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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Sunday, September 15**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, September 16**
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, September 18**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
 Youth Group
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Thursday, September 19**
 12:00 PM Lunch Time Bible Study
- Sunday, September 22**
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 4:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, September 23**
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Tuesday, September 24**
 10:00AM Margaret Williams Bible Study
- Wednesday, September 25**
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
 Youth Group
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Thursday, September 26**
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 12:00 PM "Fourth" Thursday (Jack Roper's Magic Show)



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 a brief message and the MINISTER ON CALL
 will return your call promptly.



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MEMBERS IN ACTION

September 15

Deacons of the Week:

Lyn Darby, Offertory Prayer
 Tom Martin, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Jimmy Cooley and Thomas Roach

September 22

Deacons of the Week:

Lyn Darby, Offertory Prayer
 Marian Moorhead, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Donnie Campbell and Jeff Neal

A few highlights from the Parent
 and Child Dedication Service for



Dorotheia Wimpey



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 AM

RESOUNDING FAITH

5TH SUNDAY MUSIC SERVICE

From One Minister to Another...

September is birth month at our house, with Bas being the only member of my family not celebrating a birthday this month. My birthday was last week. I'm from Virginia, and, as Jerry Clower was fond of saying when he told his story, "it was there that I first saw the light of day" 44 years ago at Johnston Memorial Hospital in a small town called Abingdon.

On September 4, Diana Ross's "Upside Down" was the number one song on the radio, "Ordinary People" was the most popular movie, and the cover story of *Life* magazine was about "the broiling summer of '80."

As I so often do, I thought last week about my parents and how they raised me, sacrifices they made for me, and values they instilled in me. I thought about how they made a point to raise me in church, a decision that made an indelible mark on my life.

I thought about my 20 years of marriage to Sacha and how blessed I am to be her husband. I thought about the joys of fatherhood and how blessed I am to call Jude and Bas my children.

I recalled teachers, friends, and my pastors growing up. I thought about the day I came forward to make my public profession of faith. I remembered my baptism. I thought about God calling me into ministry when I was a high school senior on a spring break student retreat at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, Virginia. I thought about being simultaneously scared and at peace with my acceptance of that call. (I would come to learn that this is a familiar feeling for people called to ministry – and that it lasts a lifetime!)

I've been in vocational ministry for more than twenty years and I thought about the people I've had the privilege of working with – and those whom I have seen God work through.

The, ahem, more experience I have celebrating birthdays, the more I come to see that birthdays are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's gift of life. Birthdays are for more than looking back. They're for looking forward, too, to renewed life, renewed joy, and a renewed commitment to make the most of this wondrous gift. Every birthday is a chance to commit oneself to making changes in life, to get rid of unhealthy habits and to develop new positive ones.

For me, it was an opportunity to thank God for my blessings. Birthdays are a chance to say that no matter what happened yesterday, last week, last month, last year—whatever it brought into our lives—we get a new chance, another opportunity to celebrate God's gift of life. And to commit ourselves to being the people God has created and called us to be.

Thankfully, we need not wait for our birthdays to be thankful. Every day provides us an opportunity to share appreciation and to receive with gratitude God's gift of life.

I close with this beautiful daily prayer by Richard of Chichester, the Thirteenth-Century saint, which was popularized by lyricist Stephen Schwartz in the musical "Godspell."

For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by Day.

Peace of Christ,



CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY



Thursday, September 19
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Country Style Cubed Steak with Gravy, Yeast Roll, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate Delight

Please call the church office to make a reservation
by 3:00 PM on Friday, September 13.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S TRIP TO UNITY PARK (Greenville)
Sunday, September 22 — 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

The children will travel by church bus to **Unity Park** in Greenville for an afternoon of fun!!

We will take a picnic lunch to be shared at the park followed by plenty of play time. We will depart at approximately 5:00 PM giving us an arrival time back at church of about 6:00 PM

Please bring clothes for your children to change into after Sunday School. (FYI - there is a splash pad at the park to consider when sending their change of clothes.)

Please call the Church Office to sign up by
Thursday, September 19.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



September 26, at NOON
in the Fellowship Hall

JACK ROPER'S MAGIC SHOW

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Garden Pork Tenderloin with Cranberry and Apple Chutney, Yeast Roll, Sweet Potato Souffle, Green Beans, Apple Dumplings

Please call the church office to make a reservation by
3:00 PM on Friday, September 20.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH FAMILY DINNER
This Sunday, September 15 — 5:00-7:00 PM

Meet at the gym at 5:00 PM and we will have games for youth and their families. We will also go to Grouchos for dinner. Bring your own dinner money. We will be done at 7PM.



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING
Through the month of September

Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (SBC)
Beverly Greer State Missions Offering (CBF)

Given to date: \$620

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY RESUMES
September 24 — 10:00 AM

Please Note:

The Bible Study will be held in a new location,
please contact Judith Wright for more information.

CONDOLENCES

Dan Marret, Jr. and family on the
passing of his wife, Teddy Marret, on
September 6, 2024.

COMING SOON!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 — WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
DR. PAUL BAXLEY WILL BE PREACHING

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday. As we observe the Lord's Supper, we join with many other Christian churches around the world in this celebration of unity across denominations. We recognize that, though we are diverse, Christ has called us into community and enabled us to be a family - daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers to one another.

