

Welcome to our new members...

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Sunday School Total.....418
 First Day Worship.....317 (12)
 11:00am Worship..... (13)
 Total.....

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Sunday School Total.....429
 First Day Worship.....287 (17)
 11:00am Worship.....157 (10)
 Total.....444 (27)

Sunday, August 20, 2023

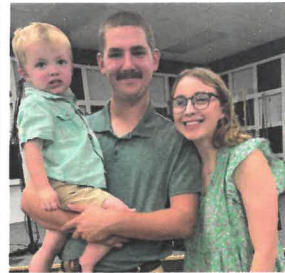
Sunday School Total.....412
 First Day Worship.....284
 11:00am Worship.....161
 Total.....445

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Sunday School Total.....442
 First Day Worship.....312 (18)
 11:00am Worship.....150 (11)
 Total.....462 (29)

AUGUST 2023 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$932,318.52
 Received YTD.....\$759,520.98



Caleb, Arrianna & Cooper Ruth



Clay, Jeri Ann, Mack & Caleb Stegall



Cheryl Bilstein



Tyler Bingham

Nicholas Reed & Angela Stepp



Robert Sutherland



Lydia Ulrich



James Carter



Luther Dillard



Our very newest!

Hayes Aaron Heard, son of Kyle & Amber Heard
 Grey Hilliard Kennedy, son of Hayden & Elizabeth Kennedy

11:00am USHERS
 for SEPTEMBER 2023
 (* indicates prayer door)

September 3

*Richie Chrestman, Clark Sexton,
 Shane Ard, Dee Atkins,
 Joe Austin, Mike Bowen

September 10

*Mark Crenshaw, Freddie Bridge-
 man, Phillip Cox, Joe Brown,
 Roger Gentry, Wally Henry

September 17

*Eddy Taylor, Rickey Hill,
 Ben Howard, Matt Koon,
 R. Littlejohn, Roddy Matthews

September 24

*Wayne Carter, Carey McMullen,
 Gordon McNeely, Justin Moss,
 Steve Montgomery, Jay Reeder

**If you are unable to fulfill your
 duty as usher, please find
 someone to take your place.

**DEACONS ON CALL
 for SEPTEMBER 2023**

September 3

Neal Anderson
 Craig Downing
 Richie Chrestman

September 10

Chad Anthony
 Mark Griffith
 Sam Gibbs

September 17

Howard Hill
 Kevin Morrow
 Glenn Gillen

September 24

Chase Jefcoat
 Ellis Reeder
 Scott Hatcher



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SEPTEMBER 2023

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP

Our church office
 will be CLOSED
 on Monday, Sept. 4
 for Labor Day.

Join us in the Sanctuary on
 Sunday, September 17
 at 11:00am
 as we celebrate thru
 Believer's Baptism

SUNDAY SCHOOL TAILGATE TIME

Join us for our 2nd annual
 Sunday School Tailgate
 on Sunday, September 24
 beginning at 5:00pm!
 Sunday School classes will have
 an area set up for your class in the grass
 outside of the Fellowship Hall.
 Bring your favorite tailgating snacks!
 Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served!



The following men were
 elected Deacon:

Richie Chrestman
 Sam Gibbs
 Glenn Gillen*
 Scott Hatcher
 Benjamin Hill*
 George Rutledge
 Tommy Wood

*We will have our
 Deacon ordination service on
 Sunday, September 17 at
 5:00pm

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Luncheon
 on Monday, September 18
 at 12:00pm
 at the Gateway Pavilion!
 Bring a dessert and join us!



DEACONS MEETING
 Sun, September 17
 at 3:30pm in the FH



BROTHERHOOD
 BREAKFAST
 Sun, September 24 at 7:00am
 in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL COMMITTEES
 MEETING**

Sunday, September 10 at 5:00pm
 If you serve on a committee at FBC,
 this meeting is for you!
 Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.

