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Our deepest Sympathy for:

Jamie Smith and family in the loss
of his mother, Judy Smith.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Maddox Graham Vickery

Born: September 30, 2017

9 lbs., 12 1/2 oz. & 21 1/2 in.

Proud Parents:

Austin and Lindsay Vickery of Greer

Proud Grand Parents:

Eddie and Carol Vickery

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, October 8 - Family Promise Host Week

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
 9:30 AM Worship/Service of Remembrance
 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

Monday, October 9

7:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
 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, October 15

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
 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting
 5:00 PM Youth - Open Gym
 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

Monday, October 16

6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, October 18

12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
 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
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Thursday, October 19

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Friday, October 20

1:00 PM Spiritual Growth Study

Saturday, October 21

9:30 AM Saturday Servants

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THIS SUNDAY - OCTOBER 8

Service of Remembrance



Plan to be with us as we remember
our FBC family members who have
passed away in the last year.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29



Church Conference and Luncheon

11:30 AM - Fellowship Hall

(Elect Deacons and Committees/Present 2018 Budget)

Menu: Creamy Baked Chicken Breast,
Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans,
Fruit Salad, Dessert, Tea/Coffee
(Adults \$5.00 and Children \$2.50)

To make a reservation, please call 224-1622.



**Sunday, October 8
Family Promise
Host Week Begins**

For opportunities to
serve, please contact:

Shelby Clardy

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From one Minister to Another...

It's October. We're entering harvest season now. Here's a reminder of this fact that I recently received.

Recently, Pam and I enjoyed some sweet potatoes at our house. Now, a really good sweet potato, with just the right taste and texture--and significantly buttered, of course--is hard to beat! That's how I would describe the potatoes we had.

I didn't plant those potatoes. I didn't cultivate them. I did not have to dig them out of the ground and clean them. They were delivered to me and other members of our church staff as gifts--the fruits (or should I say, *vegetables*) of someone else's labors.

I didn't even have to cook them--Pam took care of that! All I did was cut that beautiful piping hot sweet potato open, apply the butter (significantly, as I confessed to earlier), let it cool for a few moments, and then maneuver a sweet-potato-laden fork to my mouth. It was wonderful, and I am thankful!

There are so many things in my life that are like that. They are gifts. I haven't earned them, don't deserve them, should never expect for them to come my way, but they do! Gift after gift after gift--and it's that way for you as well. I trust you already know this, and also find yourself a bit amazed at times that so much comes our way as blessings undeserved.

I encourage all of us to be grateful, and to demonstrate our gratitude through the gifts we give to others: relatives and friends, missionaries and hurricane victims, orphans... Do you realize we give to orphans?

If we contribute to our church, we do. And, yes, I say this fully aware that most children at Connie Maxwell are not there because they've lost both parents to death. For whatever reason, though, they need this ministry, and our church supports it.

I recently received a request from a member of the staff at the Connie Maxwell Children's Home asking if she could present a certificate to our church. She said we were among the top churches in giving to the ministry of Connie Maxwell, and the administrators there wanted to tell us thanks. We're working on a time for her to do this.

Her contact, though, reminded me of a story I hear about C. H. Spurgeon, the great British preacher. His church sponsored an orphanage. Once each year, he preached a sermon about it and received an offering for the orphans.

After one of these sermons, he was leaving the sanctuary when someone he described as being a "super spiritual," narrow-minded, nitpicking individual" accosted him with this: "Why, Mr. Spurgeon, I thought you preached for souls and not for money!"

Spurgeon replied, "Normally I do preach for souls and not for money. But my orphans can't eat souls; and if they did, my brother, it would take at least four the size of yours to give one of them a square meal!"

Spurgeon understood that our generosity in giving says a lot about the size of our souls. May ours be big, and sweet...and significantly buttered!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

October 8

Worship Childcare:

JJ and Bradley Orr

Deacons of the Week:

Glenn Torbert, Offertory Prayer
Patricia Torbert, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Chad Waters and Jim McCombs

October 15

Worship Childcare:

Robin Gardner

Deacons of the Week:

Jeff Neal, Offertory Prayer
Bolt McClain, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Steve Thrasher and Jimmy Newton

October Collection Committee

Brian Eicke, Fran Singleton, John Nichols,
Chad Walker, Joe Drennon (10/8),
Michael Davis (10/15), Rusty Smith

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

October 11

Lunch

Country Fried Steak, Rice and Gravy,
Black Eyed Peas, Slaw,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

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

October 18

Lunch and Supper

Chicken Tenders, Macaroni and Cheese,
Lima Beans, Pear Salad,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch & Supper Reservations

**Please contact the church office by
Noon on Tuesdays to make or
cancel your reservations.**

OCTOBER 20 — NOVEMBER 17

Spiritual Growth Study

COMPANIONS
in Christ

A new spiritual growth study is coming this fall! Facilitated by Josh Hunt, "Embracing the Journey: the Way of Christ" includes a basic exploration of spiritual formation as a journey toward holiness and wholeness. The group will meet each Friday for five weeks, October 20 to November 17, from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Sojourner's Sunday School Room. Participation involves weekly attendance and daily writing and reading. Spots are limited. The \$10 cost includes a participant book and light refreshments each week. Contact the church office to sign up.

COMING SOON!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Fall Festival

Hot dogs in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm

followed by festival games in the Gym at 6:00pm.

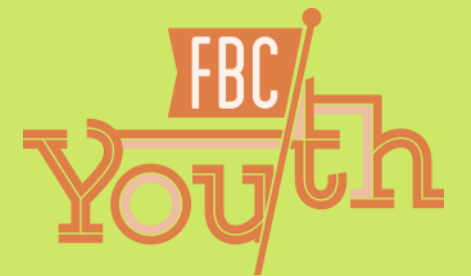
Adults and Youth willing to serve our children please

arrive at the Gym by 5:15 for game assignments.

We are now accepting donations of candy for the

festival games. Please bring individually wrapped

candy of any kind to the church office by October 27.



**First Baptist Church Youth
League Basketball Teams**
All Ages

Cost: \$20.00.

Call the church office
(224-1622) by October 15,
to sign up. Season will
begin November 2.



**October 22nd and 29th
4:00 - 6:00PM**

Youth meet at the church by
4:00 on the 23rd to deliver
bags to neighborhoods and on
the 30th to pick up bags full of
food. (No Open Gym on these
nights.) Youth will return to the
church by 6:00 in time for Bible
Study. *Sponsored by AIM.*