

Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Winston Riddle
2nd Sunday: Kelly Coons
3rd Sunday: Josh Becker
4th Sunday: Stephen Willie
5th Sunday: Mickey Gilliam

Offertory Prayer:

1st Sunday: Sherry Burnette
2nd Sunday: Bob Smith
3rd Sunday: Rhonard MacRae
4th Sunday: Tony Silver
5th Sunday: Arthur Burnette

September Wedding Anniversaries

Josh & Lisa Biddix 3
Bill & Juanita Ramsey 6
John & April Brooks 18
Allen Harris & Rebecca Bruner 21



September Birthdays

Betty Marston 3
Phil Buchanan 4
Thurlene Hogan 7
Lawrence Reel 7
Reece Yearly 9
Steve House 11
Rebekah Dalton 14
Josh House 16
Bob Smith 17
Stephen Willie 23
Masen Davis 27



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Reflections of a Shepherd

Change is not an easy thing, and it is something that is very difficult for most of us. Sure, we may like the idea of a new start with a job or the next grade in school. I'm told that there are some people out there that actually enjoy the idea of rearranging the furniture in your house, just to "keep things fresh." (I'm looking at you Martha.) Many of us like the furniture where it is already, if we had wanted it somewhere else, we would have put it there to begin with! But I digress. Change is something that is trying, even painful; it is also something that is inevitable.

Here in the Dalton house we are facing two very big changes, and I don't like them one bit. Sure I know that they are necessary, even for the betterment of our children; but that doesn't mean that I have to like them. First of all, our littlest, Hannah is going to preschool and beginning her journey of education. For the last year and a half, Hannah has been home with Martha. I'm going to miss the tromping of little feet, the giggles as she plays quietly in her room, the mischievous look she gets when she gets in her sisters' stuff, and, yes, even the wave of destruction left in the path of our little "Hurricane Hannah." I know it's what is best for her. I know that it means she's growing up. But I don't have to like it, and you can't make me!

But it's not just Hannah that is beginning a new stage, Rebekah is too. This year is the start of middle school and I'm dreading it. My time in middle school was by far the most difficult three years of my public school journey. I hated it;

and I dread hating it for her. But that's not the real reason I'm upset about her starting West Middle. The real reason I'm dreading it is that it is just another reminder that my little girl is not so little anymore. Yes, my little girl, my first-born, is becoming (sigh, gulp) a woman. And. I. Don't. Like. It. I want to keep her my sweet little girl. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not one of these people that never wants to let his kids grow up. I'm not. Really, I'm not. I just know that middle school is beginning of the death of her childhood. Right now, she is still star-eyed about all things Disney, still excited about what Santa brought her, still rather innocent about the birds and the bees. I want to keep her here, in her childhood, where I can protect her, where I know she's safe. But I can't, and it scares me.

The only thing that can bring me any kind of solace is resting in the knowledge of two things. The Lord God loves my little girls more than I possibly ever could; and He *never* changes. The world around me might change, drastically at times; but God never changes. Specifically, He never changes about the way He loves, secures, and protects His children (sometimes even from Himself). Malachi tells us, "[for I, the LORD do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.](#)" So when the world around you is changing, changing so fast that it's hard for you to even keep your head above water; always remember that God loves you, He is in control; and that will never change.

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Sept 1 - No Evening Service or Activities (Labor Day Holiday)

Sept 2 - Labor Day (Office Closed)

Sept 4 - Wednesday Meal 5-6 pm; WMU, Baptist Men 6 pm

Sept 8 - Deacon's Meeting 7 pm

Sept 9 - Youth-Poor Man's Supper Fundraiser

Sept 11 - Wednesday Meal 5-6 pm

Sept 15 - All Committees Meeting 5 pm

Sept 18 - Wednesday Meal 5-6 pm

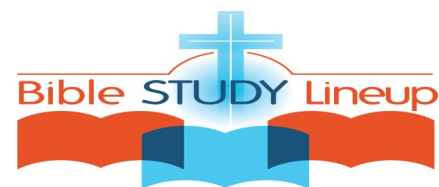
Sept 20 - Newsletter Articles Deadline

Sept 25 - See You at the Pole; Wednesday Meal 5-6 pm

Sept 29-Oct 2 - Fall Revival 11am & each night at 6 pm



**No Evening Service or Activities
On Sunday September 1.
The Church Office will be closed
Monday, September 2.**



Wednesday Night Bible Study
Sept. 4th- Missions Night
Sept. 11th- James
Sept. 18th- 1st Peter
Sept. 25th- 2nd Peter

Sunday Night Bible Study
Sept. 1st- No Services (Labor Day)
Sept. 8th- Elohim- The Creator God
Sept. 15th- Yahweh- The Covenant LORD
Sept. 22nd- Adonai- Our Lord & Master
Sept. 29th- Revival



The Outreach Team will be collecting needed classroom supplies for Old Fort Elementary during September. A tote will be located in the foyer for your contributions of the following supplies:

- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Clorox Wipes
- ◆ Pump Hand Soap
- ◆ Dry Erase Markers
- ◆ Zip Lock Bags (gallon & quart)



The Wednesday Meals are served from 5-6 pm.

13-Adult \$5.00
Kids 6-12 \$3.00
5 and Under Free

Everyone is invited!

**YOUTH POOR MAN'S SUPPER
FUNDRAISER**

September 9, 2019



For more information
see Josh or Nova



Hope in Christ Counseling

**Benefit Golf
Tournament**

09-07-19 @ 1:00 PM
LINVILLE FALLS
GOLF CLUB

MARION, NC
Hole in one chance to win \$10K
4 Man Captain's Choice
Entry Fee: \$200 per team
Contact: Robert Gay

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**Church
Committees**

All Committees Meeting

Sunday, September 15
5:00 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

If you are serving on a committee
for the 2019-2020 year your pres-
ence is requested at this meeting.



A total of 19 units were collected
on August 13, 2019.

*Thank you to the volunteers
from our church who made all
the donors feel comfortable.*



Fresh and crisp underfoot,
my feet love to walk
on top of September's path
where leaf's begin to talk.

As summer drifts to sleep,
fall changes its golden color
and the full beauty of Autumn
unfolds all of its fiery wonder.

Soon the rains will come,
damping my beautiful Autumn
and the fallen leaves will melt
into Winter's chilly slumber.

I love September . . .
with all its fallen leaves
I love how they remind me,
to Jesus, I must always cleave!



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much. The Drop In time was an enjoyable
time to just visit with one another and realize how blessed
I have been to be a part of such a loving and caring family
of God.

May each of you be blessed as you glorify God in all you
do.

So thankful for you,
David

Dear Bereavement Committee,
Thank you so very much for all the food and going to a lot
of trouble bringing it to Mom's house during our loss of
Phillip. You can't know how much we all appreciated it.

We love our church and all the support we have received.
May God bless you,
The Family of Phillip Harmon



Church Picnic
at the Carson House
October 6th

Youth BBQ Fundraiser
October 14th

Youth Car Wash
October 19

BRBA Annual Session
October 28th

Fall Festival
October 31