First Baptist Church Eatonton
NEWSLETTER

"Followers of Christ Sharing God's Love and Grace with All" – November 5, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

THANKS ALL AROUND!

THANKS to all who allowed their names to be placed on the list from which the church elected deacons. Welcome to those joining the deacon body, a couple of you for the first time!

THANKS to everyone who agreed to serve on the many committees and teams that lead our church and carry out its ministry. A church works because the people called to serve do so with intentionality, integrity and creativity. I pray for each of you as you do your part to keep the body of Christ a place that welcomes, graces, challenges and serves.

THANKS to the Finance Committee for its meticulous care of our offerings throughout the year, and for challenging us once again with a visionary budget. How fortunate we are to have gifted people, filled with God's Spirit, who bring kindness, vision and accountability to the stewardship of our tithes and offerings.

THANKS to everyone for agreeing together to use these tools as markers for how we diligently work to embody the spirit of Christ. May it always be so, as we live and serve alongside one another and with the saints who have gone before us. And may we also be saints of God!

Looking Ahead

Now that the budget is set and our leaders are elected and in place, the Missions Committee will lead us through November and December with rich opportunities to give, share and love in deed. Watch the newsletter, the Sunday bulletin and the church Facebook page as these opportunities unfold.

On Sunday, November 15, join us for Founders Day as Mark Price leads us in worship and we celebrate Cheryl Williams and Barry and Nancy Chambers for their years of leadership at FBC. It is always a joyful day of worshiping and eating together, surrounded by the stories of the past and present.

Be mindful we turn toward Advent early this year, on Sunday, November 29!

One Final THANKS

Thank you all for the gifts you shared on Minister Appreciation Sunday. My dear mother often worried whether the church would take care of her son the way she did. She would be proud of you and grateful, as am I.

Grace and Peace,
Craig

THE BEAUTY OF FALL

As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, the beauty of fall reminds us of God's faithfulness in every season. November is a time of gratitude, and in the music ministry we have much to be thankful for. I'm grateful for our faithful choir members, our gifted musicians, and a congregation that sings with heart and joy each Sunday. Music can put our thanks into words when our own words fall short, and it's a privilege to lead us in worship together. As Psalm 95:2 says, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." As we move through this month and look ahead to Advent and Christmas, I hope you'll join us in lifting our voices in praise. If you've ever thought about sharing your musical gifts, you're always welcome. Thank you for all the ways you support the music of our church. Happy Thanksgiving!

Dylan

NOVEMBER: MORE THAN JUST A HOLIDAY

November has a way of bringing families together. Whether it's gathering around the Thanksgiving table, watching football, traveling to see loved ones, or simply enjoying a little extra time together, this time of year gives us opportunities to make memories.

As parents, we have a lot of influence over what our children remember about these seasons. They may not remember every gift they receive or every meal we prepare, but they'll remember the people who showed up, the traditions we created, the laughter we shared, and the way our homes made them feel.

I think there's something important in that for us as Christians. Thankfulness isn't just something we talk about in November. It's something we demonstrate in how we treat people, how we care for our neighbors, and how we make room for others in our lives.

This month, I want to encourage our families to be intentional about those little moments. Invite someone to the table, check on a neighbor, help someone in need, or start a Thanksgiving tradition of sharing one thing you're thankful for. These simple moments can become meaningful lessons our children carry with them long after the holiday has passed.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside your families and to watch our children grow in their faith. I hope your November is filled with good memories, meaningful time together, and plenty of reasons to give thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Kyle

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOMING FOR NOVEMBER:
Jim and Vicki Hall

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:
Randall McCook, Head Usher,
Cooper Rainey, Charles Winslette

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

NOVEMBER 8 DEACON – Mollie Harvey
Deacon Families: Sara Beck, Tara Bushmiaer, Russell Davis Family, Marvin Franklin Family, Scott Joris Family, Steve Marshall, Pat McDade

NOVEMBER 15 DEACON – Clayton Lancaster
Deacon Families: Terry Blanton Family, Walt Rocker Family, Lois Schell, David Stickley Family, Ellen Trice, Jimy Williams, Nell Wright

