

# FIRST WORD

*First Baptist Church Mission Statement: To have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to share His love and redemptive grace through prayer, relationships, and community involvement.*



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## Deacon Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 18

4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

## HOMEBOUND OF THE MONTH

Polly Bookout  
NHC of Fort Oglethorpe  
2403 Battlefield Pkwy.  
Room 209  
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742

## EXTENDED CARE

### September 18

Lori Kimbrell  
Kristy Olivarri

### September 25

Tim & Margaret Cawood  
Vickie Pitts

## Proclaiming the Glory . . .

Goals are a way we humans have of measuring progress. Whether it's weight loss, a project that needs to be done, or some area of personal growth, goals help us pace and encourage us when we meet a milestone. As we begin this initial phase of a pastor search there are goals—public and private that I would encourage us to set:

- ◆ **Pray:** RFBC as a praying church can do anything the Lord leads us to do. Pray for the upcoming committee, for the new pastor God is raising up, and for the old fella that's keeping the bench warm until he gets here!
- ◆ **Tithe:** The best kept secret in a down economy is that my 90% needs to go as far as it can and bless God, it has. Our stewardship goes way beyond dollars, but ministry takes money. What isn't used will be put in sacred trust for the new programs and ministries the new pastor will surely want to have at his disposal as he leads out in new areas.
- ◆ **Attend:** Your participation week by week encourages me, builds up the fellowship, and is a wonderful witness to the many visitors we have each Sunday. Remember to greet all those you see in the Lord—we want them to know a RFBC welcome the moment they enter the building.

God bless you beloved, you bring me joy!

Doxology,  
Jim Bailiff

## FX Family Experience



Sunday, September 18

6:00 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

FX brings kids & parents together for a high-octane experience that rivals any family event. These one-hour productions use music, dance, video & a clubhouse full of insanely funny characters that make it a blast for the entire family. Each production highlights one core virtue such as honesty, self-control, & gratitude. It's fast-paced extreme fun with a purpose!

Churchwide Fellowship to Follow

## Deacon Election Sunday, September 18 11:00 AM service

### Carl and Mildred Cofer Day

Next Sunday, September 18, we will honor Carl and Mildred Cofer for 60 years of service to our Lord at First Baptist Church.



### Senior Adult Trip to Apple Country

Tuesday, October 18—Leave at 9:30 AM

Lunch at Pat's Kitchen—McCaysville

\$16 per person (family style)

(or you can order from the menu)

We'll also visit apple orchards in

Blue Ridge and Ellijay.

Sign up by Oct. 9 in the church office.

## Psalm 100

The adult choir had its Christmas music retreat last Friday and this Saturday. They are preparing some beautiful music to share with you this upcoming season. My thanks to the choir and Beth and Rose for all their hard work week by week. We are blessed with some very talented and dedicated folk and they bless me with their faithfulness to the Lord and His church.

We are still hopeful someone(s) will rise to the need for our preschool choir (age 4 to K). They meet each Wednesday night from 6:00-6:45. I cancelled Instrumental Ensemble to meet with them last Wednesday and will have to do the same this week, but after that I will have to give my time to the ensemble. Please pray about it—whether you're the person or not—surely God has someone to lead these precious little children. They are bright, eager and need your help. Thanks to Frances Silvey for her assistance this past week.

I always love to hear you sing—let's do it again this Sunday.

Blessings,  
Jim Bailiff

**Catoosa Baptist Fall Meeting held at First Baptist Church Ringgold**  
Monday, September 19

Music Begins: 6:40 p.m. - Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
Refreshments after the meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

**Monday Night Bible Study cancelled Sept. 19**  
(due to the Catoosa Baptist Fall Meeting)  
Bible Study will resume Monday, September 26.

## Missions Notes

Our missions organizations are gearing up for a great year. Mission Friends from nursery through age 5 will be learning about God's world and missions.

GA's grades 1-3 and 4-6 will meet upstairs at the Train Station and Post Office. These girls will be studying about missions in other countries and will be working on missions adventures.

RA's will also meet at the Train Station. Your leader has been shopping and has bought several items relating to RA's. You are in for a great year.

Boys and girls, you do not want to miss these learning times, made fun, on Wednesday from 6:45 until 7:30.

September through December are important months in our church for missions. In September we are observing missions giving through offerings to State Missions, World Hunger and Developmental Disabilities. Give to these offerings through the green envelopes in the church pews.

We will be collecting items (listed in another article) for the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes through Oct. 19. The box is next to the elevator.

Samaritan shoe boxes will be packed at our packing party on November 16. You may pack your own box or bring items to the church to share during our packing party. Start shopping now.

Ladies do not miss the Women on Mission on Sept. 26, 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We have a speaker who will challenge us on many mission projects.

## Women's Ministry

**Ladies Book Club** - The ladies met on Monday, September 12 and had a wonderful meeting sharing books that they had read over the summer. Each member went away with a new list of reading material and new authors to discover and broaden their reading scope. Our next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 10, 6 PM, at Caffeine Addicts. We will be reviewing and rating Waking Up in Dixie by Haywood Smith. New members are always welcome to join us for fun, fellowship and the book review.

