



the Vision

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
SHALLOTTE | SEPTEMBER 2023

The Fall Festival is Coming!

Wednesday, October 25th 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

It's a huge event for FBCS - Lots of planning and work to do.

MAIN ATTRACTION! Always the Trunk or Treat. **TRUNKS!! TRUNKS!!** A list of scriptures will be provided to you in church soon to sign up for a trunk theme. Put your thinking caps on NOW.

If you don't want to do a trunk, sign up for a parking space for more room. Be creative.

CANDY! Candy has already started arriving. We've ordered early to get all the goodies. We will need LOTS more. Look for buckets soon in the church lobbies to make your donations. Anything chocolate is always a hit with every age.

INFLATABLES! We want to tell you all about them but are going to keep it all a secret so you'll be surprised. The only hint - SIX!! HUGE and DIFFERENT. Lots of fun.

GAMES! Still in the thought process. However, returning will be favorites BINGO, Pumpkin Walk and Painting. Of course, we have to throw in some prizes to make all the games such fun.

FREE FOOD! Free. Have you heard that word lately? At FBCS we do it right.

Free Hot Dogs Chips Beverages and who knows...what else? We can't forget popcorn, cotton candy, caramel apples. YUMMY.

We'd go on and on but hey, we're still in the planning process. Again, this will be a HUGE event. We will need LOTS of volunteers. Keep your eyes and ears open. We will be making announcements soon about how YOU can sign up THIS MONTH to volunteer.

This is FBCS's opportunity to show the love of Christ to our community. Join us. You'll be SO GLAD you did.

In the meantime, contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for the event.

Leave a message and I promise to get right back with you. Looking forward to hearing from YOU and seeing YOU soon.

Judy Hughes, Fall Festival Leader
910-524-0908

Church Events

- **Sep 4th – Office Closed**
- **Sep 6th at 6:15pm– DiscipleLife Classes Begin**
- **Sep 9th at 8:30am– “Lead Time” Leadership Training**
- **Sep 10th at 6pm-Deacon Ordination Jace Myers**
- **Sep 11th at 6:30pm- Ladies Ministry Meeting**
- **Sep 12th at 6:30pm- Mens Ministry Meeting**
- **Sep 17th at 3pm- Children's Ministry Training**

LADIES' TUESDAY AT 10^{AM} BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

After a summer break, I'm excited to announce our Ladies Bible Study begins again Tuesday, September 5th! Please join us at Homestyle Foods on Main Street in Shallotte as we continue our journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians!

Dori Pihoker

Welcome Kevin Gore, Our Associate Pastor for Family Life and Discipleship!

Sunday night, August 27, you confirmed the call of Kevin Gore to be our Associate Pastor for Family Life and Discipleship! This was the culmination of the Search Team's diligent and prayerful efforts over four months to find the person that God wanted in this role. Starting with 26 candidates, the Team eventually concluded that the man God had for this position was right here, already serving faithfully at FBCS!

Thanks to the Search Team for their hard work!

We created this position with an awareness that our children, youth, and families would need to be equipped and discipled to face a post-Christian culture. The position is crafted and targeted for that purpose. When we interviewed Kevin, and in subsequent conversations, I was struck by his keen awareness of that purpose reflected in the job description. In short--he gets it!

So, let's welcome Kevin! He started in the office part-time on August 29, and will join us full-time in late September. Pray for him, Kacey, and the girls as they make this transition.

And for those of you who may not know Kevin, or you were not at the meeting August 27, I've asked Kevin to introduce himself and describe his vision for launching his ministry at FBCS.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

From Kevin:

I am so excited to move in obedience to God's calling on my life & serve First Baptist Church of Shallotte as the Associate Pastor for Family Life & Discipleship. God has been at work in my life, leading & preparing me for pastoral ministry since my salvation at 16. From the summer of my 8th grade year, the Lord has placed obedient and faithful Christian men in my life to disciple me. I am a product of God's grace and those faithful men who pointed me to Him through the years.

A little about me: I am 25, I am a husband to an amazing wife named Kacey, we have a 17-month-old daughter named Hazel, and we have a soon-to-arrive daughter named Hattie. I grew up in Brunswick County and graduated from West Brunswick, so I know this area well and have deep ties to this community. I attended FBCS as a youth, attended a youth rally hosted by FBCS where the Lord saved me, I was baptized at FBCS, and I participated in several FBCS mission trips and youth trips throughout my high school years. After high school, God led me to Charleston Southern University (CSU), a Christian university associated with the South Carolina Baptist



Convention. I majored in business and minored in Christian Studies, where I had the opportunity to learn under several faithful Christian professors. In my time at CSU I learned so much about God and who He is. The more I learned the more my faith increased.

The Lord has called me to full time pastoral ministry, but I wasn't always on the same page as Him regarding His will for my career. While at CSU, I fully intended to pursue a career in the business field to create a comfortable life to raise a family in. During that time, I had the opportunity to intern at Northwood Baptist. There, under Head Pastor Tommy Meador and under Executive Pastor Randy Jackson, I was intentionally discipled by each. I became heavily involved in the college ministry at Northwood, assuming a leadership role. As my time at CSU drew to an end, I considered going to seminary. The entire staff at Northwood wanted me to go to seminary and potentially serve there on staff, strongly recommending I take the leap and go. I talked myself out of it, thinking it wasn't what I was called to do. Looking back I see that I resisted the Lord's calling then, thinking it didn't fit my plan of pursuing a comfortable lifestyle through the field of business.

