



## MISSIONS: Worship Emphasis for September



**Every Christian has a mission to share Christ.  
How are YOU living out your mission?**



## September 29 Church Music Emphasis and Appreciation Sunday

**Show your support and appreciation for our choirs and church musicians by being present on September 29.**



## A Note from the Pastor

Living in Greenwood has offered me a reset of emotions in many ways. I had not realized the stress, frustration, and anger I was carrying from my commute to and from work while serving in Atlanta. I must confess I spent too much time talking to and yelling frustratedly at drivers who surrounded me on the I-75 corridor. With a bit of separation from the experience, I realized that carrying all that anger and frustration around shaped me, and not in a positive way. I gained some clarity after reading an article by Mark Tidsworth a few weeks ago. It helped me realize how these feelings of anger were shaping me.

In a portion of his article, he writes, “With this in mind, we are willing to spill some ink over one issue in churches which is directly hurting the mission... anger. No, not Holy Spirit-inspired anger. Not the anger rising when we witness or experience injustice, giving us the energy to get up and help set this world right. No, not the helpful kind of anger that reacts to the powerful oppressing the powerless. No, the anger described here is far more insidious, disguised as righteous indignation. This is self-serving indignation. So, what’s a church to do when it sees itself in this mirror? What if even a small portion of your church’s people are stuck in their anger?”

Tidsworth’s article has me wondering: Am I an angry pastoral leader? Are we angry as a church? Do the decisions we make arise only from our frustrations and anger? If so, Tidsworth asks, “...what’s a church to do when it sees itself in this mirror? What if even a small portion of your church’s people are stuck in their anger?” He offers a few ways to navigate our rising anger that are worth considering.

**We must recognize anger as a distress signal.** Anger is usually a reaction to a deeper wound. We’d be smart to ask ourselves what is below the surface of our own anger that is distressing us in ways that fuel our anger.

**We must raise awareness with accurate information about our cultural context.** We always find a way to explain our experience. But we must be honest and not invent false explanations for what is driving our distress. These false assumptions can often lead to angry responses.

**We must consider movement-oriented options that offer positive solutions to the issues.** When we begin to accept the truth that we are journeying towards health, we can take positive steps, even in the midst of frustration and chaos.

**We must return to our first love: the gospel’s good news.** Tidsworth says, “God so loves this world that God goes to extreme lengths to demonstrate that love in hopes that many will receive and embrace the beautiful Way of Jesus. The gospel is life-giving and life-altering. Focusing on ourselves, indulging the false narrative that we deserve cultural privilege, leads to a slow, depressing spiritual death.” He is right on here.

**Finally, we must shift from member to disciple identity.** Membership identity in our culture has very little to do with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught that laying down one’s right to membership privileges is the way to life. When we forget ourselves, focus on God, and live into God’s calling... that’s when life grows really good.

So, what’s got you frustrated and angry these days? Do you need to make some space and get back to Gospel-centeredness?

Your Pastor,  
John



**Worship in  
September**  
Emphasis: Missions

**Sunday—September 1**  
**Twenty-second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

Scripture: Acts 1:1-10, James 1:17-27  
Sermon: "To All the World: In Jerusalem"  
John Uldrick

Special Music  
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
Stephanie Turner and Betty Walker  
piano duo

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Brenda Hollingsworth and Elizabeth Craigo by Mike Craigo and family.

**Sunday—September 8**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Scripture: Acts 1:1-10, Psalm 125  
Sermon:  
"To All the World: In Judea and Samaria"  
John Uldrick

Special Music  
"Lord, Thy Church on Earth Is Seeking"  
Chancel Choir

**In lieu of a fresh flower arrangement,** a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of the September birthdays of Marvin and Ellen Watson by their family.