**Ladies Prayer Meeting**—Sunday, September 18, 4 PM, Youth Room. Please bring your Bible. Nursery will be provided. All ladies are invited.

**Ladies Bible Study**—"JONAH: Navigating A Life Interrupted", Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., Conference Room. All ladies are invited.

**JOY Choir to NHC of Fort Oglethorpe**

Thursday, September 15  
Church bus leaves at 10:00 a.m.



September 18—JOY Choir sings for AM service

## ATTENTION PARENTS

On Sunday October 9th I would like anyone who has a child from just born through last year of high school to join me during Sunday School in the student room. There will be a short time of fellowship from 9:30-9:50. Then I would like to go over a few of the ways I am trying to partner with you. I will also be updating everyone's contact information as I try to keep you informed as much as possible. I look forward to seeing each of you there. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email.—Brant Olivari

## Georgia Baptist Children's Homes Truck Loading

Please bring items by October 19 and place in the box by the elevator.

**The Catoosa Baptist Association is collecting:**  
Dish Detergent, Liquid Hand Soap, 100% Juices,  
Trash Bags (all sizes), Whole Grain Cereal & Gift  
Cards are always appreciated!





## October Birthdays!



**HAPPY  
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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

4th	Ray Abney Lauren Henson	24th	Daniel Callaway
5th	Josh Hall	25th	Virginia Clark Regis Jay
7th	Leigh Watson	26th	Zannie Carabo
10th	Pam Barton	29th	Jim Amis Jim Callaway Jeff Keith
11th	Pearline Wallis		Debbie Sandidge Carla York
12th	Dorothy Anderson		
13th	Lisa Gray Wayne Sneed	31st	Audra Howard
14th	Kristy Olivarri		
17th	Jerry Wise		
19th	George Rhinehart		
21st	Faye Abney Rose Abney		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Morning Worship 5:00 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Evening Worship Crown Financial Class		<b>Wednesday Schedule</b> 5:30 PM Supper 6:00 PM Children's Choirs 6:15 PM Ladies Bible Study Instrumental Ensemble 6:30 PM Prayer Mtg/Bible Study			6:30 PM Student Worship 6:45 PM Mission Friends, GA's RA's 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal		1
2 Lord's Supper (AM)	3 7:00 PM Bible Study	4	5	6 11:00 AM JOY Choir	7	8	
9 Parent Meeting (during Sun. School)  4:00 PM Dulcimers	10 6:00 PM Ladies Book Club  7:00 PM Bible Study	11 11:00 AM Senior Council  7:00 PM Finance Meeting	12	13 11:00 AM JOY Choir & Covered Dish Lunch	14	15	
16 JOY Choir Sings (AM service)  4:00 PM Deacon Meeting  4:00 PM Ladies Prayer Mtg.	17 7:00 PM Bible Study	18 9:30 AM Senior Adult Trip to Apple Country	19 6:30 PM Church Conference	20 JOY Choir to Nursing Home	21	22	
23 4 PM Dulcimers	24 2:00 PM Mary Crawford  7:00 PM Bible Study	25	26	27 11:00 AM JOY Choir	28	29	
30	31 6:00-8:00 PM Trunk or Treat						



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**Calendar for the Week**

**Thursday, September 15**

10:00 a.m. JOY Choir to NHC of  
Fort Oglethorpe

**Saturday, September 17**

Adult Choir Retreat

**Sunday, September 18**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

4:00 p.m. Deacon Mtg./F. Hall  
Ladies Prayer Mtg./  
Youth Room

5:00 p.m. Handbells

6:00 p.m. Family Experience/  
Sanctuary

Crown Financial Class

**Monday, September 19**

7:00 p.m. Catoosa Bapt. Assoc.  
Fall Mtg./Sanctuary  
(music begins at 6:40)

**Wednesday, September 21**

5:30 p.m. Supper (5:30-6:15)

6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs

**Wednesday, September 21 (cont.)**

6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/  
Conference Room  
Instrumental Ensemble

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Study &  
Prayer Mtg./F. Hall  
Student Worship

6:45 p.m. Mission Friends,  
GA's, RA's

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 22**

11:00 a.m. JOY Choir

**Sunday, September 25**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

4:00 p.m. Dulcimers

5:00 p.m. Handbells

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Crown Financial



**Gene and Marsha Fahrubel**

75 Hickory Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736

**Shawn & Kami Fisher**

443 Smoketree Circle  
Ringgold, GA 30736

**Carla York**

109 Linda Circle  
Ringgold, GA 30736

**Christ Chapel**

The Christ Chapel donation request is **Any Canned Meat or Vegetable**. Please place items in the shopping cart near the receptionist's office.

**Weekly Report for 9-11-11**

Sunday School Attendance: 212

Weekly Budget Needed	\$ 10,279.00
Weekly Budget Given	\$ 11,113.00
Designated	\$ 155.00
Tornado Disaster Relief (To Date)	\$ 12,523.36
Haven House Loan Balance	\$ 45,585.65

Fall Missions	Goal	Given To Date
State Missions	\$1,400	\$ 520.00
World Hunger	\$ 500	\$ 30.00
Dev. Disabilities	\$ 300	\$ 30.00