

THE SPIRE

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MORE GENEROUS TOGETHER



STEWARDSHIP
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 17

FROM OUR PASTOR

When we talk about stewardship, we are talking about the act of managing or taking good care of something that ultimately belongs to another. Inherent in the conversation about stewardship should be the acknowledgement that all of what we have ultimately comes from God. That is where the conversation begins—with the generosity of God. God is the source of all of the good gifts in our lives and in this world, and we are entrusted by God to be good stewards of God's generosity.

The good news is that we aren't alone in the practice generosity. First and foremost, we partner together with God as we steward what we have to share with others. God takes what we give and what we offer and what we invest and multiplies it through God's grace to make an even deeper impact than what we could imagine on our own. We pledge and give dollars to our budget, but God uses those resources to transform the lives of women

and men and children in our community and beyond. What might look to us like a plate of food served to hungry brothers and sisters actually tastes like love. What might look to us as a bed or a room with a roof overhead actually feels like hope. What might feel like writing a check or typing in the numbers of a bank transaction isn't just that—it is an act of faith.

We grow in faith with each other when we share our resources as good stewards. What would it look like to make a personally meaningful commitment to share generously in this coming year that will help you grow in faith? We are invited to commit to be More Generous Together on November 17th. I look forward to seeing what God will do with our generosity this year!

With gratitude,



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

OUR PRESCHOOL FRIENDS LOVE MUSIC!

At Weekday Preschool, our Enrichment Activities include Music, Tumblebus & Creative Movement. We have a few openings in our Toddler class and Pre K Class. Come join in the fun! Contact us at 706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org to schedule a visit.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

PROJECT ADVENT: Be sure to mark your calendar for Project Advent on November 17th at 4:00 p.m. This is a church-wide event that will help families of all shapes, ages, and sizes prepare for the coming Advent season of joy and anticipation.

COOL YULE: Register for Cool Yule through the links provided on the church website, the church Facebook page, or in your recent holiday newsletter email. Cool Yule will be December 7th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for children birth-6th grade, and the registration deadline is November 18th. Cost is \$10 per child with a \$20 family maximum. Invite your friends, too!

JOYFUL NOISE ALERT: The Treblemaker's (3-5 year olds) and Ms. Kay's choir (K-1st grade) will perform in the Thanksgiving Service on November 24th at 6:15 p.m. following our delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS: JUNE 21 - 27, 2020

\$1,600 per person - all inclusive price

OUR PARTNER: Bahamas Methodist Habitat - methodisthabitat.org
REGISTRATION DETAILS: REMINDER- John is missing Passport#, DOB, and other information for some participants who are registered. Parents, please quickly submit those details ASAP to keep your teenager on the list!

WANT TO SUPPORT OUR WORK: Three families from the church have given gifts to support the teenagers, decreasing the overall costs for those who will serve next summer in Eleuthera. If you would like to give a financial gift, please call John.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Steak Dinner & Car Show Thursday, November 14th @ 6:30 pm Rockmart, GA

Join us as we eat dinner in downtown Rockmart and view Andrew Heaner's car collection!

\$15 for dinner only
\$25 for dinner & transportation

Transportation provided for men who register on or before November 10. Your payment is your registration.
Transportation leaves FBC at 5:45 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



PROJECT ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER
17TH 4:00 P.M.

How will you prepare for Advent? Join us as the church family--from the youngest to the oldest--comes together in creating reminders designed to guide our Advent season.

Project Advent embraces our desire as a church to join TOGETHER and across generations. At the end of *Project Advent*, each family will have prepared an advent calendar, planted an amaryllis bulb, learned a new song, and met someone they had not previously met. Contact Kristen Pope or Tamara Smathers with questions.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND SERVICE

Join us on November 24 at 5:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving dinner provided by the deacons (no reservations required) with a Thanksgiving service to follow at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Special music will be provided by our younger children's choirs.

21ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST

Christmas is coming! Be sure to mark your calendars for this concert featuring our choirs, handbells and orchestra on December 8 at 4:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S EPIPHANY RETREAT 2020 JANUARY 3-5

The third annual Women's Epiphany Retreat will be held again this year in Cullman, Alabama at the Benedictine Retreat Center. Join us for an opportunity to pull away after the busy holidays to rest and recognize the presence of Christ in your life.

