9.

Free admission to the People's Collection in the East and West buildings and the Museum Park. Accessible restrooms are available in both buildings, and rollators and wheelchairs, both motorized and manual, are available free of charge on a first come first served basis. **Bus will leave church parking lot at 9:15 am and return by 2:30 pm.**

**Friday, October 13:** Senior Adult Movie Night — 5:30 pm.  
Pizza, popcorn, and drinks provided.  
Bring a dessert or snack to share.

Featured Film: "NATIONAL TREASURE."

In this fast-paced action adventure, Nicolas Cage stars as Benjamin Franklin Gates, who from boyhood has been obsessed with finding the legendary Knights Templar Treasure. As he tries to locate and decipher ancient riddles that will lead him to it, he finds he must steal the Declaration of Independence to keep it, and a key clue to the mystery, out of the hands of a ruthless and dangerous enemy...while keeping himself out of the hands of the FBI. With Diane Kruger, Sean Bean, Harvey Keitel, and Jon Voight. In order to get an accurate count for pizza, please notify Terry in the church office no later than October 11 if: 1) you are on the permanent list but cannot attend or 2) you are not on the permanent list but plan to attend.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - "Jesus"**

The God Who Knows Your Name," with Max Lucado.

"Because Jesus became human, it is now possible for us to see God and hear his voice. If we want to know what matters to God, all we need to do is look in the Bible and see what matters to Jesus. If we want to know what God is doing in our world, we need only ponder the words of Jesus. By learning more about the person Jesus was and is, we come to understand more clearly the people we were created to be. **9:30-11:00 am**, SALT Class and ZOOM. Study Guides are \$6.00 and are available in the office. **Sign up in the church office today!**

**Monday, October 30:** NBC Luncheon. 11:30 am  
**Catered:** Parkside Café — **\$8.00 each**  
**Program TBA.**

If you are on the permanent list but cannot attend, or not on the permanent list and plan to attend, please notify the church office NLT Wednesday, **October 25.**

## COMING IN NOVEMBER

**Tuesday, November 7:** Southern Supreme Fruitcake—Bear Creek Lunch to follow at Bestfood Cafeteria, Siler City **9:15 am—4:00 pm.**  
*Plan now to shop for your fruitcake, candy, and other sweet goodies in plenty of time for Christmas!*

**Sign up in the Church Office NLT Wednesday, November 1.**

**Friday, November 10:** Senior Adult Movie Night —5:30 pm  
**Film Feature:** "Casablanca," the Academy-Award-winning classic starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GENERAL FUND

“In Memory of”

