

"THE LETTER" E-Newsletter September 2011

First Baptist Church Of Spring Hope

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Sundays

Coffee & Fellowship - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

(Head) Ronnie Proctor Richard Williams
Al Pitts Kendall Parker

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

4th Elmo & Mary Edwards/Arthur & Lillian Morgan
11th Mrs. Virginia Farr Memorial
18th OPEN
25th OPEN

NURSERY WORKERS FOR SEPTEMBER

4th Allison Pitts
11th Nicole Moss
18th Tori Parker
25th Stephanie Moss

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1st Linda Brantley
September 3rd Sarah Purkerson
September 4th Glenn Edwards
September 5th C. G. Frazier
September 6th B.C. Wiggs
September 9th Nicole Moss

September 12th Lori Moore
September 18th Hannah Moore
September 20th Paula Proctor
September 21st Sylvia Williams
September 28th James Denton

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST BAPTIST

At 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday:

Bible Study in fellowship hall

At 7 p.m. every Wednesday:

Adult Choir Practice in fellowship hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Choir Practice: Please return to Adult Choir Practice! Regular practice will resume on September 7th at 7:00 pm.

Special Called Business Meeting: We will have a special called business meeting immediately after worship service on Sunday, September 11th for the purpose of electing officers and a deacon for the new church year. Copies of the Nominating Committee Report may be picked up after worship service on September 4th.

Community Singing: "God Bless America Community Singing" Sunday, Sept. 11th (9/11) at 6:00 pm. This is a special date in our country and hope you will plan to remember it with us!

TRBA- Pastor, Deacon and Spouse Dinner: Pastor, Deacon and Spouse Dinner will be on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 pm. For further information about the location please call TRBA at (919)-496-7172.

FBC - Active Deacon/Spouse Dinner: Deacon's and their spouses will meet for Dinner at Rib Eyes in Nashville on Sunday, September 18th at 6:00pm.

***** Newsletter Deadline –September 19th *****

NC Baptist Aging Ministry: FBC will partner with the NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) in efforts to assist seniors in learning about and making application for some of the Extra Help that is available. Many seniors can receive assistance on prescription medication (which could be a substantial financial savings) if they simply made application. So mark your calendars seniors to come on one of the designated days to enquire about this Extra Help! This event will be located at First Baptist Church of Spring Hope, 111 N. Walnut St., on October 3rd & 4th, from 9:00am-1:00pm. Please use side-door entrance (also handicapped entrance).

Homecoming 2011: Reverend Jody Griffin will be our guest speaker for our Homecoming service on Sunday, October 16th. Please come and join us for a time of great worship and a time of great fellowship during our traditional fellowship meal after worship service.

FBC -Website: Our website is presently being updated! If you have news or photos that you would like to share from recent church events, please send all information and photos to jennifer@jmphippdesigns.com



WMU EVENTS

WMU September Project: WOM News! Let's continue to work on getting our "Operation Christmas Child Boxes" in and remember you don't need to wrap them in Christmas paper anymore. Include a \$7.00 check in the offering plate in the brochures that are provided, which have been placed in the Fellowship Hall, Office Foyer, and Sanctuary. You will be blessed! Thanks so much to everyone who brought school supplies for the needy children in the Spring Hope area.

Pink Sunday: We will observe Pink Sunday on October 9th. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please join us on October 9th in observance of those in our congregation who have lost their battle with this disease, those who are presently battling this disease or for those who have won the fight. Come join us for Worship Service on this designated Sunday and show your support and concern for this cause. We ask that our members where something pink to show our support!

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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4	5 OFFICES CLOSED HAPPY LABOR DAY!	6	7 Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm	8	9	10
11 "God Bless America Community Singing" 6:00 pm Women's Prayer Evangelism Conference @ Ridgecrest 11 th - 12 th	12	13 WOM Meeting 7:00 pm Week of Prayer/Offering for NC State Missions September 13 th - 20 th	14 Church Council Meeting 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm	15	16	17
18 Deacon/Spouse Dinner @ Rib Eyes 6:00pm	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21 Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00pm	22	23	24
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Interim Message

I am happy to be back as interim pastor at Spring Hope. This is my third term as your interim and I look forward to continuing the good relationship we have had over the years. The first Sunday I was your interim pastor was the first Sunday Brandon Pitts was brought to church. Now he is regularly an usher. Most of the cute little girls who made up much of the group for the children's sermons are fine young ladies now. That is good.

Not everything is good, however. When I first became interim pastor, Spring Hope had more people over ninety years old than any church I had ever served. Several of them came to church every week, even on Wednesday nights. None of them are still with us. Over the last twelve years, the church has lost many other beloved members. That is sad.

Those of us who are still here, both those who have grown up and are growing up in the church and those who have come more recently, need to redouble our efforts to keep the church healthy and thriving. For some, that means continuing to fill the roles you have filled for years. For others, that may mean filling new roles. For example, I noticed in the bulletin that the nominating committee is looking for someone to assume the role of church clerk. This is an important position that several of you would be able to fill very well. I hope by the time you read this message, the role will be filled. If not, someone able to fill it should consider accepting it.

Just as we are in the beginning of a school year, we are about to begin a new church year. We should welcome the opportunity to start fresh, to start with a "clean slate." The phrase "clean slate" refers to the ancient practice of wiping off the slate on which students had written so that they could write something new. (I'm old, but not quite old enough to have used a slate myself.) The new church year is a good time to take a fresh look at our role as members of the church and at the life and work of our church. We can be more diligent in searching out opportunities for ministry, more faithful in being stewards of our time and resources and more constant in attending to the needs of our church and ourselves, including the need for our presence at worship services. I look forward to continuing the effort with you.

Dr. Fred Grissom

Deadline for entries in "THE LETTER" E-Newsletter: The 3rd Monday of each month.
Printed copies are available in the church Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

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