The retreat will offer a beautiful blend of quiet time, Bible study, joy-filled worship and energizing yoga sessions with Gayle Monk.

Cost includes all meals, lodging, and transportation: \$205 (Private room with private bath); \$179 (Shared room with Private bath). A \$25 deposit will hold your space. Contact Tamara Smathers for more details.



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
left: John & Diane Wilson,
below: Caroline Ann Knight



SENIOR ADULTS

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us on Friday, December 13, at noon for a time of delicious food and warm fellowship at the annual Christmas lunch. Come a little early for some hot homemade apple cider! A wonderful catered meal prepared by Ellen Keane and Barbara Triplitt will be followed by a Christmas program in which everyone will have a part. Cost is only \$10 per person. Guests are welcomed. Please make reservations by December 9.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 10, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark and Frances Johnson by Marsha Welch and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 10, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason, Margaret, Blythe and Archer Marion.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 17, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis, Sr. by Sylvia Ellis Brierley.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 17, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Chafin and Rebecca Maimone by Brad and Catherine Davis and Children.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$95,175.00

Support Received \$148,149.76

Meals & More, World Vision,
 and CBF World Hunger Relief \$1,101.00

2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,222,054.00

seeking His heart | *Being His* hands

November 9 - November 22

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 9

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, November 10 (First Stewardship Sunday)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Youth Choir, Choir Rm.	9:00 am
Youth Parent Panel, YR	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Together, We Worship Mtg., DR	12:15 pm
Youth Small Group, YR	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, November 11

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group Mtg., Comm. Rm.	11:00 am
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Rm.	5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm
Deacons' Meeting:	
Executive Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
Dinner, FH	6:00 pm
Small Groups, DR	6:30 pm
General Mtg., DR	7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 12

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, November 13

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr. Education Bldg.	5:45 pm
Youth Hangout, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Young Women's Bible Group, Rm. 300	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR	6:15 pm
Adult Choice Seminars	6:15 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm

Thursday, November 14

Men's Ministry Steak Dinner, Van Departs FBC	5:45 pm
Men's Ministry Steak Dinner, Rockmart	6:30 pm

Saturday, November 16

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, November 17 (Stewardship Commitment Sunday)

Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Missions Committee Mtg., DR	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Youth Choir, Choir Rm.	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Project Advent, FH	4:00 pm
Youth Small Group, YR	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, November 18

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Women of the Church Book Group, Conf. Rm.	1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Rm.	5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm
The Edge (HS Seniors)	7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 19

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, November 20

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr. Education Bldg.	5:45 pm
Youth Hangout, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Young Women's Bible Group, Rm. 300	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR	6:15 pm
Adult Choice Seminars	6:15 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm

THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 10

FIRST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY –
MORE GENEROUS TOGETHER

SERMON: “More Generous Together With God”

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: 2nd Corinthians 9:6-8

ANTHEM: None Like You...Craig Courtney

SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Kristen, Marin, and Kallan Kinsey

1'S & 2'S: Laurie & Bruce Jones

3'S & 4'S: Mary & Lee Donahue

FIRST CHOICE MENU

NOVEMBER 13

Baked Lasagna

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Chicken Fingers with Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 17

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY –
MORE GENEROUS TOGETHER

SERMON: “More Generous Together With
Each Other”

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: 2nd Corinthians 9:10-15

ANTHEM: A Jubilant Song...Allen Pote

SPECIAL MUSIC: Youth Choir

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Gayle Monk and Faye Evans

1'S & 2'S: Scarlet Roberts and Abigail Wiseman

3'S & 4'S: Ashley & Jack Smith

FIRST CHOICE MENU

NOVEMBER 20

Chicken Marsala

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Cheese Quesadillas

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

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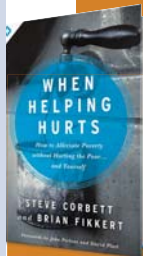
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MISSIONS PARADIGM SHIFT

They need us	➔	We need each other
We'll bring God to them	➔	We'll look for God here
We've come to teach them	➔	We've come to learn
Those people are poor	➔	We all have needs
We want to see their community changed	➔	God wants to see all communities transformed



Be on the lookout for Seeking Shalom, a six-week intensive on asset-based ministry, and more opportunities to explore this new paradigm coming to First Baptist in January.

If you would like to learn more, check out Seeking Shalom online and the book *When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert.



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