

# *the* Vision

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SHALLOTTE  
OCTOBER 2023

## FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK WED 10/25

### FBCS ENGAGING at the Festivals

This past April FBCS participated in our first festival, the Days at the Docks at Holden Beach. Over 1,200 folks visited our booth at the festival! And yes that many had the opportunity to come closer to a relationship with Jesus!

Get ready FBCS for we have two wonderful festivals coming in October, and the opportunity to make His name known will be even greater. The Oyster Festival is expecting more than 12,000 guests, and the Festival by the Sea over 3,000 guests. So as Pastor Greg Laurie noted in his book *Tell Someone* – “Every follower of Jesus should be engaged when the occasion arises to share our faith and lead others to Christ.” So let us GET ENGAGED!!!

Each one of us can get engaged by volunteering to serve at one or both of these festivals. How can you serve? We need volunteers to set up and break down the FBCS booth, to be at the booth and engage those attending the festival and, most importantly, we need volunteers after the festivals to reconnect with those who stop by the booth. You can volunteer in any or all of these areas!

The first three Sundays in October, there will be information tables at the rear of the Worship Center where you can learn more and sign up to help. The Oyster Festival will on Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd, with a kick off event Friday, October 20th at 5:00pm. The Festival by the Sea will be Saturday, October 28th and Sunday, October 29th, with set up Friday afternoon October 27th.

Those who volunteer for the Oyster Festival will be admitted to the festival for free (admission for adults is \$5 otherwise). Volunteers who do not already have a FBCS SERVE TEAM t-shirt will receive one to wear at the festival and beyond. So sign up this Sunday!

For more information contact Don Evans at 910.880.9242 or donaldevans07@yahoo.com. ARE YOU READY TO ENGAGE?!



### Church Events

- Oct 1<sup>st</sup>—Homecoming  
Bring Side or Dessert,  
New Directories Available
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>—Pastor  
Appreciation Day
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>—Operation  
Christmas Child Shoebox  
Collection Kickoff
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm—Quarterly  
Ministry Meeting
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm—  
Ladies' Ministry Meeting  
Meal Provided
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm—  
Men's Ministry Meeting  
Meal Provided  
Speaker Travis Fassnacht
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am—  
2024 Proposed Budget  
Distribution
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm—  
2024 Proposed Budget  
Discussion
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30pm— Fall  
Festival
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 11am— Called  
Conference 2024 Budget Vote
- Tuesdays at 10am—Ladies'  
Bible Study  
at Homestyle Foods Restaurant



# October, Homecoming, and Remembering

As I write this, I am sitting in a small cottage nestled in a cove at Lake Norman. Kim and I decided a getaway was in order and needed new scenery and a quiet spot to recuperate. It's refreshing, calming, and secluded.

Secluded, but not isolated.

Our rental is like that old sweater you like so much. Comfortable for its familiarity and age. Dependable. A few threads, but no holes. A reminder of days past. But when you want to leave the house, you put it away and pull out the new stuff.

This cottage's neighbors are The New Stuff. It's clear that this little house was here first, and then a neighborhood moved in. Bigger homes were built around it. These houses stare down at the little cottage, perched above on knolls and hills, almost as if in contempt for this little place. Even a clubhouse oversees the passing cars on the winding road that connects the dots of driveways encircling the lake.

So, now the little cottage in the cove is pressed on every side by newness. But here's my point: FBCS should be more like this cottage in the cove and less like the houses on the hills around it.

## What's that got to do with church?

Newness is pressing in on us. On Christians, on the Church, and on culture. Progressivism preaches that because something is new, it is automatically better. But the truth is, "there is nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9).

People are just people, and sin is always sin. And the Bible remains our anchor in God's truth. Even so, we are pressed to compromise and to affirm behaviors that are clearly sinful.

Some churches and even whole denominations are accepting progressivism. We have seen its effect on the United Methodist Church. Once a great herald of the truth, the UMC splintered because leaders capitulated to progressivism. So hundreds of local congregations, refusing to give up the long-lasting anchor of biblical truth in favor of the newest fads moving into the neighborhood, departed from their denomination.

So, now you see what I am getting at. As far as I am concerned, no matter how pressing the neighborhood or the attraction of its newness or the voices that tell us to change our beliefs, FBCS will always remain the cottage in the cove.

Reliable, calm in a sea of confusion, and anchored in God's truth.

## That's why we have Homecoming Sunday

I bring this up as we turn the corner into the Fall of 2023 because we need to be reminded of who we are. That's what Homecoming Sunday is for.

As always, we will celebrate Homecoming on the first Sunday in October, so this year that will be October 1. Homecoming Sunday provides us a time to return to the reason we are here, and to celebrate the heritage that makes us who we are together in Christ.



Tara Evans, our Church Historian, will highlight some key moments in the life of our church. And she will set up a display in the entry of the church with glimpses of key people and benchmarks along the journey of our church family. And stay for lunch. When we share in fellowship, we celebrate our rich history.

As another reminder of who we are, you will be able to pick up your new pictorial directory the morning of Homecoming Sunday!

Homecoming is for all of us, whether your family has a deep heritage at FBCS or you are just getting started, because Homecoming Sunday reminds us that God has been at work in this church family since its beginning, and that each person He brings here is by His design. We are all connected by the work of God and the call to bring the Gospel to our generation (Matt. 28:19-20).

