

A Word from Matt

September marks the beginning of the church year. While we don't throw a party, it is a significant event in the life of our church each year. The start of a new church year affords you a valuable opportunity to get involved in new areas in the life of the church. It also gives us time to reflect on all that God has done and seek God's guidance for the future.

There is much to be thankful for in our life as a church. Each week God is honored in our worship services. God is bringing new faces to our church family. For 2025 our worship attendance on Sunday morning is averaging 165. All of this is reason to give thanks to God. However, while God is blessing, there are always places where improvements can be made. While our Sunday worship attendance is averaging 165, our Sunday School attendance is averaging around 70 each week. While this is not a small number, it is an area where we need to seek improvement. So, as we begin a new church year, let me encourage you to be a part of a Sunday School Bible Study class. There are many reasons for being a part of a Sunday School class but let me point out just three big reasons.

1) Discipleship

Sunday school is a wonderful time to study God's word together. The lessons and discussions in the various classes are designed to help you grow in your faith and to help you become more like Jesus. Jesus called disciples and he calls us to make disciples. While we can study the Bible alone, we grow in exponential ways when we study the Bible with other folks together and Sunday School provides a powerful means of group discipleship.

2) Fellowship

Sunday School classes are the best way to get to know other people in the church. For half an hour or more on Sunday you get to be with people in a concentrated way. You can share prayer concerns and the goings on of life. Most Sundays you will hear laughter coming from our Sunday School rooms and there have been times when tears have been shed by groups together. This fellowship is something that you cannot put a price tag on and something that I personally find invaluable.

3) Outreach

Believe it or not, Sunday School was developed as a means of growing the church. Sunday School is the best means I have ever found for bringing and incorporating new people into the life of the church. If you have a friend who needs to see Christians in action or needs to hear the good news of the Gospel, Sunday School provides a safe and small environment where they can get to know others and be a part of a group.

There are other benefits of Sunday School but let me encourage you, if you are not part of a class, to come and be a part of one. We meet every Sunday Morning at 9:30. If you don't know what class to go to, try each of them out and I can assure you; you will find a class that is where you need to be. I hope to see you on Sunday!

For His Glory,
Matt

On Sunday, August 31, we ask all committees to meet immediately following the morning worship service and choose a chairperson for the committee.

The Property and Grounds Committee will meet in the 3-5 Grades Class (former Old Men's Class)

Recreation Committee will meet in the Choir Room

Mission House Committee will meet in the Mother's Class

Hospitality Committee will meet in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Hall Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Brotherhood/Handyman Ministry will meet in the Word Room, (by the stairs)

Please select a chairperson and put their name in the dropbox so we will know who to contact!

*In Honor and
Memory*

GIDEON BIBLES

In Honor of: Chris & Tammy Kiser
Cheri Carpenter
Cindy Self
Bill & Jane Maunzy
Johnny Pearson
Josh Pearson
Mark & Jennifer Pearson
Joyce Hoffman (92nd Birthday)

By: Debbie & Johnny Pearson

In Memory of: Margaret Hastings
Tom Kinman's Mother
Lester & Pansy Self
Bud & Janet Self
Robert & Dorothy Pearson
Carolyn Turner
Sara Babb
Lois Pence
Barbara Parker
Susie Jenkins
Bob Carpenter
Alex Humphries

By: Debbie & Johnny Pearson

GIDEON BIBLES

In Memory of: Elaine Hallman
By: Second Baptist Church
Bill & Kathy Black
Vickie Walker
Chris & Tammy Kiser
Johnny & Debbie Pearson
Bill & Kathy Black

CARE TEAM

In Memory of: Greg Ford
By: Joette Ford



Second Baptist Church would like to extend our sympathy to:
Garland Hallman on the death of his wife....Elaine Hallman



New Members

Please make these changes to your Church Directory:

Austin & **Layn** Treadway
1209 Requa Road
Cherryville, NC 28021
Austin: (704) 477-2938
Layn: (704) 740-6867

Rita & Robert Conner

140 Gatewood Drive
Lawndale, NC 28090



September 10, 2025

The Happy Hearts will be going to
Bones Jones in Morganton.

The Bus will leave at 10:30am.
Please sign up on the Happy Hearts
board in the back hallway.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of God will stand forever.
Isaiah 40:8



We will celebrate our **85TH HOMECOMING**
on Sunday, **September 28!**

We will have a meal following the service. Please bring a
generous filled basket so that we will have enough
for our visitors!

Former Pastor, Rev. Jerry Lail, will be our Guest Preacher

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His
handiwork. Psalm 19:1

*We will be recognizing the following church members or attendees that have passed away
from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, during our Homecoming Service. We need
a picture to display on the screen by September 21.*

Margaret Hastings



Barbara Parker



Claine Hallman



Dear Second Baptist Church,

I continue to adjust to my husband's death, April 4, 2024, I know he is in God's hands. I am blessed that we were married for 64 years. My grandson "14 years" old had a heart transplant in 2024. He is doing extremely well. Another wonderful blessing. My granddaughter (28) her leukemia is in remission! I am thankful for your Care Group and thankful for our God who is always with me and all who accept Him.

Thank you for your continual support and love. The cards and inserts are a blessing. Your dedication and love for me and others are a wonderful way to reach out to others and share God's love. I appreciate your kindness!

Love,
Annette Clark

Church Family,

Thank you for everything. We appreciate the weekly cards; they are so beautiful. We love Second Baptist and pray for everyone. Thank you all so much!

Love,
Eunice Whitworth & Cleatus

Dear Second Baptist Family,

From the very beginning of my cancer journey, you have surrounded me with an outpouring of prayer, love and encouragement that has carried me through some of the hardest days of my life. Every card, every kind word and every whispered prayer has been a reminder of God's faithfulness and the beauty of the body of Christ. It is with a heart overflowing with gratitude and joy that I share the wonderful news from my recent scan, I AM CANCER FREE! Praise be to God! This victory is not mine alone, but a testimony to the power of prayer and the strength of a faith-filled community that refused to stop believing for my healing.

To each of you – the prayer warriors, the encouragers, the ones who stood in the gap when my own strength wavered – Thank you!!! Your compassion has been a reflection of Christ's love in my life. I am forever grateful for the way you have walked beside me through this valley. May God bless you abundantly for the seeds of faith you've sown into my life. I look forward to continuing to serve Him with the same hope and love you have poured into me.

With love and deepest thanks,
Alexia Mackey

Dear Church Family,

It is such comfort and brings me much joy to know that you are praying for me! My life and my health are both a challenge but every card I receive is exactly what our Lord wanted you to send to me! I love and miss each of you and pray that you each receive blessings overflowing for your kindness!!!

Phyllis Powell

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the entire family. Thank you for the love and kindness you have shown our family during this time of loss. It warmed our hearts that you cared for us by preparing a meal for our family after my Mom's funeral. It was delicious and so very kind.

Sincerely,
G. Henry Hallman



Save the Dates
Saturday, October 11
Fall Festival

October 31
Trunk or Treat