

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Wednesday Dinner**—Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Garden Salad and Dessert
- **Gathering Time**—Each Sunday Morning, we will have special features in the Sanctuary at 10:50am as we prepare our hearts for worship. Last week we hope you enjoyed the time of praise, this week will feature our October Theme, "My Church".
- **Quarterly Business Meeting**—Wednesday October 26th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Fall Hoedown**—Sunday, October 30 from 5-7 pm. Join the fun for our first Hoedown here at First. Activities for every age: hot dog dinner served, chili cook-off, games, music, craft, square dance demonstration, taffy pull for the youth and tons more! For more information, please see Pastor Lynn.
- **Operation Christmas Child**— Distribution of boxes has begun. Boxes will be available each Sunday and Wednesday and will be collected Sunday Nov 13th and 20th. You will not want to miss the opportunity to be a part of this Global mission effort.

Youth Event

When: November 11th-12th
 Where: Boys—campout at Gold Head State Park,
 Girls—sleepover at the Purvis's house
 Cost: \$15 each
 Bring: sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, pjs, change of clothes

See Chad for details.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept 8th—Nov 10th —Women's Bible Study	Nov 22nd —All Wednesday Activities will be moved to Tuesday
Oct 23rd —e-NOW (5-6:30 pm)	Nov 24th —Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
Oct 26th —Quarterly Business Meeting	Nov 27th —Dinnertainer
Oct 30th —Fall Family Hoe Down	Dec 11th —Adult Christmas Musical (5pm)
Nov 20th —e-NOW (5-6:30 pm)	Dec 14th —Student Christmas Musical (6:30pm)

This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, October 16

8:30 am Early Worship
 9:00 am Coffee Break—"Gathering Area"
 *^9:30 am Bible Study
 *^10:50 am Gathering Time—in the Sanctuary
 *^11:00 am Morning Worship
 12:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Monday, October 17

7:00 pm Santa Fe River Baptist Association Annual Meeting
 (There will be a Reception Prior to the Meeting at 6:30pm)

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 pm Perspectives

Wednesday, October 19

5:30 pm Dinner
 6:00 pm First Family Time
 *6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
 Children Activities
 Sanctuary Choir
 *7:30 pm "Voices Afire" Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

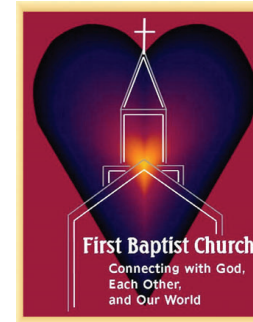
9:15 am Women's Bible Study
 *Nursery Care Available ^Hearing Impaired Services Available

Quarterly Business Meeting Wednesday, October 26th 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary



Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Monday - Thursday; Closed Fridays
 Extended Wednesday Hour 4:30—5:30 pm

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THE GOOD NEWS THE WEEK OF OCT 16-22, 2011

Gathering Time

As We Serve Together

*During the Gathering Time today, we invite you to prepare to worship the Lord considering Philippians 2:1, 3-4
 ...If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ
 ...Do nothing of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
 Rather, in humility value other above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.*

The First Family Gathers

Rev. Lynn Williams

Song of Welcome

What a Mighty God We Serve

Prelude

Mrs. Barbara Young and Mrs. Jeuen Warf

Opening Praise

390—We Are Called to Be God's People

Morning Prayer & Welcome

Rev. Lynn Williams

Children in Worship

Puppet Team

Offertory Hymn

495—Serve the Lord with Gladness

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Marie Dale

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

Worthy of the Calling

Sermon

Dr. John Fairless My Church: Gifted to Serve Romans 12:1-13

Response

604—Come, All Christians Be Committed

Benediction

Mrs. Sheila Fairless

Postlude

Mrs. Barbara Young

Dr. John P. Fairless, Senior Pastor
 Rev. C. Lynn Williams, Associate Pastor for Families of Children and Youth
 Mrs. Sheila Fairless, Music, Media and Worship Coordinator
 Mrs. Belinda LaMee, Preschool Coordinator

A WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN



What a week this has been; I had the privilege of speaking to a group of 20 “first call” pastors as part of a training program for young ministers serving churches in the Southeastern US – we had folks from North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana. (Florida has its own conference, so I didn't meet any

Gators!) Thank you, church, for allowing me to represent you and to share in building the lives and ministries of these young pastors.

