



A Message from Pastor Eric

Be the Church

September has always been an enjoyable month for me as a pastor as people come back from summer vacations, the pews begin to fill again, and I get to see faces I've missed over the past few months (often tanner and more relaxed than the last time I saw them). In a sense, it's a time of new beginnings because families are accustomed to a pattern of kids moving up a grade, routines go back to more predictable patterns, and the days begin to change. Even though things at church continued to be busy throughout the summer with camps, VBS, outreach events, and more, there is an anticipation and excitement that things are about to shift into another gear in our ministries this fall. As you've heard me say several times already this year, God has been doing some great things at First Baptist Creedmoor, and I believe the momentum we've built over the past several months will continue to grow as we come into the Fall.

This Fall we will be studying the book of Acts and looking at the beginnings of the Church, and what we can learn about being the church from the early believers. The disciples who had followed Jesus for three years were suddenly faced with the task of taking Christ's message and sharing it not just with their neighbors and in their city, but also taking it to other cities and nations, even to the ends of the earth. They depended on their relationship with God and on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help them know how to be the Church. They did not have the benefit of years of tradition, already built facilities, organizations, and customs to tell them how to live as the community of believers. The book of Acts shows us the process God led them through to become the Church, and with all its ups and downs, it has become a model for us to study and follow even two thousand years later. Throughout this series we will see how God led His people to become the Church through radical faith, amazing miracles, strong community ties, bold witnessing, chronic persecution, extreme generosity, complete life transformation, and unequalled love for each other. God still wants His people to Be The Church by following their example. I hope you will join us over the next several months, and that you will be the church with us so that we can reach Granville and beyond with the amazing news of God's salvation.



At First Baptist Church Creedmoor, there is a place for everyone!

Ministry Teams and Committee Fair

Please mark your calendars for our special Ministry Teams and Committees Fair on Wednesday, September 14th. This will be an event you don't want to miss as we present all of the different ways you can get plugged in at FBCC. Dinner will be served in our Family Life Center at 6:30 for this event, so we hope that you can be here!



September Birthdays

Lukas Pauplis, 1
Pamela Andrews, 2
Janet Player, 11
Brian Fisher, 17
Jeff Faucette, 18
Grayson Paynter, 19
Neal Woodlief, 19
Katelyn Mann, 21
Homer Grause, 24
Billy Fisher, 25

Brenda Lawler, 26
David Bailey, 27
Bennie Goodwin, 27
Nilda CaBan-Soto, 28
Jim Nelms, 28
Don Washington, 28
Kim Talley, 30

September Anniversaries

Dennis & Carolyn Wooten, 4
Jeff & Betsy Faucette, 6
Kenneth & Sue Woodlief, 21
Wesley & Connie Separk, 22
Robby & Terrie Roberson, 30

If your name or someone in
your family is not in the list
please call the office to update
your information.

Upcoming Events for September 2022

Sept. 3, Thrift Shop Closed
Sept. 8, Boston Mission Trip depart
Sept. 11, Boston Mission Trip arrive
Sept. 11, 6:30pm Missions Meeting @ Mann's House
Sept. 14, 6:30pm Committee Volunteering Fair
Sept. 17, Creedmoor Music Festival
Sept. 19, Flat River Assoc. Meeting
Sept. 25, 12:05pm Deacons Board Meeting

Taking the Gospel to Southern Granville and beyond...



Wednesday Nights:

Awana will be starting back on Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 where kids will get the opportunity to study the bible, memorize verses, and play games each Wednesday.

Dive will be starting a new series called "Amplify: Growing a Faith that lasts" where students will be taking a look at what it means to live faithfully in a world that will tempt you not to.

Fall Retreat: Dive will be heading to Fort Caswell for our fall retreat November 4th – 6th. Students will learn that as Christians, we are called to be the salt and light of the earth. The world needs to hear this message now more than ever! We are going to take a deep dive into what the Bible teaches us about this important mission. We will spend a weekend looking at what it means to be the salt and light.

Wintercamp: Creedmoor Kids will be heading to Camp Caraway for Wintercamp on January 14th – 16th, 2023. Our kids will have the opportunity study God's word, compete in challenges that help them unify together, and worship God all weekend long.

FBC Academy; Our Annual Harvest Day will be on October 8th, from 9am-12pm.

We will have Silent Auction, Multiple Raffle items, Local Vendors, Carnival Food, Inflatables, Hayrides, Live Animals, Crafts and Games.

Message from our Deacon Chair Toni Anne

"Church Community"

As we transition into the Fall season from the active days of summer, what a great time to focus on our church community as it is the special place to support, encourage and motivate each other through our actions, words and deeds. There are many opportunities around us to build and strengthen our church family. The devotional I have chosen, "When We Gather Together" gives us food for thought on sharing company to build community.

Team Deacon prayerfully serves with you and for you.

**Please be in prayer for the upcoming Deacon nominations during the first three Sundays of September. If you feel lead to nominate someone, prayerfully consider talking with them soon.*

Devotional from Our Daily Bread

"When We Gather Together"

By: Kirsten Holmberg

Read: Hebrews 10:19-25

Let us not neglect our meeting together, . . . but encourage one another. Hebrews 10:25 NLT

Denmark is among the happiest countries in the world, according to the World Happiness Report. The Danes weather their lengthy, dark winters by gathering with friends to share a warm drink or a gracious meal. The word they use for the feelings associated with those moments is hygge (hoo-gah). Hygge helps them offset the impact of enjoying less sunlight than their counterparts at lower latitudes. By circling around a simple table with loved ones, their hearts are nourished.

The writer of Hebrews encourages gathering together as a community. He acknowledges that there will be difficult days—with challenges far more significant than the weather—requiring those who follow Christ to persevere in faith. Though Jesus has made certain our acceptance by God through our faith in the Savior, we may struggle against shame or doubt or real opposition. By gathering together, we have the privilege of encouraging one another. When we're sharing company, we're able to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds," which bolsters our faith (Hebrews 10:24).

Gathering with friends doesn't assure us of a ranking on a "happiness report." It is, however, something the Bible offers as a means to bear us up in faith under the common frustrations of life. What a wonderful reason to seek out the community of a church or to open our homes—with an attitude of Danish simplicity—to nourish one another's hearts!

How has gathering together with others encouraged you? Who can you encourage with an open heart?

Thank You, God, that I can encourage other believers and be encouraged by them when we gather together.

Prayer Concerns

- * Jacky Bullock health concerns
- * Ron Harrell - kidney stone and digestive and bladder issues
- * David Bailey with upcoming hip surgery
- * Anna Laura Warren - melanoma in eye and upcoming surgery
- * Patricia Chapman, health concerns
- * Kay Adams - health issues
- * Anthea Hagwood, health concerns
- * Judy James, health concerns
- * Mary and LA Veasy, health concerns
- * Bobby King - undergoing cancer treatment
- * David Andrews and Pam with health concerns

Sunday School Focus!

If you are looking for building connections, relationships, and growing Biblical knowledge with other church family members in a small group setting for all ages, then Sunday School is the answer each Sunday at 9:45 am.

This is your special Sunday School invitation.

Remember, there is a class for YOU.

General Sunday School - Toni Anne Wheeler, Director