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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



**Sara Kate Smith**

**by Profession of Faith**

### Our deepest Sympathy for:

**Jim and Patty Curry in the loss of their son, Dean Curry.**

**Kate Cason in the loss of her mother, Nancy Jack.**

### First Baptist Church Contact Information

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### **Opportunities at First Baptist**

#### **Sunday, October 22**

- 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
- 4:00 PM Trick or Treat so Other Can Eat
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

#### **Tuesday, October 24**

- 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, October 25**

- 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 29**

- 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 Church Conference and Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Trick or Treat so Other Can Eat
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

#### **Monday, October 30**

No School

#### **Wednesday, November 1**

- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:30 PM Fall Festival
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, November 2**

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

Youth meet at the church by 4:00 on the 22rd to deliver bags to neighborhoods and on the 29th 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.

The Harrison Pruitt Park project is underway and we're currently receiving designated gifts to pay for the \$200,000 project cost. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful and unique opportunity to contribute to invest in First Baptist's ministry!

### NEXT 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.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

## Fall Festival Beginning at 5:30 PM

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.



**From one Minister to Another...**

We're standing today at the edge of change. In a sense, we're always doing this; but as we get into late October, we begin *seeing* changes all around us. The leaves turn from green to gold, orange, crimson and brown until eventually a gust of wind sends them floating toward the ground.

We *feel* the changes too. When our dog, Patch, and I took our little journey out the door early this morning—he always seems anxious to do this!—there was a definite chill in the air. Later, when I heard the current temps on the news, it was 48 degrees. Patch didn't seem to mind, but I probably should have worn long sleeves! (He doesn't like to be rushed.)

This is harvest time. Apple-picking time. Thanksgiving time. Oh, we're still a month away from the official celebration, but I hope our sense of being blessed and being thankful because we're so mindful of our blessings is already filling each of our hearts.

Here's something to reflect on. If we're not thankful now, we won't likely be thankful when the holiday rolls around either. In my experience, thankful people are thankful people—in all times and circumstances.

And if we truly have thankful hearts, we are forever being overwhelmed by how much we have for which to be thankful. I hope this makes sense to you. If you're a thankful person, I believe it will.

Around church, I'm thankful every time I learn that someone has stepped up to take on a position of leadership in our church family or found a new place to plug into serving others. It's a joy to hear back from persons you nominated as potential deacons that they are willing to take on this role.

When Josh or Amy share with me that you've agreed to teach a Sunday School class, chaperone a youth trip, serve on a committee, work with our children in a missions group or choir, coach a basketball team, or do so many of the other things that we know to be important aspects of who we are and what we do, I'm thankful.

How many of you, like myself, see someone new up in the choir, or maybe it's someone playing an instrument in worship, and you feel grateful that they've chosen to be generous with their talents and time? We should never take any of these expressions of devotion to our Lord for granted. We could not be the church He's called us to be without these and so many other sacrifices.

The same is true in relation to the financial gifts we make to the Lord through His church. When someone tells me they've been convicted about the need to give generously, to start tithing, to make an over-and-above gift to some project the church is involved in or some ministry that goes beyond the walls of our church—something that requires a true sacrifice—I take note, with gratitude to God!

Never forget, brothers and sisters, that Thanksgiving is always, by its very nature, Thanks-GIVING. Without the giving of ourselves and our substance in gratitude for all we've received, thanksgiving rings hollow. It has no substance to it! I challenge all of us to be substantially grateful, generously grateful, genuinely grateful. Thanks be to God!

*In a Spirit of Partnership...*  
  
**James R. Thomason, Pastor**

**Our Members in Action**

**October 22**

**Worship Childcare:**  
 Beverly and Danny Stone  
**Deacons of the Week:**  
 Frances Singleton, Offertory Prayer  
 Liz Marvin, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**  
 Pat Vickery and Bill Wilson

**October 29**

**Worship Childcare:**  
 Paula Ballentine  
**Deacons of the Week:**  
 Joe Drennon, Offertory Prayer  
 Haskell Bolt, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**  
 Donnie Campbell and T.J. Fusco

**October Collection Committee**

Brian Eicke, Fran Singleton, John Nichols,  
 Chad Walker, Joe Drennon (10/22),  
 Michael Davis (10/29), Rusty Smith

**Wednesday Lunch & Supper**

**October 25**

**Lunch**  
 Soup and Sandwich Bar,  
 Dessert, Tea/Coffee  
**Supper**  
 Meat Loaf, Green Beans, Creamed  
 Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

**November 1**

**No Noon Meal or Bible Study**  
**5:30pm**  
**Fall Festival and**  
**Hot Dog Supper**

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Community Thanksgiving Service</b>  <i>Sunday, November 19, 5:00PM</i>                  Come worship with fellow Christians from surrounding churches as we join together to give thanks to God for all His blessings.                  Hosted this year by Saint John's UMC                  (515 South McDuffie Street)</p>			1 No Noon Meal or Bible Study  5:30 PM FALL FESTIVAL and HOT DOG SUPPER	2 Beacon Mailed	3	4
5 Don't Forget!  9:30am Worship  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	6	7 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	8 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study  6:00 Youth Bible Study	9	10 Beacon Mailed	11
12 9:30am Worship  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	13	14	15 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study  6:00 Youth Bible Study	16 Beacon Mailed	17	18
19 9:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons' Meeting 5:00PM - Community Thanksgiving Service at St. John's UMC <b>Youth Friendsgiving</b> 6:00pm - Amy's Home	20 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	21 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	22 No Noon or Evening Meals, Bible Studies or Activities	<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b>  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  </p>		25
26 9:30am Worship  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	27	28 10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study	29 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study  6:00 Youth Bible Study	30	<p><b>Staff Anniversaries:</b>                  November 1 - Ramona Hallman - 12 years                  November 1 - Amy Brown - 4 years</p>	