**Sunday—September 15**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Scripture: Acts 10:1-10  
Sermon: "To All the World:  
To the Ends of the Earth"  
John Uldrick

Special Music  
"Send Us, Lord, to Every Nation"  
Chancel Choir, with Cody Beard, trumpet  
descant; special music by  
Andy Westbrook, euphonium, and  
Stephanie Turner, piano

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**Sunday—September 22**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Scripture: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Sermon: "Directional Wisdom"  
John Uldrick

Special Music  
"Trust in the Lord" - Chancel Choir

**Sunday—September 29**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Music Emphasis Sunday**

Scripture: Psalm 150  
Sermon: "Let Every Voice Sing"  
John Uldrick

Special Music  
"Sing a Festive Song!"  
Chancel Choir with piano & percussion;

"Even Here"  
*Voices of Grace* Youth Choir and Chancel  
Choir

"God, You Made All Things for Singing"  
Choir and Congregation

"Coronation March"  
Jean O. Wood Handbell Ensemble  
Music Makers / Young Musicians

**FBC International**  
**Love Feast following**  
**Worship**  
**Sunday, October 6**



World Communion Day is a time to remember our unity in Christ no matter where we live and worship. In order to continue sharing our sense of connectedness and hospitality, everyone is invited to the FBC International Love Feast following the worship service on October 6. Please bring a favorite dish from around the world (remember, the United States is part of the world, too). Leave the covered dish in the Fellowship Hall before 11:00 am. Traditional family recipes, exotic foreign dishes, salads, rolls, and desserts are all welcomed. Each dish left in the Fellowship Hall should be **labeled**, describing its ingredients (to help those with allergies such as gluten and nuts) and naming which culture from which it comes. Please prepare enough of each dish to serve 10-12 people.



**Music Notes**

**Missions in Music**

During the month of September, John will be preaching about Missions - local, regional, and international. We will also be featuring special hymns and music that capture missions within music. The familiar song "Make Me a Servant" will be the Call to Worship each Sunday. A brand new hymn "We Serve the Prince of Peace" will be the Choral Response, with different verses each week. It incorporates a melody influenced by East Asian melodies. One upcoming anthem is "Send Us, Lord, To Every Nation" by Joseph M. Martin, that features a hymn-like tune and a wonderful trumpet descant. Another anthem, "Lord, Thy Church on Earth Is Seeking" by David Schwoebel, features a minor key melody that expands to include lush harmonies and suspensions, resolving in beautiful choral chords with expansive piano accompaniment. One particular verse reads:

*In the streets of ev'ry city  
where the bruised and lonely dwell;  
We shall show the Savior's pity,  
We shall of His mercy tell.*

On September 29, will be our **Music Emphasis Sunday** and highlight all of the FBC ensembles and choirs. The children and youth with sing, handbells will play, Chancel Choir and Sounds of Grace will sing, and Will Cleveland will play. Young-Beaudrot Scholar and Lander student Noah Skinner will offer percussion during an anthem titled "Sing a Festive Song!", incorporating Latin instruments and rhythms, written by our former music director and wonderful friend Larry Schultz.



**Youth Choir**

With the exception of the first Sunday of the month, Youth Choir meets each Sunday at 4:50 pm. The youth are already working on selections for Music Emphasis Sunday (September 29) and Thanksgiving (November 24).



**September**  
**Wednesday Night**  
**Adult Building Blocks**

Wednesday evening Adult Building Blocks meet from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. "Building Blocks" are designed to build one's faith and help one grow as a disciple of Christ. The following is a listing and brief description of the September Blocks.

**Destigmatizing Death with Lane Riley:** The focus of this study will include conversations and practical methods to approaching the end of life. (Rm 211)

**The Lord's Prayer Bible Study with John Uldrick:** The focus of this study is to unpack the various elements within the model prayer Jesus taught his disciples. (Chapel)

**Growing on Grace:** The *Growing on Grace* group will decide their own study for the fall. The group studies a wide range of young family topics. (Rm 208)

**Chancel Choir:** Rehearsal is held in the choir room (Rm 100) below the sanctuary.

**Prayer Shawl  
Ministry**

(Knitters and Crocheters)



**Next meeting: September 12**  
10:00 am-noon (drop-in), Church Parlor

For more information, contact June Shaw (538-9101).



