

Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Kelly Coons
 2nd Sunday: Josh Becker
 3rd Sunday: Charles Gaffigan
 4th Sunday: Rhonard MacRae
 5th Sunday: Tony Silver

October Wedding Anniversaries

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| James & Jeanette Beach | 12 |
| Richard & Rachel Newton | 21 |
| Jimmie & Ruth Harris | 31 |



October Birthdays

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| Linda Brooks | | 2 |
| Kieran Becker | | 7 |
| James Beach | | 12 |
| Carl Epley | | 13 |
| Ellen Silver | | 15 |
| Larry Grant | | 23 |
| Lynda Davis | | 28 |



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Old Fort, NC

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THE VOICE

OCTOBER EVENTS

SUNDAY:

9:45 - Sunday School
 11 - Worship Service
 4 - Choir Practice
 6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth

WEDNESDAY:

6 - Adult Bible Study/Prayer, Youth, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends,
 7 - Choir Practice

Oct 1 - Lord's Supper 11 am; Personnel Committee Meeting 5 pm; Deacon's Meeting 7 pm

Oct 3 - Bible Study-Prophecy 7 pm & each Tuesday through November

Oct 4 - WMU 6 pm

Oct 7 - Old Fort Octoberfest

Oct 8 - Outreach Team & Nurse's Ministry Meeting 5 pm

Oct 9 - Columbus Day; Youth Fundraiser BBQ Lunch & Dinner 11 am-7 pm

Oct 11 - Hospitality Committee Meeting 7 pm

Oct 12 - Constitution Committee Meeting 7 pm

Oct 15 - Pastor Appreciation Lunch 12 Noon

Oct 19 - Decorating Committee Meeting 6 pm

Oct 20 - Newsletter Articles Due

Oct 22 - Church Council Meeting 5 pm; Quarterly Conference/Election of Messengers 6 pm

Oct 28 - Fall Health & Wellness Fair 9 am-2 pm; Trunk or Treat 6-8 pm

Oct 29 - 5th Sunday Singing 6 pm & Refreshments

Oct 30 - BRBA Annual Session at Pleasant Gardens BC 3 pm & 7 pm



I have just about gotten to the point that I don't watch the news anymore. Just about every story out there seems to have the sole purpose of bringing division, despair, and despondency. There just so much hate, so much death, so much evil in our world today. I think previous generations had a saying about a "hand basket" and where it was heading. Well, it appears that its acceleration has increased within the last 10-15 years.

Several years ago I took a class at Liberty on the subject of Christian Apologetics. I can still remember the reaction of many of my church (and blood) family. "I don't like that word. I shouldn't have to *apologize* for my faith in Christ." But apologetics doesn't mean apologize per say. Instead it means "to answer" or "give a reasonable defense." Not only is this something we should do, it is something we are commanded to do. "Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it" (1 Peter 3:15, *New Living Translation*). That is what apologetics is all about. Being about to give your testimony in a reasonable, loving way with a willingness to engage with lost people about the hope that you have in Jesus.

Unfortunately, many Christians in their engagement with the world around them fall into three faulty approaches, identified by Jimmy Williams in his essay *Apologetics and Evangelism*. I think most if not all of us are guilty of these approaches.

The first is "defensive" mode where we "shore up our defenses" to the changing world around us. We develop our own "sub-culture" with its "own language, literature, heroes, music, customs, and educational systems." Sure this gives us a sense of security in an unsure world, but how does this advance the Kingdom?

The second is the "defeatist" approach. The world has just gotten so bad and it's getting worse every day. I just don't see how little 'ole me can make a difference. Now I can relate to this (see above for reference), but does this really show the world that we serve a risen King that can make *all* the difference?

Finally, there's the "devotional" approach, which has been adopted by many a good-meaning Christian. With this we just let our testimony do the talking, because we may be the only Bible someone will read. Williams's criticism is the same as mine, we can't just expect a "changed life" to be our testimony if no one knows why our lives have changed. That's Peter's point. When someone asks you why, you need an answer. We need to give a reason. They might be able to argue with you about the minutia of faith, but they can't argue you're your story because it's *your* story. I would also add, if no one is asking, how effective is your lifestyle evangelism?

