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Coming up in September!!



**Church Office
Closed for
Labor Day
Monday, September 7, 2026**

Join Us on Wednesday Nights....

Beginning September 9, 2026
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Schedule

**Wednesday
Night
Dinners**

Please Sign Up!

Adults & children 6 & Up ~ \$10.00
Children ages 3-5 years ~ \$5.00
Children 2 & under ~ Free
Family of +4 Max. ~ \$30.00

**Reservations & Cancellations must
be made by noon on MON.**

If you would like to make a "standing reservation," please complete the form on the right or in your bulletin on Sunday and return to the church office by **Sept. 8.** You may call the church office @ 753-3370 or email Nell at nellgodley@yahoo.com to sign up or Cancel a reservation.

Supper @ 5:30 pm

**Children & Youth Activities/
Adult Bible Study @ 6:15 pm**

Adult Choir @ 7:15 pm

**2026-27 Wed. Night Dinner
"Standing Reservation"**

Name _____

Phone _____

____ # of Adults/Children ages 6 & up

____ # of children ages 3-5

____ Family of 4+ Max. (give total #)

____ Children 2 & under Free

**PLEASE NOTE: You are still responsible
for paying for your meal if you do not
call to cancel by noon on Mondays!**

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

As we begin a new season of ministry this fall, we are excited to announce that our Wednesday evening activities will resume on September 9th! Wednesday nights have always provided a special opportunity for us to pause in the middle of a busy week, gather as a church family, and grow together in our faith.

Our Wednesday evening schedule will be:

- **5:30 PM — Dinner**
- **6:05 PM — Announcements & Prayer**
- **6:15 PM — Bible Study, Youth & Children's Activities**
- **7:00 PM — Activities Conclude**
- **7:15 PM — Adult Choir Practice**

If you are planning to eat dinner with us, please contact the church office to be added to the dinner list. We want to make sure we are prepared for everyone who plans to join us.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another."

— Hebrews 10:24-25

These verses remind us that gathering together is about more than simply filling a spot on the church calendar. We need one another.

Life can become busy and demanding, and it is easy for our faith to get pushed to the edges of our schedules. But there is something powerful about setting aside time each week to worship, pray, study God's Word, and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ.

That is one of the gifts of Wednesday evening. It gives us a midweek opportunity to refocus our hearts, strengthen our faith, and encourage one another.

As we begin another season of Wednesday activities, I hope you will make it a priority to be present. Come ready to learn, pray, serve, encourage, and be encouraged. There is a place for you here, and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights!

In Christ's Great Love,
Pastor Graham



September is designated in our By-Laws as the month we receive **nomination "ballots" for the Deacons and Trustees**. They are also available on the church website and will be included in your bulletins each Sunday during

September. You may also come by the church office should you misplace your ballots. Please take time to carefully read the instructions on each ballot and note that one is for nominating **4 deacons** and the other is for nominating **3 trustees**. When you complete your ballots, you may simply return your "ballots" **to the church by September 27**. If you are not able or would rather not leave home, please call the church office and someone will pick up your ballots. Please be sure to sign & print your name on the ballots. **Only signed Nomination forms will be counted.**



Children's Ministry

RESUMES SEPT. 9 @ 6:15 PM

FBC
Wednesday Night
KIDS

Children's Activities will resume on Sept. 9 at 6:15 pm. Our theme is "*Kid's Travel Guide to the Armor of God*". The kids will meet with Mrs. Sauls at 6:45 pm to learn music for the upcoming Season!

Kids Fishing Trip
Sun., Sept. 20, 2026
Leave church ~ TBD
Scotland Neck, NC

September
Nursery Volunteers

Sept. 6 ~ Jessi Cannon & Jeanna Byrum
Sept. 13 ~ Katherine & Kevin Castelloe
Sept. 20 ~ Ben & Emily Adams
Sept. 27~ Skylar Daniels & Ricardo Ahumada

Missions Corner

Tuesday Morning
Bible Study

**Everyone
welcome
to join us!**

We will resume meeting on Sept. 8
at 9:30 am at Frankie Moyer's home.