And this Homecoming Sunday is a reminder of the anchor we share in God's truth. I will focus on that in my message. Our heritage of faith is not based on whatever new idea or worldview comes along, but on the depth of the truths of God's Word. And whatever we face in this world, God's Word has the answer.

## Also in October

Along with Homecoming, October will bring other exciting chances to get plugged into what God is doing in our church and to affirm who we are as a church. Mark these events and opportunities on your calendar and be part of what God is doing in your church family:

### • Quarterly Ministry Meeting and Kings Hill Church

On the morning of October 8, we will kick off Operation Christmas Child for 2023! And then be present at our Quarterly Ministry Meeting on October 8 at 6 PM. Among other items, we will consider a partnership with Kings Hill Church in Boston. (For you history buffs, it was in October 2016 that we shifted to Quarterly Meetings, and at that first Quarterly meeting we adopted our partnership with Milestone Church).





# Deacon of the Week



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## ....October, Homecoming, and Remembering Who We Are Continued

Churches like Kings Hill are planted in one of America's most secular and progressive cultures. A partnership with them is a way to bring God's light to this darkness and to impact the next generation of American leaders for Christ.

- **Fall Festival**

Get ready for our Fall Festival! Hundreds from our community will descend on our campus October 25 as they enjoy the

Trunk or Treat displays, the games, the food, and the environment that you help create! This special night opens the door for the Gospel in lots of lives, and the Gideons will be handing out New Testaments. Sign up now to volunteer, host a trunk, and be sure to donate candy!

- **Proposed 2024 Budget**

On the evening of October 22 the Budget and Finance Team

will present the proposed 2024 Budget. This is the time set aside for you to ask questions and be informed so that you will be ready to vote in a called conference on the morning of October 29.

- **Kevin Gore's Ordination**

The Ordination Council for Kevin Gore will convene the afternoon of October 29 to meet with Kevin and consider recommending him to FBCS for

ordination to the Gospel Ministry. Pray for the Council and for Kevin as he takes this next step in his ministry journey!

So let's come together in October and celebrate who we are in Christ—as His church anchored in the truth of His Word!

With love in Christ,

Pastor Bob

## New To Our Family



Kyle & Michele  
DiSpirito  
Joined July 30



Steve & Beth My-  
ers  
Joined September 10



Ted & Bonnie  
Young  
Joined September 10



Jonathan Whitt  
Joined July 2



Jacqueline Goebel  
Joined September 10

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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		DAY	READ IN SECRET		READ WITH FAMILY		DAY	READ IN SECRET	
1 Kings 3	Ephesians 1	1st	Ezekiel 34	Psalms 83-84	1 Kings 20	1 Thessalonians 3	17th	Daniel 2	Psalms 106
1 Kings 4-5	Ephesians 2	2nd	Ezekiel 35	Psalms 85	1 Kings 21	1 Thessalonians 4	18th	Daniel 3	Psalms 107
1 Kings 6	Ephesians 3	3rd	Ezekiel 36	Psalms 86	1 Kings 22	1 Thessalonians 5	19th	Daniel 4	Psalms 108-109
1 Kings 7	Ephesians 4	4th	Ezekiel 37	Psalms 87-88	2 Kings 1	2 Thessalonians 1	20th	Daniel 5	Psalms 110-111
1 Kings 8	Ephesians 5	5th	Ezekiel 38	Psalms 89	2 Kings 2	2 Thessalonians 2	21st	Daniel 6	Psalms 112-113
1 Kings 9	Ephesians 6	6th	Ezekiel 39	Psalms 90	2 Kings 3	2 Thessalonians 3	22nd	Daniel 7	Psalms 114-115
1 Kings 10	Philippians 1	7th	Ezekiel 40	Psalms 91	2 Kings 4	1 Timothy 1	23rd	Daniel 8	Psalms 116
1 Kings 11	Philippians 2	8th	Ezekiel 41	Psalms 92-93	2 Kings 5	1 Timothy 2	24th	Daniel 9	Psalms 117-118
1 Kings 12	Philippians 3	9th	Ezekiel 42	Psalms 94	2 Kings 6	1 Timothy 3	25th	Daniel 10	Psalms 119:1-24
1 Kings 13	Philippians 4	10th	Ezekiel 43	Psalms 95-96	2 Kings 7	1 Timothy 4	26th	Daniel 11	Psalms 119:25-48
1 Kings 14	Colossians 1	11th	Ezekiel 44	Psalms 97-98	2 Kings 8	1 Timothy 5	27th	Daniel 12	Psalms 119:49-72
1 Kings 15	Colossians 2	12th	Ezekiel 45	Psalms 99-101	2 Kings 9	1 Timothy 6	28th	Hosea 1	Psalms 119:73-96
1 Kings 16	Colossians 3	13th	Ezekiel 46	Psalms 102	2 Kings 10	2 Timothy 1	29th	Hosea 2	Psalms 119:97-120
1 Kings 17	Colossians 4	14th	Ezekiel 47	Psalms 103	2 Kings 11-12	2 Timothy 2	30th	Hosea 3-4	Psalms 119:121-144
1 Kings 18	1 Thessalonians 1	15th	Ezekiel 48	Psalms 104	2 Kings 13	2 Timothy 3	31st	Hosea 5-6	Psalms 119:145-176
1 Kings 19	1 Thessalonians 2	16th	Daniel 1	Psalms 105					