NOVEMBER 22 DEACON – Pam Lancaster
Deacon Families: Jim Howell Family, Mike Lyons Family, Charles Patten Family, Glenda Ridley, Ed Self Family, Charlotte Williamson Family

NOVEMBER 29 DEACON – Jesse McMillen
Deacon Families: Helen Benshoof, Mike Faulk Family, Hollis Harrison Family, Mary Ann Heath, Scott Sharp, Pat Boardman Family

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Our Members:
Gene Adams, Ralph Barclay, Steve Benton, Terry Blanton, Howell Cardwell, Susan Davis, George Dissmeyer, Esther Farley, Margaret Howell, Joan Key, Pat McDade, Gwen Ralston, Kyle Ralston, Glenda Ridley, Scott Sharp, Jimy Williams, Unspoken Requests

Friends and Family:
Tyrone Alford, Brooke Anderson, Robert and Mary Ann Anderson, Dennis and Gale Brown, Lynn Butterworth, Neile Chambers, Gloria Covington, Courtney Jackson, Billy and Nancy Joiner, Lauren Kirkland, Jo Ellen LaRue, Mike Liles, Jim Lynch, Zellie Marbury, Brenda Mayerlen, Christie Nichols, Walt Rocker Jr., Earnest Rogers, Kristy Trice

Assisted Living/Nursing & Homebound:
Mary Jo Balas, Jo Ann Clay, Mary Ann Heath, Steve Marshall, Jean Rich, Sug Walton

Missionary Families: Trey and Kaitlyn Lancaster in Bulawayo and Zimbabwe & Matt and Michelle Norman in Catalunya, Spain

WORSHIP REPORT



Sunday, October 04	99
Sunday, October 11	106
Sunday, October 18	97
Sunday, October 25	98

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2026

Budget Needs YTD	$440,033.00
Total Receipts YTD	$409,184.91
Budget Expenditures YTD	$467,328.81

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BIRTHDAYS



11/05 – Caroline Lankford
11/08 – Lyla Davis, Alyssa Self
11/09 – Kim Camp, Luke Harvey
11/11 – Annette Franklin
11/16 – Christian Keiser
11/18 – Tommy McElhenney
11/22 – Mary Ann Heath
11/23 – Sara Williams
11/26 – Jeanne Vining
11/27 – Kelli Phillips
11/30 – Taylor Keiser
12/01 – Danielle Hewette, Mike Lyons
12/02 – Frances Jane Self

ANNIVERSARIES



11/10 – Joseph and Mallory Rainey
12/01 – Gene and Lesa Adams
12/01 – Jesse and Brooke McMillen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2027 Deacons – The following are the newly elected deacons for 2027: Kim Camp, Jim Hall, Marsha Lutz, Mike Reagin, Laura Thompson, and Cary Walton. Please lift these newly elected deacons in prayer as they begin their service in the new year.

Poinsettias – Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please reserve your poinsettia by bringing or sending a check to the church office, along with the name of the donor and honoree by **Thursday, November 5. The cost is $7**.

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes are due November 15.

Founder's Day – Sunday, November 15, Mark Price will be preaching and we will be honoring Barry and Nancy Chambers and Cheryl Williams. Following worship, a meal will be provided in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the meat, bread, and tea. Please bring large casseroles, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

Thanksgiving Dinner – Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00pm, Menu: baked ham, dressing with gravy, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Call the church office to **RSVP by Wednesday, November 9 at 4:00pm**.

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving – The church office will close at 12 on Wednesday, November 25 and will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

Communion Service Sunday, November 29 during morning worship

Christmas on the Avenue – Sunday, December 6 at 6:00pm at Eatonton First Methodist Church

Christmas Potluck Dinner – Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00pm - The church will provide the turkey, ham, and dressing. Please bring casseroles, vegetables, salads, and desserts. Call the church office to RSVP

Christmas Eve Service – Join us for a candlelight and communion service on Thursday, December 24 at 5:00pm