But the Lord had other plans. He was instrumental in getting me and my wife Kacey home from Charleston, close to family as we started a family of our own. God worked out several things, from housing to jobs - all falling into place according to His plan. While it was tough saying goodbye to our church family and friends in Charleston, God had our church family at FBCS to welcome us home. Soon, I assumed a teaching role in FBCS's Young Adult class, had the opportunity to serve as a deacon, and serve as a volunteer youth leader in the absence of a youth pastor. All roles I actively served in until my recent selection as Associate Pastor of Family Life & Discipleship.

Intentional discipleship from the faithful & obedient men listed (and many more) has formed me into who I am today. I plan to continue that legacy and intentionally disciple those that come after me, being obedient to the Lord's call on my life.

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BOBWEATHERS.NET



...continued Welcome Kevin Gore, Our Associate Pastor for Family Life and Discipleship!

I am so excited to step in obedience and faith into full time ministry. I plan to take the remainder of 2023 to get up to speed in the many wonderful things FBCS does with our children and youth, what we need as a church as a whole, and how I fit into that mix. I have much to learn but God has called me to give much - I have so many awesome ideas and I have an ambitious vision for our next-gen discipleship. Now more than

ever, we must be strategic in our ministry for those that come after us. We are surrounded by a culture more hostile to Christianity than ever, and our students feel that. Gone are the days of Christian morals and influences in our school system. The job of building a biblical worldview lies squarely on our shoulders as the church. I intend to shape our children's ministry, youth ministry, and discipleship ministry around that

intentional emphasis on building a Christian worldview and biblical foundation.

Just as those who came before did with me, so I will do with those that are coming up today: young, old, or somewhere in the middle!

In Christ,
Kevin Gore

The Mens Ministry will meet on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm followed by a presentation from a group that recently traveled to Israel.

The Ladies Ministry meeting will be Monday September 11th, 2023. We will have a delicious meal served at 6:30pm. We want to encourage all ladies to join us for food, fellowship and encouragement as we take some time learning each others names and most importantly learning some of Gods names.



Give the gift of

RELIEF FOR TODAY.
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.



Church Goal:

\$6,500



Deacon of the Week



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Sep 24th-30th

Children's Ministry Training

September 17th 3-5pm

For leaders, teachers, assistants, volunteers or anyone interested in becoming involved in the First Kids children's ministry. The topics will be class management, discipleship and more. Cheryl Markland, Children & Family Ministries Strategist, from NC Baptists will be leading the Training.

Cheryl Markland



Helping parents embrace their call to make disciples at home and equipping them to carry out that role is an essential part of our work. We strive to help leaders understand the call to be disciple-makers at church and how that call deeply impacts the work of leading children. Together our goal is church and home working together to help children to become fully committed disciples of Jesus.

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M-Th 9am—3pm

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Sunday School—9:45am

Worship—11:00am



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THE WORD OF GOD IN A YEAR

O send out thy light and thy truth! Let them lead me.

READ WITH FAMILY

1 Samuel 25	1 Corinthians 6
1 Samuel 26	1 Corinthians 7
1 Samuel 27	1 Corinthians 8
1 Samuel 28	1 Corinthians 9
1 Samuel 29–30	1 Corinthians 10
1 Samuel 31	1 Corinthians 11
2 Samuel 1	1 Corinthians 12
2 Samuel 2	1 Corinthians 13
2 Samuel 3	1 Corinthians 14
2 Samuel 4–5	1 Corinthians 15
2 Samuel 6	1 Corinthians 16
2 Samuel 7	2 Corinthians 1
2 Samuel 8–9	2 Corinthians 2
2 Samuel 10	2 Corinthians 3
2 Samuel 11	2 Corinthians 4

DAY

READ IN SECRET

1st	Ezekiel 4	Psalms 40–41
2nd	Ezekiel 5	Psalms 42–43
3rd	Ezekiel 6	Psalms 44
4th	Ezekiel 7	Psalms 45
5th	Ezekiel 8	Psalms 46–47
6th	Ezekiel 9	Psalms 48
7th	Ezekiel 10	Psalms 49
8th	Ezekiel 11	Psalms 50
9th	Ezekiel 12	Psalms 51
10th	Ezekiel 13	Psalms 52–54
11th	Ezekiel 14	Psalms 55
12th	Ezekiel 15	Psalms 56–57
13th	Ezekiel 16	Psalms 58–59
14th	Ezekiel 17	Psalms 60–61
15th	Ezekiel 18	Psalms 62–63

READ WITH FAMILY

2 Samuel 12	2 Corinthians 5
2 Samuel 13	2 Corinthians 6
2 Samuel 14	2 Corinthians 7
2 Samuel 15	2 Corinthians 8
2 Samuel 16	2 Corinthians 9
2 Samuel 17	2 Corinthians 10
2 Samuel 18	2 Corinthians 11
2 Samuel 19	2 Corinthians 12
2 Samuel 20	2 Corinthians 13
2 Samuel 21	Galatians 1
2 Samuel 22	Galatians 2
2 Samuel 23	Galatians 3
2 Samuel 24	Galatians 4
1 Kings 1	Galatians 5
1 Kings 2	Galatians 6

DAY

READ IN SECRET

16th	Ezekiel 19	Psalms 64–65
17th	Ezekiel 20	Psalms 66–67
18th	Ezekiel 21	Psalms 68
19th	Ezekiel 22	Psalms 69
20th	Ezekiel 23	Psalms 70–71
21st	Ezekiel 24	Psalms 72
22nd	Ezekiel 25	Psalms 73
23rd	Ezekiel 26	Psalms 74
24th	Ezekiel 27	Psalms 75–76
25th	Ezekiel 28	Psalms 77
26th	Ezekiel 29	Psalms 78:1–37
27th	Ezekiel 30	Psalms 78:38ff
28th	Ezekiel 31	Psalms 79
29th	Ezekiel 32	Psalms 80
30th	Ezekiel 33	Psalms 81–82