SENIOR ADULT FALL TRIP

to Chattanooga, TN
 October 2-5, 2023
 This trip includes shopping, a fall foliage
 lunch cruise, a ride on the Chattanooga
 Choo-Choo, and taking a tram ride to the
 top of Look Out Mountain.
 Deposit of \$75 needed by Sept. 7



FIRST THINGS FIRST



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Rev. Clay Stegall-
Associate Pastor

Justin Cobb-
Minister of Youth

Danielle Davis-
Minister of Children

Zach Keller / Mickey Gentry-Worship Leaders

Volume 4 No. 9

Dr. Ken Hester, Pastor

September 2023

Parson to Person

It is high school football season. Our boys have been at it sweating and working hard. The pageantry of high school football will be on display for all to embrace. The band, the cheerleaders, the players, the refs, the Mamas, the Daddies, the little boys wearing the team colors and playing behind the stands, the little girls wearing mini cheer leading outfits, the new alumni walking the stands recalling what it was like, college students coming home, girlfriends, boyfriends, friends, and fans. I love it all.

But my favorite is the player under the helmet, who has endured the practices under the oppression of the August heat. Here's a poem that appropriately describes what our boys go through, just for the love of the game. This poem was first written for the Oakland Raiders, but it depicts all who have played football.

The Autumn wind is a pirate
Blustering in from sea
With a rollicking song he sweeps along
Swaggering boisterously
His face is weather beaten
He wears a hooded sash
With his silver hat about his head
And a bristly black mustache
He growls as he storms the country
A villain big and bold
And the trees all shake and quiver and quake
As he robs them of their gold
The Autumn wind is a Raider
Pillaging just for fun
He'll knock you 'round and upside down
And laugh when he's conquered and won.

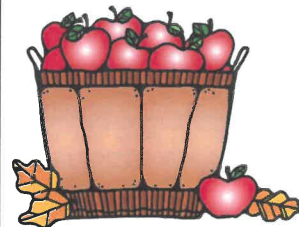
Game on,
Ken



Hey FirstKids and Parents!
We are officially back in business on Wednesday nights! I hope that you are enjoying Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, and Fusion so far this year! It's going to be a year of growth in the Lord, fellowship with one another, and a ton of fun! Be sure to invite your friends too! Also, be on the lookout in your mailboxes for monthly children's newsletters again! They're coming soon!
-Mrs. Danielle

FBC YTH

Greetings from the 3rd floor!
We've are kicking off FBC YTH with our Tailgating Night on Wed, Sept. 13 beginning at 5:30pm! Bring your favorite tailgate snack to share and join us! This will be a night of great food and worship!! Also, we will host Saw You At The Pole on Wed, Sept. 27 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.
Unless we have a special event planned, FBC YTH will begin each Wednesday night at 6:00pm with worship.
Come join us on the 3rd floor!
- Justin



SEPTEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS/ MARGARET LACKEY						
3	4 OFFICE CLOSED for LABOR DAY	5 NATIONAL CHEESE PIZZA DAY	6 Menu: Pork Chops, Corn, Lima Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert Kids: Hot Dogs	7	8	9 BODOCK FESTIVAL
10 5:00pm All Committees Meeting in FH	11 NATIONAL MAKE YOUR BED DAY	12	13 Menu: Spaghetti, English Peas, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar Dessert Kids: Sliders	14 NATIONAL CREAM FILLED DONUT DAY	15	16 NATIONAL CHOOSE YOUR CHOCOLATE DAY
17 11:00am Baptism 3:30pm Deacons Mtg 5:00pm Deacon Ordination	18 12:00pm Sr. Adult Luncheon	19	20 Menu: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Corn on Cobb, Salad Bar Dessert Kids: Hot Dogs	21	22 NATIONAL ICE CREAM CONE DAY	23
24 7:00am Brotherhood Breakfast 5:00pm SS Tailgate	25 NATIONAL QUESADILLA DAY	26	27 Menu: Chicken Strips, Potato Salad, Chips, Dessert Kids: Same 6:30pm S.Y.A.T.P	28	29 NATIONAL COFFEE DAY	30 8am-12pm Missions Madness