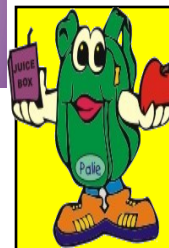
September 8, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
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Women's Ministry
connecting, equipping and inspiring women

Roundtable Meetings will resume
Sept. 21, 2026 @ 10:30 am
in the fellowship hall

Bring sharp scissors to cut the blankets for the children's mission project. Be prepared to get your backpacks for our Appalachian Christmas projects. You will get your shopping lists at that time also.

**ATTENTION BACK PACK PALS
SPONSORS**



Backpack Pal Sponsorships are due Sept. 30.
\$15.00 per month ~ Sept.-May. Make your checks to FBC and mark your check for "BackPack Pals" in the memo line. If you would like to be added to list of sponsors, please let Elaine know.

**Men's
Breakfast
Fellowship**

September 12, 2026 @ 8:00 am

Please text Jud Fields @315-882-5357
if you are attending.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group
September 14, 2026 @ 10:00 am
Library, Room 209



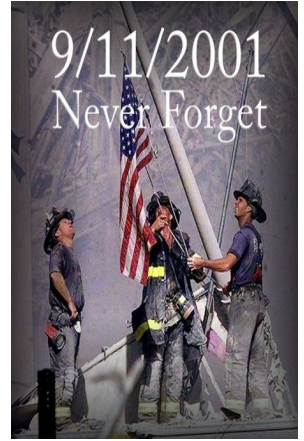
*Thank you, church family, for
your many kindnesses during my
recuperation from knee replacement
surgery this summer.*
Joyce Lewis

September

2. Music Committee Mtg. @ 6 PM/Adult Choir @ 7:00 pm
3. Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
6. SS @ 9:30 am & Worship @ 10:30 am/Youth meeting @ 6 pm
7. Church Office closed for Labor Day
8. Bible Study @ 9:30 am at Frankie Moyer's /Trustees @ 7pm
9. WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME ~ Supper @ 5:30 pm/Children & Youth /Adult Bible Study @ 6:15 pm/ Children's Choir @ 6:45 pm/Adult choir@ 7:15 pm
10. Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
12. MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST @ 8:00 am in fellowship hall/ Home Connections Ministry @ 10 am in Lewis-Johnson Bldg.
13. SS Class at 9:30 am /Worship @ 10:30 am /Deacons @ 6 PM/ Youth@ 6 pm
14. Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group @ 10am Library, 209
15. Bible Study @ 9:30 am at Frankie Moyer's home
16. WED. NIGHT Supper @ 5:30 pm/Children /Youth /Adult Bible Study@ 6:15pm /Children's choir @ 6:45 pm/Adult Choir@ 7:15
17. Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 pm in fellowship hall
20. SS Class at 9:30 am & Worship @ 10:30 am/Kids Fishing trip to Scotland Neck ~ TBD/Youth @ 6:00 pm
21. RoundTable Meeting @ 10:30 am -Fellowship Hall
22. Bible Study @ 9:30 am at Frankie Moyer's home
23. Wed. Night Supper @ 5:30 pm/Children/Youth & Adults @ 6:15 pm/Children's Choir @ 6:45 pm/Adult Choir @ 7:15 pm
24. Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
27. Deacon & Trustee forms due /SS @ 9:30 am/Worship @ 10:30 am/Youth @ 6 pm
30. Backpack sponsorships due/ Wed. Night Supper @ 5:30 pm/ Children & Youth Activities / Quarterly Church Conf. @ 6:15 Pm/Children's Choir @6:45 pm/ Adult Choir @ 7: 15 pm

September Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ginger Drake | 18. Jonathan Sitton |
| Lisa Turnage | 19. Hailey Outland |
| 2. Miranda Beasley | Lit Woodard |
| Dorothy Collins | 21. Vida McLawhorn |
| Cordelia Deans | Joe Willoughby |
| 5. Malory May | 22. Will Evans |
| 7. Joyce Lewis | 26. Allison Langley |
| 8. Donny Hemby | Cindi Morris |
| Julie Hopf | 27. Frankie Moyer |
| 12. Brad Johnston | Emmett Rasberry |
| 16. Ronnie Matlock | 28. Owen Adams |
| Laura O'Neal | |



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HOME CONNECTIONS MINISTRY
SEPT. 12, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
IN LEWIS-JOHNSON BUILDING

September 13, 2026
@ 6:00 pm
Deacons
Meeting

September 30, 2026 @ 6:15 pm
CHURCH
CONFERENCE