

First Baptist Church Eatonton

NEWSLETTER

"Followers of Christ Sharing God's Love and Grace with All" – October 1, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

Looking back: What a joyful Children's Sunday! Kyle Wetzel brings such delight to us as our Children's Minister. And on Mission Sunday, our partners' testimonies moved us deeply. Stories of domestic violence, unplanned pregnancies, and children needing foster homes are heartbreaking, but what a gift to have partners with whom we can respond in hope.

Looking ahead: On October 11, FBC will ordain Kyle to the Gospel Ministry. Kyle has shown a faithful walk with Christ and a clear call to serve the church, and ordination is how we, his church, officially set him apart and bless him for that work. Parents, please talk with your children about this occasion and plan to come forward with them to lay hands on Kyle at the designated time. I can think of nothing more blessed than children's hands resting on him as he is commissioned.

Meanwhile, the Nominating Committee, Finance Committee, and Deacons are preparing us for a strong 2027, leading to Deacon elections, leader elections, and budget adoption on October 25. Then November and December will fill with missions, dinners, music, and worship as we give thanks and welcome the Advent of Christ once again. May these weeks find us worshipping and taking active steps in the way of Christ.

Finally, a short, thoughtful poem - Compost Happens
Nature teaches nothing is lost.
It's transmuted.

Spread between rows of beans,
last year's rusty leaves tamp down weeds.
coffee grounds and banana peels
foster rose blooms. Bread crumbs
scattered for birds become song.
Leftovers offered to chickens come back
as eggs, yolks sunrise orange.

Grace and Peace,

Craig

CHRISTMAS ON THE AVENUE!

Christmas on the Avenue! What a wonderful time together each December as we join with our Methodist & Presbyterian friends for a time of Musical Worship and celebration! Rehearsals have begun, and preparations are taking place. If you would like to join us in the Mass Choir or Bell Choir, please contact Dylan in the Church Office. This year's performance will be on **Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Great Hall at First Methodist Church of Eatonton.** See you all there!

Dylan

LITTLE MOMENTS

October is a beautiful reminder that life is full of little moments. Between school, activities, busy schedules, and everything in between, it can be easy to feel like we're always moving from one thing to the next. But sometimes, the simplest moments with our children can make the biggest difference.

Take a few extra minutes this month to pray with your child, read a Bible story together, ask them what they've been learning, or simply remind them how much they are loved — by you and by God. You don't have to make every moment a lesson. Sometimes, just being present and pointing your children toward Jesus is enough.

Thank you for allowing us to walk alongside your family. It is a blessing to be part of your child's life, and we are praying that your home continues to be a place where your children see, hear, and experience the love of Christ.

We're grateful for you and your family!

Kyle

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOMING FOR OCTOBER: Cary Walton

WELCOMING FOR NOVEMBER: Jim and Vicki Hall

USHERS FOR OCTOBER: David Stickley, Head Usher, Jarred Camp, Jim Hall, Walt Rocker, John Wojtas

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

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

DEACON FOR OCTOBER 4 – Chad Davis

Deacon Families: Pam Douglas, Charlotte Green, Mike Reagin Family, James Ryan, Sonny Turner Family

DEACON FOR OCTOBER 11 – Susan Davis

Deacon Families: Sylvia Cheney, Edge Farley Family, Mabel Hicks, Guerry Key Family, Jan Long, Jesse McMillen Family, Peggy McMillen, Gene Adams Family

DEACON FOR OCTOBER 18 – Joni Dixon

Deacon Families: William Etheridge Family, Don Masson Family, Karen McGinnis, Cooper Rainey Family, Mac Rainey Family, Jeff Russell Family, Andrea Welch

DEACON FOR OCTOBER 25 – Pam Douglas

Deacon Families: Barry Chambers Family, Jeff Davis Family, Lee Dupree Family, Bill Kitchen Family, Tommy McElhenney Family, Joseph Rainey Family, Kay Stevens Family

DEACON FOR NOVEMBER 1 – Mike Faulk

Deacon Families: Julia Davis, David Dixon Family, Kent Duffey Family, Clyde Harper Family, Julie Harper, Jill Vaughan

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Sympathy: Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Sylvia Cheney and family in the passing of her husband, James Cheney.

Our Members: Steve Benton, Terry Blanton, Susan Davis, George Dissmeyer, Esther Farley, Sharon Haney, Chris Hewette, Joan Key, Pat McDade, Gwen Ralston, Kyle Ralston, Linda Reagin, Glenda Ridley, Scott Sharp, Van Wells, Jimmy Williams

Friends and Family: Tyrone Alford, Robert and Mary Ann Anderson, Dennis and Gale Brown, Lynn Butterworth, Neile Chambers, Gloria Covington, 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, Zimbabwe & Matt and Michelle Norman in Catalunya, Spain

WORSHIP REPORT

Sunday, September 06	88
Sunday, September 13	130
Sunday, September 20	86
Sunday, September 27	95



BIRTHDAYS

10/01 – Mallory Rainey
10/03 – Heather Wojtas
10/05 – Esther Farley
10/07 – Ford Rocker
10/08 – Walt Rocker, John Wojtas
10/12 – Isabella Stickley, Jack Stickley
10/13 – Scott Joris, Craig Williamson
10/14 – Karlie Horton
10/19 – Lynda Walker, Warren Yates
10/20 – Ennis Lankford
10/21 – Ashley Rich, Lauren Wooten
10/23 – Karen Willis
10/25 – Piper Rainey
10/27 – Connie Covington
10/31 – Gail Harley, Sug Walton
11/01 – Jeff Davis
11/03 – Isabelle Rocker
11/05 – Caroline Lankford



ANNIVERSARIES

10/04 – Ralph and Joan Barclay
10/06 – Chris and Danielle Hewette
10/12 – Jarred and Alexie Camp
10/16 – John and Heather Wojtas
10/20 – Clayton and Pam Lancaster
10/21 – Scott and Amy Joris
10/24 – Ed and Alyssa Self
10/24 – Tom and Pam Thompson
11/04 – Charles and Shelia Patten



FINANCIAL REPORT August 2026

Budget Needs YTD	\$391,140.00
Total Receipts YTD	\$367,430.94
Budget Expenditures YTD	\$422,037.16

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Bible Study – Mondays, October 5, 12, & 19 at 6:00pm. Contact Kim Camp for more information.

Ordination Service – Ordination service for Kyle Wetzell on Sunday, October 11, during morning worship.

Budget Discussion – Wednesdays, October 14 & October 21 at 6:15pm

Church Conference – Sunday, October 25 - 2027
Budget, Deacon Election, and Nominating Committee Report – Prayerfully consider the following nominees as you prepare for Deacon Election: Kim Camp, Jim Hall, Cherry Leverette, Marsha Lutz, Tom McElhenney, Mike Reagin, Jim Ryan, Laura Thompson, Cary Walton. You will vote for up to six names on October 25, 2026.

Children's Choir Halloween Bash – Tuesday, October 27 at 3:00pm

Men's Fellowship – Tuesday, October 27 at 6pm

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes due November 15