Robert Nowell Brooks by Bucky Coats  
Joe Capps by Bucky Coats  
Joe Capps by Curtis & Elaine Moore  
Ernest Blackley by Gregory & Brandie Parrish  
Duba Coats by Gregory & Brandie Parrish  
Joe Capps by Gregory & Brandie Parrish  
Ernest Blackley by Ricky & Elizabeth Waddell  
Duba Coats by Ricky & Elizabeth Waddell  
Joe Capps by Ricky & Elizabeth Waddell  
Duba Coats by John & Lynn Gibson  
Ernest Blackley by John & Lynn Gibson  
Ernest Blackley by Brandon & Vickie Andrews  
Duba Coats by Brandon & Vickie Andrews  
Duba Coats by Bill & Sarah Brooks  
Ernest Blackley by Curtis & Elaine Moore  
Duba Coats by Curtis & Elaine Moore  
Ernest Blackley by David & Pam Outlaw  
Duba Coats by David & Pam Outlaw  
Ernest Blackley by Billy Parrish  
Joe Capps by Billy Parrish  
Joe Capps by Carol Gilbert  
Ernest Blackley by Jerry & Diane Johnson  
Duba Coats by Jerry & Diane Johnson  
Joe Capps by Jerry & Diane Johnson  
Joe Capps by Helen Ellerbe  
Hugh McCullen by Tom & Ida Mayes  
Tony Pope by Tom & Ida Mayes  
Mary Rose Sadler by Tom & Ida Mayes  
Belle Allen by Tom & Ida Mayes  
Ernest Blackley by Tom & Ida Mayes  
Duba Coats by Tom & Ida Mayes  
Joe Capps by Tom & Ida Mayes  
Belle Allen's Heavenly Birthday by Joe & Linda Hester  
Duba Coats' Heavenly Birthday by Joe & Linda Hester  
Ernest Blackley by Ginger & Tony Buffkin  
Joe Capps by Tom, Emily & Jay Vinson  
Ernest Blackley by Andy & Gloria Pleasant  
Duba Coats by Andy & Gloria Pleasant  
Joe Capps by Andy & Gloria Pleasant  
Ernest Blackley by Lynne & Vann Martin  
Duba Coats by Lynne & Vann Martin  
Joe Capps by Lynn & Vann Martin  
Ernest Lee by Paul & Deborah Cox  
Joe Capps by Walter & Jill Rasor  
Joe Capps by Chris & Diane Pearce  
Duba Coats by Chris & Diane Pearce  
Duba Coats by Pamela & Larry Ross  
Joe Capps by Jim & Judy Nappier  
Ernest Blackley by Randolph & Pat Tart  
Duba Coats by Randolph & Pat Tart  
Duba Coats by Margaret & Peter Legault  
Ernest Blackley by Dean & Gardner Temple  
Duba Coats by Dean & Gardner Temple  
Duba Coats by Ron & Rhonda Grimes  
Duba Coats by Rudy & Cheryl Mills  
Ernest Blackley by Clennis Tolston  
Duba Coats by Helen Ellerbe  
Ernest Blackley by Helen Ellerbe  
Ernest Blackley by Joyce Nixon  
Duba Coats by Joyce Nixon  
Joe Capps by Lexene Lee  
Duba Coats by Bob & Bet Barber  
Ernest Blackley by Bob & Bet Barber  
Joe Capps by Ronald Crowder & Debbie Ragland  
Bob Brooks by Ronald Crowder & Debbie Ragland  
Rosa Lee Pinkston by Jerry & Sharon Poole  
Ernest Blackley by Kenny & Vickie Adams  
Duba Coats by Kenny & Vickie Adams  
Joe Capps by Kenny & Vickie Adams  
Joe Capps by John & Lynn Gibson  
Ernest Blackley by Doug & Sandra Phillips  
Duba Coats by Doug & Sandra Phillips  
Joe Capps by Doug & Sandra Phillips  
Joe Capps by Martha Wall  
Duba Coats by Jay & Kathy Woodard  
Joe Capps by Jay & Kathy Woodard  
Joe Capps by David & Jo Earp  
Joe Capps by John & Dolores Bagley  
Ernest Lee by Paul & Bronna Greer  
Duba Coats by Paul & Bronna Greer  
Bob Brooks by Paul & Bronna Greer  
Joe Capps by Gerald & Glenda Toler  
Ernest Blackley by Ricky & Linda Blackmon  
Duba Coats by Ricky & Linda Blackmon  
Joe Capps by Ricky & Linda Blackmon  
Duba Coats by Rudy & Edwina Oliver  
Ernest Blackley by Shirley Lee  
Joe Capps by Judy Wood  
Duba Coats by Judy Wood  
Joe Capps by Pat Daniels  
Bob Brooks by Pat Daniels  
Duba Coats by Susan Yamakawa  
Joe Capps by Joe & Linda Hester  
Ernest Blackley by Earl & Hope Johnson  
Duba Coats by Earl & Hope Johnson  
Joe Capps by Earl & Hope Johnson  
Joe Capps by Myrtle Wallace  
Joe Capps by Mary Baker, Neil, Mary Marche & Abby Byrd and MaryAnne Barnes  
Joe Capps by Jean Bryant  
Duba Coats by Jean Bryant  
Ernest Blackley by Jean Bryant  
Ernest Blackley by Ayden & Betty Lee  
Duba Coats by Ayden & Betty Lee  
Joe Capps by Ayden & Betty Lee  
Ernest Blackley by Keith & Jennifer Blackley  
Joe Capps by Keith & Jennifer Blackley  
Duba Coats by Keith & Jennifer Blackley  
Joe Capps by David & Pam Outlaw

Memorial Gifts to the General Fund Continued...

Joe Capps by Tom & Paula Medlin  
Duba Coats by Paul & Carolyn Jones  
Joe Capps by Paul & Carolyn Jones  
Ernest Blackley by Paul & Carolyn Jones  
Belle Allen by Paul & Carolyn Jones  
Rhonda Mooneyham by Paul & Carolyn Jones  
Duba Coats by Brent & Heidi Wood  
Duba Coats by Jeff & Jackie Tarkington  
Ernest Blackley by Wakelon HS Class of 1958

“In Honor of”

Dolores Bagley's Birthday by Joyce Nixon  
Bucky Coats by Susan Yamakawa

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BAPTIST ON MISSIONS FUND

“In Memory of”

