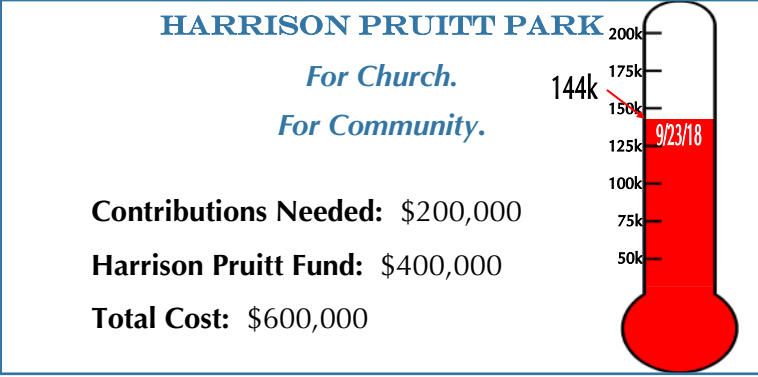


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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, September 23
 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
 10:30 AM Bible Study
 5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 25
 6:30 PM Middle School - Coffee Conversations
 Figs Café and Farmacy

Wednesday, September 26
 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
 5:00 PM Supper
 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study - Gym
 Praise Team Rehearsal
 Conversation Café Room 212
 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

Sunday, September 30
 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
 10:30 AM Bible Study
 5:00 PM Church Wide Picnic

Thursday, October 2
 6:30 PM High School Coffee Conversations
 Figs Café and Farmacy

Wednesday, October 3
 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
 5:00 PM Supper
 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
 6:00 PM Youth Worship - Youth Room
 Praise Team Rehearsal
 Conversation Café Room 212
 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

Thursday, October 4
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SATURDAY SERVANTS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday, October 20—9:30AM
If your Sunday school class or church group would like to volunteer please contact Josh Hunt (224-1622).
 This program helps feed the hungry of Anderson County. Volunteers arrive at the Fellowship Hall at 9:30AM and pack 300 lunch bags and transport them to Mt. Carmel. Mt. Carmel members will distribute the bags to those who are in need.

CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
BEGINS SOON!
 Cost is \$25.00. Turn in a registration form to Amy Brown by **October 21**. Registration forms are located at the Welcome Center desk outside the youth Sunday School room.

DEACON NOMINATIONS
NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Ballots for the nomination of deacons will be distributed Sunday, September 30th, in the 9:30am worship service. The following persons are already serving and are NOT eligible for nomination.

Kathy Adams	Michael Hatchett	Sonny Reed
Joe Beusse (Life)	Margaret Hicks	Susan Reed
Gwen Bolt	Ray Kimbrell	Rusty Smith
Bob Brock (Life)	Bob Lingle	Ed Sokol
Skip Brown	Mike Lowe	David Stoddard
Becky Campbell	Steve Madden	Alene Sullivan
Timothy Clardy	Liz Marvin	Glenn Torbert
Charles Cromer	Jim McCombs	Pat Vickery
Alicia Neal Darby	Jerry Minyard	Chad Walker
Michael Davis	Marian Moorhead	Leslie Walker
Guy Eichman	Jerry Neal	Chad Waters
Lamar Gaillard (Life)	John Nichols	Hazel Young (Life)

Also Next Sunday, September 30
5:00 - 7:00pm

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC AND DEDICATION OF THE HARRISON PRUITT PARK

Inflatables for the children!
 Covered dishes of vegetables, salad, and desserts are welcome. The church will provide fried chicken tenders, bread and tea.

From one Minister to Another...

Social scientists call it liminality. This term was defined by author Victor Turner as “betwixt and between,” a place that is not quite where we were before but also not quite where we’ll be after. Since Dr. Thomason announced his plans for retirement (after 23 years at First Baptist, as of September 1 – congrats, Dr. T!), I’ve found myself feeling liminal – grateful for his work as my pastor and friend, grateful to call him my pastor and friend, prayerful for him and for Pam as they plan their next chapter, and prayerful for our work as a church family as we make plans for our next chapter, too. Yes, that’s an awful lot of feeling, thinking, and praying all at once, but such is the nature of transition. Grief, reflection, and hope all co-exist in a liminal time.