As you read this, I have just undergone surgery on my left eye to correct a degenerative condition I first noticed a little over two years ago. Many of you have shared your concern and have faithfully prayed for me. Again, I thank you! I plan to be healed up and “back at it” very soon.

Our emphasis on “My Church” continues this week as we think of the ways Christ builds the church – and brings new people into God's kingdom – through our service. **There are no unimportant jobs in the church!**

Providing cookies and lemonade after service is serving and sharing Christ; teaching toddlers in the nursery is serving and sharing Christ; making sure the church grounds get mowed and trimmed is serving and sharing Christ; opening the door and greeting people with a smile is serving and sharing Christ!

You get the idea – there are “a million” ways to serve the Lord, and everybody needs to have at least one way that they do so. I hope you will fill out the “**Indication of Interest**” form in worship today and turn it in as you leave. We are trying to be sure that everybody who has an interest and willingness to serve gets a chance to do so.

I have you in my heart,

Pastor John

SERMON NOTES

My Church: Gifted to Serve
Romans 12:1-13

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Oct 16-22

Tim Adams
376-7669

Diane Adams
376-7669

Oct 23-29

Bill Smith
378-1362

Jo Ann Parham
336-2566

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Oct 23

Jerry Bennett

Oct 30

Harold Denmark

VOLUNTEERS

Offering Receivers/Ushers:

MB Chafin, Bob Davis,
Richard Palmer, Jim Wetherington,

Audio Visual

(Coordinator: Brandi Bell)

Early Worship: Frank Green

Greeters:

Oct 2: Ira & Nicola Hill
Oct 9: Hank Cothran
Oct 16: Bo & Garin Davidson
Oct 23: Hank Cothran
Oct 30: Bo & Garin Davidson

Morning Worship:

Oct 2: Chris Byrd/Brandi Bell
Oct 9: Chuck King/Phil Padgett
Oct 16: Brandi Bell/Nicola Hill
Oct 23: Chris Byrd/Brandi Bell
Oct 30: Chuck King Phil Padgett

THE PEOPLE CAME/THE PEOPLE GAVE

	<u>Sept 18</u>	<u>Sept 25</u>	<u>Oct 2</u>	<u>Oct 9</u>
Bible Study	125	118	121	128
Worship (All Services)	185	179	173	195
Offering	\$12,442.00	\$5,447.00	\$14,624.73	\$12,563.54
	<i>(Weekly Budget Needs \$11,562.79)</i>			

FORWARD BY FAITH TO THE FINISH

Goal: \$550,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$240,603.00 Total Pledged Received: \$141,911.00
Total Received to Date: \$236,070.00 Non-Pledged Received: \$94,159.00

MEMORIALS

Bob Barnes

Louise Munroe
Bill & Peggy Finley
Wilford & Eleanor Lyon
Ben & BJ Mather
Archie & Penny Jenkins
J.A. & Dorothy Henderson
Gene Ritch

With Sympathy

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Welcome**...If you are our guest we hope that you will sign in at the “Welcome Desk” where we can get to know you better and where you will receive a name tag. Members are encouraged to pickup your name tag from the boards.
- **Hospitality**...Guests and members are invited to the “Gathering Area” after worship services for refreshment and fellowship.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallways to the east and west of the “Gathering Area”. There is a family restroom located in the east hallway near the Children's and Preschool Wing.
- **Parents**, we ask that children and youth remain in services until dismissed with their leaders, activity packets are available. Preschool Extended Session meets during worship and parents may accompany their child before or any time during the worship to the preschool area.
- **Hearing Assistance Devices** are available, please check with an usher.
- **“Good News”**—Please return your copy to a recycle basket if you do not wish to keep it. We will use these copies on the following Wednesday Evenings.