

First Baptist Church

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Parson to Person

September has arrived, but somebody forgot to tell the weather! We may have turned the calendar page, but summer seems determined to hang around a little longer. The days are still hot, the humidity is still high, and sometimes stepping outside feels like walking into a preheated oven. Most of us are ready for cooler temperatures. We are looking forward to football, changing leaves, comfortable evenings, and that first morning when you can walk outside without immediately breaking into a sweat. But there is something the heat can teach us about our walk with God. Life can get hot, too.

There are seasons when the pressures of life seem to turn up the temperature. Sometimes it is family difficulties. Sometimes it is financial pressure, health concerns, work challenges, or simply the stress that comes from trying to keep up with the different schedules. The good news is that God never promised that we would avoid the heat. He promised that He would be with us in it.

Isaiah 43:2 reminds us, “When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned.”

Notice that God did not say, “You will never go through the water,” or “You will never walk through the fire.” He said, “I will be with thee.” That is the difference faith makes. When the heat is on, we don’t have to face life alone. When circumstances are difficult, God remains faithful. When we are tired, He gives strength. When we are discouraged, He gives hope. When we don’t know what to do next, He gives wisdom. And when we feel like we simply cannot take another step, He reminds us that His grace is sufficient. Sometimes we spend so much time praying for God to change our circumstances that we forget to ask Him to change us in the middle of them. Soon enough, cooler days will come. Until then, let’s keep our eyes on Jesus. And if you happen to see somebody walking into church this month looking a little sweaty, don’t judge them too quickly. They may have just walked across the parking lot! The temperature may be hot, but our God is faithful. May September find us stronger in faith, deeper in our walk with Christ, and more determined than ever to live for Him.

Stay cool, stay encouraged, and most importantly—stay close to Jesus! After all, He’s got the real Living Water.

Blessings,
BroKen

September 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 NATIONAL BLUEBERRY POPSICLE DAY	3	4 NATIONAL COLLEGE COLORS DAY	5 NATIONAL CHEESE PIZZA DAY
6	7 Office Closed	8	9	10 6:00pm Women on Mission Event in the FH	11 NATIONAL MAKE YOUR BED DAY	12
13	14 NATIONAL CREAM FILLED DONUT DAY	15 NATIONAL CHEESE TOAST DAY	16	17	18 NATIONAL CHEESEBURGER DAY	19
20 1:30-3:00pm Reception honoring Billy Montgomery 3:30pm Deacons Mtg 5:00pm All Committees Mtg	21 12:00pm Life Luncheon at the Pavilion	22 NATIONAL ICE CREAM CONE DAY	23 6:30pm Saw You At The Pole	24	25 NATIONAL QUESADILLA DAY	26
27 7:30am Brotherhood Brkfst 1:30-3:00pm Bridal Shower for Georgia (Akers) Lary 5:00pm SS Tailgate	28	29 NATIONAL COFFEE DAY	30			

Welcome to our new members...



Collins Finch



Carol Ann Boyette



Robert "Scooter" Boyette

What's Happening this Month...

FEEDING of the 5,000

November 19, 2026

F5K rec'd: \$6,212.64

F5K needed: \$12,000

Join us for a
Women on Mission (WMU) Event
on September 10 at 6:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
*Meal & Childcare provided

You are invited to a reception
honoring Mr. Billy Montgomery
on Sunday, September 20
from 1:30-3:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

If he has ever taught you or your
children in Sunday School,
come and let him know how much
you appreciate him!



Deacons Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3:30pm in the
Fellowship Hall.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our church office
will be closed on
Monday, September 7
in observance of
Labor Day.



ALL COMMITTEES
MEETING

If you are serving on any
committee for 2026-2027,
please make plans to attend this
informative meeting at 5:00pm in
the FH on Sunday, Sept. 20

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Trail or Treat is right around the corner
and we are needing candy donated for
this event.

If you would like to donate a bag/bags
of candy for this, please drop it off in the
church office for now.



You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Georgia Akers Lary
on September 27
from 1:30-3:00pm in the
Fellowship Hall.
Georgia is registered on
Amazon



L.I.F.E. LUNCHEON

We will kick-off our new
Life Luncheons on Monday, Sept. 21
at the Gateway Pavilion at 12:00pm.

We will be grilling hamburgers,
hotdogs, and smoked sausages with all
the trimmings. Bring a side dish or a
dessert and join us for lunch!
Everyone of all ages is invited to
come!

SAW YOU AT THE POLE

We will host SYATP
on Wed, September 23
at 6:30pm in the
Worship Center.

This is an event for youth
in 7th-12th grade.

*Don't forget about
See You At the Pole
on your school campus.



Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, September 27 at 7:30am
in the Fellowship Hall



Bus Pick-up & Drop-off
Rotation for September

September 6-
Jack Savely

September 13-
Carey McMullan

September 20-
Jackie Cayson

September 27-
Glenn Gillen

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Sunday School Total.....449

First Day Worship.....245 (25)

11:00am Worship.....140 (15)

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Sunday School Total.....503

First Day Worship.....382 (15)

11:00am Worship.....159 (20)

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Sunday School Total.....484

First Day Worship.....386 (20)

11:00am Worship.....157 (15)

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Sunday School Total.....486

First Day Worship.....400 (22)

11:00am Worship.....171 (14)

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Sunday School Total.....483

First Day Worship.....375 (22)

11:00am Worship.....138 (19)

AUG. 2026 BUISNESS MEETING

Budget YTD.....\$867,040.25

Received YTD...\$827,162.84

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER MENU:

Wed, September 2-

Hamburger Steak, Potatoes,
Broccoli , Salad Bar, Dessert
Kids: Hamburgers & Chips

Wed, September 9-

Smoked Chicken, Broccoli Normandy,
Salad Bar, Dessert
Kids: Grilled Cheese

Wed, September 16-

Pork Tenderloin, Mac-n-Cheese,
Salad Bar, Dessert
Kids: Pizza Rolls

Wed, September 23-

Baked Potato Bar,
Chicken Tenders,
Salad Bar, Dessert

Wed, September 30-

Chicken Spaghetti, Roasted Carrots,
Salad Bar, Dessert
Kids: Hot Dogs

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TAILGATE

Sun, Sept. 27 at
5:00pm

Bring your lawn chairs
and favorite
tailgating food to share
with everyone and join
us for a night of good
food, fun & fellowship!

DEACONS ON CALL
for AUGUST 2026

September 6-

Neal Anderson
Craig Downing
Larry Young

September 13-

Chad Anthony
Mark Griffith
Ben Ashley

September 20-

Howard Hill
Kevin Morrow
Terry Wood

September 27-

Chase Jelcoat
Ellis Reeder
Billy Montgomery

11:00am USHERS for SEPTEMBER 2026
(* indicates prayer door)

September 6-

*Ben Ashley, Joe Austin, Jimmy Ball,
Mike Bowen, Rick Burgett, Terry Butler

September 13-

*Chad Anthony, Mark Crenshaw, Zeb Collums,
Bill Cook, Phillip Cox, Adam Gentry

September 20-

*John Scott Blanchard, Roger Gentry, Wally Henry,
Rickey Hill, Ben Howard, Jay Hughes

September 27-

*Richie Chrestman, Matt Koon, Rickey Littlejohn,
Mitch Montgomery, Ross Montgomery,
Steve Montgomery

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