

## From Your Pastor

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the very generous gift you gave us this past Sunday. We are so thankful to serve alongside you here at FBC. Our best days are yet to come!

This Sunday, I will begin a 3-part sermon series titled "My Life Verses." I will be looking at three passages of Scripture over three consecutive weeks that have been particularly meaningful in my own spiritual journey. This week I will be preaching from what I consider my life verse, Galatians 2:20, which says "*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*"

I hope you will meditate upon this verse this week, and pray for me as I prepare to deliver God's Word this weekend. Maybe you have a "life verse" that has been foundational in your spiritual journey through the years. I would love to hear your testimony as to how that verse has come to have such an impact in your life. Feel free to email at [carl@firstbaptistdemopolis.org](mailto:carl@firstbaptistdemopolis.org) with your verse and your story.

In Christ,  
Bro. Carl

## Our Newly Elected Deacons

who will begin serving on January 1, 2018

Arthur Evans      Jim M<sup>c</sup>Alpine      Justin Pruett  
Ed Rush            James Walker

## Memorial Gifts

have been received in loving memory of:  
*Cawthon Tucker*

**2017 Church Flowers:** If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary/foyer for a loved one or for a special occasion. Please sign the sheet located on the bulletin board near the church office.

## ♪ A Note from Tim

### Wow! What a Trip

What a blessing to lead such a good group of people as we traveled via charter bus and toured the Art Encounter and The Creation Museum near Cincinnati Ohio. Great people! Great Trip! If you didn't go this time, I hope you can go on the next trip.

### JOY Day

Our next JOY Day is next week: Thursday, October 26 at 10:00am. **Please bring a Side Dish to go with Chicken and Dumplings.** I hope to see you there!

### Children's Choir Christmas Musical

Parents! Every Children's Choir rehearsal from now to December 10 is very important as we prepare for the musical, "*Christmas in KidCity*". Please have your child here every Wednesday at 5:30pm to rehearse. (Musical date: Sunday, December 10 at 5:00pm.)

### Interested in Ringing Handbells?

We have 3 spots open. We rehearse on Wednesdays at noon. Call for more information.

## Record of Attendance Sunday, October 15, 2017

|                        | Enrolled      | Total Present |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sun. School Attendance | 365           | 183           |
| New Members (0)        | Visitors (11) | Riverside (0) |

**God's Tithe and Our Offering Sunday, October 15, 2017**

2017 Budget: \$634,772.00

Weekly Budget Needed: \$12,207.15      Sunday Offering: \$23,283.21

Offerings Year to date: Given: \$503,577.19      Needed: \$512,700.30

**World Hunger Offering:** FBC Goal: \$2,500      Given: \$645.00

**October 22 Bus Ministry - Rick Dunn 216-0667**

**Deacons on call October 22 - October 28**

Kirk Stephens 205-499-9897 & Bob Collins 341-9878

**October Church Lock-up:** Mike Randall 334-212-2230

**Nursery Workers: October 22**

Justin & Cassi Pruett, Lil Emory,

Faye & Danny Wasson

*(Nursery workers please be in the Nursery at 10:40)*

All check requests/announcements for the Reminder must be in the church office by Monday noon. Sanctuary Screen information deadline by Wed., 5:00p. m.

**PLEASE NO FOOD OR DRINK IN SANCTUARY.**

## Pray With Me

As I write today the air is crisp and cool. I love it!!! It makes me thankful for the seasons God set in motion. Which in turn makes me grateful for all that God has provided as a reminder of His love and grace. This reminder can be hard to see and hear. I have some days where God's grace is the last thing on my mind. Those days aren't necessarily any different from any other day in my mind. Yet, I wonder what might have been different had I spent just a moment of that day to remind myself of God's grace for me.

I don't allow this hypothetical to guilt me. That would be wrong. I try to let it motivate me. I want that motivation each day; because one day God will allow some opportunity or situation to come before me and I pray I am spiritually prepared to surrender to God's will in that moment. The alternative is that I react from my flesh. That doesn't always end well for me. But when I react out of my identity as a follower of Christ I seek to do His will and that always ends with God being glorified!

Pray with me today that we will take a moment to think on God's grace and be thankful. Pray for our students to learn to do the same with the challenges they face every day. Pray for our pastor as he shepherds all of us in our walk as Christ followers. Pray for our community that they would come to know God's grace in their lives because of our testimonies of God's grace in our lives.

Trent



## Annual Harvest Fest Needs:

**Volunteers:** Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near church office and **individually wrapped candy donations** for trunk or treat. Candy donations may be placed in the box located in the hallway near the conference room.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/22 Teresa Boone, Mary Michael Bradley,  
Vivian Willoughby  
10/25 Ronnie Cox  
10/26 Ida Lee Bridges



Attention All men and boys!

**Bethel Baptist Associational Quarterly  
Men's Ministry Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 24 at 7 PM  
Linden Baptist Church

## October is Minister Appreciation Month!

### JOY DAY

Thursday, October 26  
More details in Tim's article.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

ITEMS NEEDED: ASK DONNA MULLINS

NOTE: Toothpaste and candy are not  
allowed in boxes.



**Packing Shoe Boxes will begin Oct. 23rd!**

Please call the church office if you or your  
S/S Class would like to schedule a time to  
come help pack shoe boxes.

Our love and prayers go out to.... Donnie Cannon,  
Eddie & Agnes Willingham, Mike M<sup>c</sup>Alpine, Nell Ree Bal-  
lard, Harold & Myrtle Dunn, Juliette M<sup>c</sup>Namara, Glen & Ida  
Lee Bridges, Charles Stroud, Gail Hedrick, Mildred Hoggle,  
Ericka Figueroa, Goldie Millsap, Irma Parr, Katie Thomas,  
Jimmie M<sup>c</sup>Collum, Mary Flowers, Rebecca Henderson, and  
those who have lost loved ones, those who are in the hospital,  
Nursing Home, Assisted Living, the homebound, the care givers  
and unspoken prayer requests.

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## WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sun. October 22

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship Service  
5:00 Bible Drill-Grades 1-6  
Youth in Culture Study (Youth Room)  
Christ-Centered Parenting Class (sanctuary)  
(Business Meeting immediately following Parenting Class)

### Tues. October 24

10:00 Ladies Bible Study - "Journey to Joy" (Yvonne Jones Home)  
1:30 Joy Choir

### Wed. October 25

5:00 Children's Meal - F/S Hall  
5:30 Children's Choirs (grades 1-6)  
6:00 Wednesday Worship (F/S Hall)  
Letters of the Revelation Bible Study- (Joy Room)  
Wednesday Night Live -Grades 7-12

6:15 Children's Missions  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thurs. October 26

6:45 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Simply Delicious  
7:00 Powerhouse @ Jack's  
10:00 JOY Day



# The Reminder

A Great Commission Church...

Loving God, Loving Others.

*Carl Williams, Pastor*

*Tim Hall, Minister of Music/Senior Adults*  
*Trent Nolen, Minister of Youth*  
*Betty Sue Gandy, Financial Ministry Assistant*  
*Bernice Johnson, Church Ministry Assistant*

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**SUNDAY NIGHTS @5PM**  
**For Students in Grades 1-6**  
Leaders: Jennifer Roemen, Lil Emory,  
Susan Clark, and Kaye Evans.

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