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Offertory Prayer:

1st Sunday: Alex Little
 2nd Sunday: Arthur Burnette
 3rd Sunday: Bob Smith
 4th Sunday: Susan Hoyle
 5th Sunday: Rhonard MacRae



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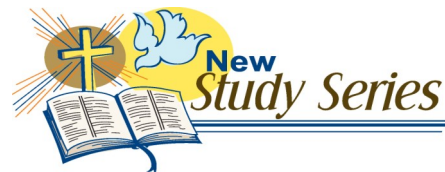


We will observe the
**Ordinance of the
Lord's Supper**
on **Sunday, October 1st**
at **11:00 am**

WELCOME
New Members

We welcome

Drew, Martha & Rebekah Dalton
Steve, Stephanie, Shea & Josh House
Don Sowers
Phillip & Jean Buchanan
who recently joined our fellowship



A Bible Study on Prophecy conducted by
Bob Smith will begin on **Tuesday, October 3rd** at **7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall and continue each Tuesday through the month of November.



The Youth will be having another fundraiser to help with the "Hearts on Fire" trip, lodging cost.

On Monday, October 9, they will be serving a BBQ plate for lunch or dinner (11 AM - 7 PM).

With Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the families of Ethel Griffin and Debbie Marlowe.

ATTENTION!
Groups and Committees

Recently, some events and meetings have been conducted that were not scheduled on the church calendar.

Please check with the church secretary, **before** you plan and announce an event or meeting, to make sure the church facility is available on the date needed so it can be scheduled on the church calendar. Thank you.



Sunday, October 22
at 5:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Church Council:

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| Pastor | Church Staff |
| Church Clerk | Deacon Chairman |
| Treasurer | SS Director |
| Building/Grounds Chairman | Prayer Ministry |
| Senior Adult Director | Security Chairman |
| Hospitality/Bereaved Rep. | WMU Director |
| Children's Council Rep. | Baptist Men's Director |
| Youth Council Rep. | |

The American Red Cross
Mobile Unit will be at our
Fall Health & Wellness Fair
Saturday, October 28th
9:00 am - 2:00 PM



To schedule an appointment
visit redcrossblood.org. or
call American Red Cross at
1-800-733-2767



Sunday, October 22
at 6:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall



Come join the Christmas Choir
and celebrate in song the birth of
Our Savior, Jesus Christ!

This year's cantata is
**O Come, Let Us
Adore Him**

Choir Rehearsals: Sunday at 4:00 pm &
Wednesday at 7:00 pm



First Baptist Church
of Old Fort
Saturday, October 28th
6-8 pm



Sunday, October 29, 2017
at 6:00 pm

**If you would like to participate
in this service please let
Stephen know by October 25.**

Refreshments following service.
Please bring your favorite finger food.
Drinks will be provided.

Blue Ridge Baptist Association
Eighty-Ninth Annual Session

Monday, October 30, 2017

Afternoon Session: 3:00 pm
Dinner Following Afternoon Session
Evening Session: 7:00 pm

Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church
214 Pleasant Gardens Church Road, Marion



Dear Sherry & Church Members,
Thank you for your gift to Shriner's Children
Hospital in memory of Clinton. I send my
love to everyone.

Hazel & Family

Dear First Baptist Church,
Thank you for sending such lovely flowers to
Mom's service. She loved her church and
was always ready to lend a hand, provide
food, and serve in any capacity until
Alzheimers robbed her of the ability to do so.

Thanks to the ladies on the Hospitality Com-
mittee for providing us with a delicious meal
prior to the service. Each of you helped us
through the sadness of losing our Mother.

Sincerely,
Family of Ethel Griffin

Dear Margie,
Thank you and the ladies on the Hospitality
Committee for providing lunch for our
family prior to Mom's funeral. This act of
kindness was very much appreciated and the
meal was delicious. Your expression of
sympathy will help ease our sadness.

Love,
Cathy

Many thanks to all who supported the Poor
Man's Supper, Youth Fundraiser. It was a
great success, but not without your help with
attending, donating, organizing, providing,
cooking, setup, serving, delivering and
cleanup efforts. For fear of leaving out a
name, we will not attempt to list everyone
individually, but if you fit in any of the above
categories, please know that your support is
very much appreciated.

THANK YOU
Youth & Youth Leaders

I would like to thank everybody for the
prayers, food, love and for everything you
have done. May God bless all of you.

Joyce Pugh