**Young at Heart**  
(A group for widows)

**Next meeting: September 10**  
**Noon at the Country Club**

For more information contact Nancy Rooney (229-3641) or Beth Hardage (770) 598-5303.



## August Diaconate Update

The August Diaconate meeting was held on August 18 at 6:00 pm. In addition to receiving reports from the staff, the Diaconate approved the following:

- Recommendation from the Personnel Committee concerning changes to Section 304: Health Insurance of the FBC Personnel Manual. The recommendation was to pay 100% of the cost of health insurance for employees and half the cost of insurance for families.
- Recommendation from the Property Committee for a Foundation Request to purchase three additional Philips Heartstart Onsite Defibrillator Units. One of the units will have pads for children and will be kept in the children's area.

The Diaconate also received a report on the Draft 2025 Ministry Plan before being presented to the congregation on Sunday, August 25.



**16th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser is Wednesday, October 16 (take out) and Thursday, October 17, 2024 (dine-in), with all proceeds benefiting the Soup Kitchen of Greenwood.** This casual event is held at the Soup Kitchen and dinner consists of soup, bread, dessert, and a drink. Soup is served in a beautiful hand-crafted bowl. Guests take the bowl home as a constant reminder of the need to help fill the "Empty Bowls" in the community. Event tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available to the general public beginning September 3, 2024. To purchase tickets please contact Whitney Nicholson (864-554-4340) Norm Fawcett (864-227-3421).

## Church Family News

Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

- Lloyd Andrew
- Jack Parham
- Helen Mitchum Wall, mother of Gilda Logan
- Wilma Burgin
- Sara Ann Hollingsworth, sister-in-law of Neil Hollingsworth
- Lynne Walker, cousin of Lewis Walker

### Wesley Commons Rehabilitation:

Bob Ledet

**Home:** Laura Hollingsworth, Lauren Corbitt, Chareen Stevenson, Amy Jennings, Jackie Dewberry (no visitors), Cliff Cain, Rachel Stephens, Carol Richard

### Birth

Summer Evelyn Robertson, great-granddaughter of June Shaw



### Draft 2025 Ministry Plan

Thanks to all who participated in the presentation of the draft version of the 2025 Ministry Plan on Sunday, August 25. For those who were unable to attend, copies of the draft version of the 2025 Ministry Plan are available in the church office. A final version of the 2025 Ministry Plan will be available following the October Diaconate meeting. A vote on the 2025 Ministry Plan will take place at the Annual Meeting in November.

### 2024 Financials

July	
July Receipts	\$ 55,970.31
July Expenses	80,997.04
July Deficit	(25,026.73)
July 28 – August 25, 2024	
Monthly Need	\$ 95,039.35
Monthly Gifts	83,436.68
Ministry Plan Req'd YTD	646,297.58
Ministry Plan Rcv'd YTD	528,957.32
Ministry Plan YTD Deficit (Under)	(117,310.26)
Sunday School Att. (Avg)	177
Worship Attendance (Avg)	242



### CIAs and Children's Music Activities and Choirs 2024-2025 Kick-off

Children's music activities, and children's choirs kicked-off on Wednesday, August 28, at 5:30 pm. (2K-3K: *Bright Beginnings* in God's Backyard, 4K-1st grade: *Music Makers* in Room 118), 2nd grade-5th grade: Young Musicians in Room 116) CIAs kick-off that same night at 6:30 pm. (3K,4K in Room 128, K5/1st grade in Room 118, 2nd-3rd grade in Room 119, 4th-5th grade in Room 116).



### Volunteer Openings

Children's Church: Adult  
First Sundays in Feb. Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.

3K/4K Sunday School Teachers  
2nd Sundays

Contact Anna Burch to volunteer.