Duba Coats by John & Cathy Paschal  
Joe Capps by John & Cathy Paschal  
Bob Brooks by John & Cathy Paschal

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE MUSIC FUND

“In Memory of”

Joe Capps by Candy Pope  
Ernest Blackley by Candy Pope  
Bob Brooks by Candy Pope  
Duba Coats by Candy Pope  
Inez Creech by Candy Pope

“In Honor of”

“Our New Deacons” (Ann Austin, Kathy Wilkerson, John B. Rasor, Lyndsey Lee) by Candy Pope

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE SENIOR ADULT FUND

“In Memory of”

Ernest Blackley by Martha Wall  
Duba Coats by Martha Wall  
Joe Capps by David & Nancy Turlington  
Ernest Blackley by Lois Weeks  
Duba Coats by Lois Weeks

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BAPTIST MEN'S FUND

“In Memory of”

Ernest Blackley by David & Nancy Turlington

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

“In Memory of”

Duba Coats by David & Nancy Turlington  
Duba Coats by Dr. Jean Allen Group

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE STATE MISSIONS FUND

“In Memory of”

Ernest Blackley by Ava Spence

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE YOUTH FUND

“In Memory of”

Joe Capps by Rudy & Edwina Oliver

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BUILDING FUND

“In Memory of”

Joe Capps by Fred & Texie Lee  
Duba Coats by Fred & Texie Lee


Rev. Dr. John Allen, Pastor Emeritus



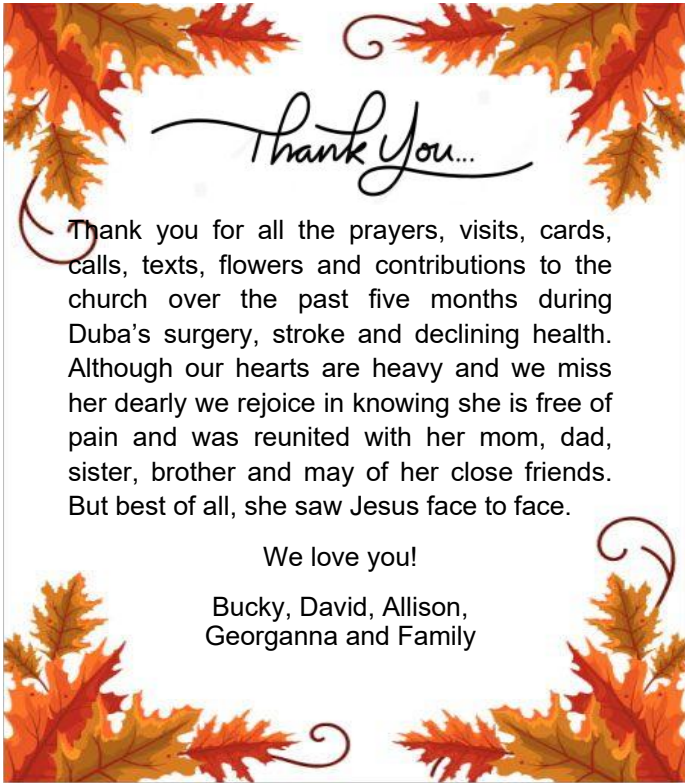
On September 10, 2023, former Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. John Allen was recognized for his many years of ministry and service at First Baptist Clayton.

