



the Vision

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE | SEPTEMBER 2022

The Gospel Project

Brand New Classes

FALL KICK OFF

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING

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Kids Own Worship
Launch for
Preschool-2nd
Grade

SEPTEMBER:

Remember, Refresh, Renew

Remember where you were when you heard the news?

No doubt some of you were faithfully serving in the armed forces, or maybe as fire fighters, or in law enforcement, or in other emergency services. You may have even been in New York City when it happened.

Me—I was far away from NYC.

I was sitting in my basement office at Bethel Baptist Church, in Westminster, SC. I was preparing for a funeral, pressed for time and not in the mood for much conversation, when someone banged on my door. I didn't answer quickly enough, and the door suddenly swung open. A local farmer stuck his head in. I had known him two years, and I had never seen him look frantic. He did now. "Preacher, you need to see this."

I gathered with him and a few others in the administrative assistant's office where we stood in silence around a flickering TV. Smoke billowed above the twin towers. People running. Fire. More smoke. And the airplanes, replayed and replayed, like misguided missiles but then striking with terrifying precision. And the words scrolled across the bottom of the screen: America is under attack.

The days after were filled with speculations and worry and strategies to prepare for another attack. In our area, officials worried that the local Oconee Nuclear Station might be a target.

We held prayer rallies, watched press conferences, and listened as the media gave us all a crash course in al-Qaeda. Islamic terrorism had a whole new face.

And something else happened

And in the middle of it all, something remarkable happened. Politicians stopped arguing about politics and forged a bond around a common cause. Remember President Bush's speech from Ground Zero? And his call to arms in the joint session of Congress? No one critiqued his speech or cared about his Texas drawl. We just rallied.

And remember that poignant moment on the Capitol steps when Congress joined in unison singing "God Bless America"? Unity, determination, and no political parties. Just Americans with a common identity and a common purpose. Just Americans, that is.

When we remember the tragedy of 9/11, we also remember the way it unified the nation around a common purpose.

This year 9/11 falls on a Sunday. So on September 11 we will recognize the sacrifice of the heroes and worship the God who is in charge no matter what happens.

But every Sunday when we gather, we remember what it means to be a church. We are unified by our salvation in Christ—by the cross, and our need for God's grace. And that commitment unifies us around His mission. Our mission to reach a lost world, our devotion to the one true God, and our passion to follow Christ are some of these essentials that make us who we are.

And if we forget those things, we cease to be the church God has called us to be.

Why does it matter that we remember?

We are only as strong corporately as we are individually. So, this September, I want to challenge you to remember what it means to be a follower of Christ, and to refresh yourself in those essentials. The best way to do that is to remember what life would be like apart from Christ.

If you were saved as a teenager or an adult, you'll have a better grasp of the magnitude of what Christ did for you. But even if you were saved as a child, as I was, the Bible reminds you that without Christ you were "dead in your trespasses and sins" and that your salvation is by trusting in His grace, not in your good works (Eph. 2:1-10).

So first, remember what Christ has done for you. Worship flows from that and discipleship grows from that.

Then, second, recommit to the habits that shape you into the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29).

Why does it matter that we recommit?

Just like our nation has drifted back into division and self-serving agendas, forgetting who we are in Christ, what we have in common, and why we are here can create fractures that damage the unity of the church weakens our resolve to be who God wants us to be.

September also starts our new church year. This affords us all a chance to reflect on how we are doing in our walk with Christ.

So, as we prepare for a new church year, I want to challenge you to renew two key commitments:

- **Renew your commitment to corporate worship.**
Have you come back to in-person worship since we reopened after Covid? If not, maybe it is time to recommit to corporate, in-person worship. I know that some of you still have health issues and other reasons that watching online

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disciplelife classes

Wednesdays @ 6:15pm | Dinner Fellowship @ 5:30pm

HOPE

for the Hurting

Led by Wayne & Phyllis Turnage

GENTLE *and* LOWLY

Led by Jerry Bridges

Christ ALONE

THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS AS SAVIOR

What the Reformers Taught . . . and Why It Still Matters

Led by Frank Pihoker

Classes
Start
Sep 14

Led by Gary Galloway

Discovering Church Membership

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Led by Pastor Bob

Learn More About Our Church...



Class Starts Sep 21

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September: Remember, Refresh, Renew

better suits your needs, and it is a blessing that you can do that! But if you have not returned simply because it is not as convenient, or you have fostered habits that pull you away from in-person worship, then it is time to return.