### Children's Family Potluck Breakfast

Children's Family Potluck Breakfast is Sunday, September 8, at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide coffee and paper products. To sign up for food, please see link in Anna's newsletter or in the Friday Connections Update.



### School Supply Collection

Blue bins have been placed in the Narthex of Fellowship Hall to collect school supplies for Greenwood District 50 schools. Supplies will be collected through September 1.

### Skoob Invites Toddlers - 5th Graders to 5th Sunday Library Activity on September 29



The next Fifth Sunday Library Activity is Sunday, September 29. After the children's choirs sing, children are invited to meet volunteers in the narthex to be escorted to a special program in the church library. For Fifth Sunday Library Activity, children may wear play clothes as some of the activities may be a craft, nature walk, or being active. After worship, parents are asked to pick up their children in the fellowship hall. Children from toddlers to 5th grade are invited. Extended Session will continue to be offered for nursery and toddlers on fifth Sundays. Toddler parents have the option to send their children to the toddler room or to the 5th Sunday activity. Children who usually attend Children's Church will participate in the 5th Sunday activity in lieu of being in the Backyard. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Rhodes ([kelly\\_rhodes@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly_rhodes@hotmail.com)) or Shelby Reed ([cofccougar\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:cofccougar_1999@yahoo.com)).



### Never Grow Old (NGO) Fellowship

"Getting to Know Our New Pastor" is the October 1 program for NGO. The NGO Fellowship will learn more about John Uldrick than they ever needed to know as he answers some thought-provoking questions that has been submitted to him. The program begins at 11:45 am, followed by a catered lunch by Lee's Barbecue. The meal, selected by the pastor, will be barbecue sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw, and cookies. The cost is \$10.00. If you are not an NGO member, please make your reservation by calling the church office by Wednesday, September 25. Please come and bring a guest with you as John informally shares part of his unique life story. You do not have to be a senior to come fellowship. As a reminder, put Tuesday, November 5, on your NGO calendar for an election day musical patriotic salute. Details to follow.

# Youth News



## Sunday Night Live Resumes

Sunday, September 8  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
At the home of  
Richie and Sonja Williams

## Sunday Night Live (SNL) Hosts Needed

The youth need hosts for Sunday Night Live (SNL). Lauren has a host for September 8, but still needs hosts for October 6 and November 3. Please email Lauren Coker (laurencoker@gamil.com) with the date you are willing to host SNL.



## FBC Women's Circles

FBC has several women's circles. The following is a list of the circles and their meeting times and locations.

### Alma Johnson Circle

Regular meetings begin in October.  
1st Monday of the month,

### Laucis-Parham Circle

Meets 2nd Monday of the month  
6:30 pm

### Peggy Hollingsworth Circle

Meets 1st Thursday of the month  
September– May  
Noon in Room 106

### Rosemary Benjamin Circle

Meets 1st Monday of the month  
6:30 pm in members' homes

Any of the circles would welcome new members.



## The Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee is Looking for You!

Each January, a third of the members of each of the thirteen church committees rotate off (after serving a three-year term). One of the tasks assigned to the Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee is to secure new members for committees. Individuals interested in serving on a committee are asked to sign up by filing out a form in the church office or on the church website Engage page (fbcgwd.org/engage/). **The deadline to sign up for a committee is Sunday, September 29.**



## Heritage Room News

Did you know that First Baptist Church was founded in September 1870? Did you know that the existing sanctuary was completed in 1972? During the month of September, a portion of a stained glass window from the earlier church will be on display in the Narthex. This item is one of many interesting historical pieces on display in the Heritage Room, located across the hall from the Carpenter Class. The room is open during church office hours. The members of the Heritage Room committee encourage you to browse through this treasured collection of artifacts. You may pick up a free copy of *First Baptist Church Greenwood*, a history of our church written by Ann Herd Bowen, as well as a frameable print of the early church. Please contact a member of the Heritage Committee if you would like to arrange a personal tour.



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