Deacon Chairperson, Joe Hester presented Dr. Allen with a plaque to acknowledge the title of Pastor Emeritus conferred upon Dr. John Allen by our congregation.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9:30am - 10:30am Worship Service - SANCT. 10:45am - 11:45am Sunday School - In Person & ZOOM 11:45am - 12:15pm Mix It Up Handbells <b>12:15pm - 2:00pm Acteens (MS &amp; HS) Lunch and Mission Activities (12:15- 2 pm)</b> 2:00pm - 3:00am Youth Choir	<b>2</b> 5:30am - 6:30am Denomination Relations Com. - SALT 11:00am - 12:00pm Patrick Moore Mission Group - Ladies Parlor 7:30pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting - SALT Classroom	<b>3</b> Clayton Travel Club - Grass Parking Lot (Tues-Fri) 7:00pm - 8:00pm <b>Tuesday Night Bible Study-SALT Classroom</b>	<b>4</b> Clayton Travel Club - Grass Parking Lot (Tues-Fri) 9:30am - 11:00am <b>Sr Adult Bible Study "The Early Church" - SALT/Zoom</b> 1:00pm Staff Meeting - Conference Room 5:30pm - <b>Wednesday Night Fellowship &amp; Dinner—FH (SCHEDULE BELOW)</b>	<b>5</b> Clayton Travel Club - Grass Parking Lot (Tues-Fri)	<b>6</b> Clayton Travel Club - Grass Parking Lot (Tues-Fri) 11:30am - 12:30pm The Honeycombers Prayer Group-Parlor <b>1:30pm Able to Serve Decorating - FH</b> <b>6:00pm - 8:00pm ABLE TO SERVE DANCE - Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30am - 10:30am Worship Service - SANCT 10:45am - 11:45am Sunday School - In Person & ZOOM 11:45am - 1:30pm 5th on Second (5th Grader Lunch) <b>12:15pm - 2:00am Challengers Lunch &amp; Mission Activity</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6:00pm - 7:00pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting - Conference Room</b> 7:00pm CDC Oversight Committee Meeting-ZOOM 7:30pm - 8:30pm Special "CALLED" Deacons Meeting	<b>10</b> WMU Groups 11:00am - 12:00pm Eph Whisenhunt Group - Conference Room <b>2:00pm - 3:30pm Bill O'Neal Circle Group-Conference Room</b> 7:00pm - 8:00pm Tuesday Night Bible Study-SALT Classroom	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Staff Meeting - Conference Room 5:30pm - <b>Wednesday Night Fellowship &amp; Dinner—FH (SCHEDULE BELOW)</b> 6:30pm <b>Business Meeting - Fellowship Hall &amp; ZOOM</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30am - 2:30pm Sr. Adult Outing, NC Museum of Art, Lunch at Captain Stanley's <b>6:00pm - 8:00pm Baptist Men's Dinner/ Fellowship - Fellowship Hall</b> 7:00pm - 8:00pm Budget & Finance - Conference Room	<b>13</b> <b>Youth Fall Rush (Caswell Beach, NC)</b> 11:30am - 12:30pm The Honeycombers Prayer Group-Parlor <b>5:30pm Sr Adult Movie Night - Fellowship Hall (SIGN UP REQUIRED...CALL CHURCH OFFICE)</b>	<b>14</b> 12:00am - 12:00am FBC3M Musical Blitz Practice <b>Youth Fall Rush (Caswell Beach, NC)</b>
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**Wednesday Night Fellowship Weekly Schedule**  
5:30 pm – Weekly Dinner – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm – Youth Free Time – Youth Room  
6:15 pm – FBC3M Activities  
6:15 pm – Adult Handbell Kick-Off  
**6:30 pm – ADULT BREAKOUT OPTIONS**  
Corp. Prayer – Basic/Zoom (Rudy Oliver)  
What is This Bible – Conference Room (Sandy Stephenson)  
Sparking the Conversation: Faith Talks with Families – Sanctuary (Stephanie Parker)  
**BUSINESS MEETING (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of Month)**  
6:30 pm – Youth Devotion & Small Groups  
7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal




Thank you for all the prayers, visits, cards, calls, texts, flowers and contributions to the church over the past five months during Duba’s surgery, stroke and declining health. Although our hearts are heavy and we miss her dearly we rejoice in knowing she is free of pain and was reunited with her mom, dad, sister, brother and may of her close friends. But best of all, she saw Jesus face to face.

We love you!

Bucky, David, Allison, Georganna and Family

Welcome New Member  
October 8, 2023



By Baptism  
Collin Lee

Parents: Craig & Lyndsey Lee  
224 Percy Dr., Clayton, NC 27520



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**  
**IT’S TIME TO FILL SHOEBOXES...**  
Shoeboxes are available for pickup in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall and Church Office as well as a few other places. Please stop by and take a box or two to fill and help brighten a child’s Christmas this year!!!  
Filled boxes can be returned to the area outside of the church office BEFORE Sunday, November 5th to be dedicated during our worship service on  
**DEADLINE TO RETURN FILLED BOXES IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

“Outlook” News

The “Outlook”, First Baptist Church Clayton’s news-letter, will return to weekly publication beginning Sunday, November 5th. The Outlook will be distributed each week with the Sunday Worship bulletin. It will also be emailed along with the Friday Reminders. Mailed copies will be available upon request.  
The “new” Outlook will contain many familiar themes, news items, features and updated. There will be some new twists too as more people from our church family take part in sharing their stories as we Show God’s Love, Tell the Good News, Grow Spiritually and Serve Others.  
The deadline for submitting news items will be Monday at noon and should be emailed to:  
[tmccallum@fbcclaytonnc.org](mailto:tmccallum@fbcclaytonnc.org)