- **Renew your commitment to Bible study.**

Studying God's Word together is foundational for Christians. Remember, the first thing Jesus did was start a small group so He could invest in twelve men who would change the world!

September 4, the first

Sunday of the new church year, is a great time to recommit to Bible study! We are launching the Gospel Project across our ministries on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. This will help you and your family grow in Christ together as you learn from the same Bible passages in age-appropriate groups.

Also, you can join a D4 Pathway Group to grow in relational discipleship alongside others who are learning and growing together. And, of course, you can dig deeper into various subjects of study in

DiscipleLife on Wednesday nights.

But as always, the best way to grow is to study the Bible on your own. So recommit to Bible study this September.

I hope this is the year we strengthen our unity and grow in Christ by refreshing our commitments in these two areas. You can also cultivate your service, your fellowship, and your opportunities for ministry, but all of those start with your commitment to worship and Bible study.

See you Sunday!

With love in Christ,

Pastor Bob

New Class Arrangements Starting In September

Sunday School & Wednesdays:

Nursery
(birth to 18 months)

Toddlers
(18 months thru 2 yrs)

Younger Preschool
(3-4 yr olds)

Older Preschool & Kindergarten
(5 yrs old / K)

1st/2nd Grade

3rd/4th Grade

Fusion
5th/6th Grade

Youth Ministry
7th-12th Grade

All New Sunday Kids Own Worship:

Younger Preschool
(3-4 yr olds)

Older Preschool & Kindergarten
(5 yrs old / K)

1st/2nd Grade

Monthly Ministry Info

baptism

SEP 11 | 11AM
LET PASTOR BOB KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED

men

MINISTRY MEETING
MEAL PROVIDED
GUEST SPEAKER JACE MEYERS
SEP 13 | 6:30PM

ladies

MINISTRY MEETING
MEAL PROVIDED
GUEST SPEAKER VICTORIA BELLAMY
SEP 12 | 6:30PM

messages

SERIES: "A LEGACY OF HEROES"
SUNDAYS | 11AM
LISTEN ONLINE AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/MESSAGES

Wed reset

RESUMES 9/21 | 12PM

disciplelife

DISCIPLELIFE CLASSES BEGIN
SEP 14 | 6:15PM
SIGN UP AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/WED

no mission offering

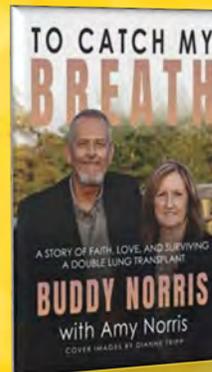
HOPE FOR TODAY RELIEF FOR TOMORROW
CHURCH GOAL: \$6,000
GIVE ONLINE AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/GIVE

toy store golf tournament

NOV 5 | 8AM REGISTRATION
SEA TRAIL GOLF COURSE
REGISTRATION FORMS
AVAILABLE IN BOTH LOBBIES

book of the month

"TO CATCH MY BREATH: A STORY OF FAITH, LOVE, AND SURVIVING A DOUBLE LUNG TRANSPLANT"
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY





human foosball



my lil' farm



gaga ball



meltdown



fun house



shark attack

back to school CELEBRATION

**FREE
BACKPACK
WITH HEALTHY
SNACKS FOR
FIRST 100
STUDENTS
GRADES K-6**

**Wed, Sept 7
5:30-8:30p**

*Free Fun for All
Ages! Food, Sunset
Slush, Cotton
Candy, Inflatables
and More!*



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M-Th 9am—3pm
Closed Friday

Sunday School—9:45am
Worship—11:00am



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52 Week Bible Reading Plan

	Gospels	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy
Week	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
36	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 2Tim 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Num 13-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Chr 20-24	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 105-107	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Joel
37	<input type="checkbox"/> John 16-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Titus	<input type="checkbox"/> Num 17-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Chr 25-29	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 108-110	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov 23-24	<input type="checkbox"/> Amos 1-4
38	<input type="checkbox"/> John 19-21	<input type="checkbox"/> Philemon	<input type="checkbox"/> Num 21-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 2Chr 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 111-113	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov 25	<input type="checkbox"/> Amos 5-9
39	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Heb 1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Num 25-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 2Chr 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 114-116	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov 26-27	<input type="checkbox"/> Obadiah