Grief is a part of any transition because change is hard and we’re programmed to avoid it. I’ll be doing some grieving as Jim’s retirement comes closer, and I know you will, too. That’s a healthy thing. We need to acknowledge it and let it happen. In informal and formal ways in the coming months, we’ll also reflect together. I’ve been thinking lately about the lessons Jim and Pam are teaching me, how they are ministering to me, and how I see them minister to you. I see how Jim and Pam and their family are a blessing to this congregation and how, in turn, we’ll be able to bless them in the coming months. Finally, transition must involve hope. Change is hard. Change without hope is not only unbearable, it’s ungodly. It’s very rare to pastor a church when that church calls your successor, and not many people could handle that well, but in what he has said and written to you, Jim has graciously and intentionally modeled hope, giving us permission to look forward to the future. I want to acknowledge publicly—as that successor—how grateful I am to him for that.

Many of you have gone out of your way to express your support to me and my family as we begin a new journey with you. I’m grateful and humbled that you’ve extended a call to me to serve as your next pastor. As I said in my sermon on the day of your vote, the ministry of the Church is bigger than any one minister. That means that even though we’re in the midst of transition, our work that has eternal significance must continue. I admit that Jesus’ reminder—to me, to us—that the “harvest is plentiful” feels both daunting and exciting. So even in liminality, let us continue to be good stewards of this ministry called First Baptist Church.

Peace of Christ,
Josh

Our Members in Action

September 23

Worship Childcare:

Jan Page

Deacons of the Week:

Steve Madden, Offertory Prayer
Michael Davis, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Rusty Smith and Dewey Boyd

September 30

Worship Childcare:

Lisa Wallace

Deacons of the Week:

Alicia Neal Darby, Offertory Prayer
Charles Cromer, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Pat Vickery

September Collection Committee

Michael Davis, Jerry Neal,
Chad Walker (9/23,30), Marian Moorhead,
Alicia Neal Darby, Glenn Torbert

Wednesday

September 26

Lunch

Country Fried Steak, Creamed Potatoes
and Gravy, Green Beans, Corn,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Baked Ham, Creamed Potatoes,
Pineapple Casserole, Green Beans,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

October 3

Lunch


Baked Ham, Pineapple Casserole,
Sweet Potatoes, Green Peas,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

**Lunch and Supper Reservations:
Please contact the church office by
Noon on Tuesdays to make or
cancel your reservations.**

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 6:15pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Worship	4 Beacon Mailed	5	6
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING Tuesday, October 9 — 6:00 - 8:00pm Harrison Pruitt Park Pavilion Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by October 7, in Sunday school or by calling the church office (224-1622.)		6:30pm High School Youth Coffee Conversations (Figs Café and Pharmacy)				
7 9:30am Worship Service THE FIFTH BLESSING Matthew 5:7 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	8	6:00pm Women's Fellowship Gathering (Harrison Pruitt Park Pavilion)	10 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 6:15pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Worship	11	12	13
14 9:30am Worship Service THE SIXTH BLESSING Matthew 5:8 11:30AM Church Council Meeting 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	15 6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	16	17 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 6:15pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Worship	18 Beacon Mailed	19	20 9:30 Saturday Servants
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK: October 14th - October 20th For opportunities to serve, please see the signup sheet on the table outside the Deacons' conference room or contact Shelby Clardy: 376-8696 or Shelby@bleckleyinn.com						
21 9:30am Worship Service THE SEVENTH BLESSING Matthew 5:9 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting 5:00-7:00pm Youth Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat	22	10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study 6:30pm Middle School Youth Coffee Conversations (Figs Café and Pharmacy)	24 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 6:15pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Worship	25	26	27
28 9:30am Worship Service THE EIGHTH BLESSING Matthew 5:10 11:30AM Church Conference and Luncheon 5:00-7:00pm Youth Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat	29	30	31  Halloween Noon Bible Study Luncheon 6:00pm Halloween Carnival	HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Wednesday, October 31 Join us on October 31 at Timothy and Shelby Clardy's house for a Halloween Carnival from 6:00-8:30pm. Volunteers are needed to distribute candy and lead games. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us. Fellowship opportunity for all! Bring a covered dish to share and spend time with your church family in the back yard. Costume contest for youth volunteers. Please donate individually wrapped candy to the church by October 28.		