

October 2023

# NEWSLETTER

First Baptist Church Geneva

## Black & Gold Day

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM

First Baptist Church Geneva



**Rev. Willie Spears**  
Guest Speaker



Tailgate Food & Fellowship  
following the Morning Worship.

Join us as First Baptist Church Celebrates  
Geneva High School's Student Athletes.

**Wear your black and gold!**

First Baptist Church Geneva  
309 S Commerce Street // Geneva, AL

## Black and Gold Day

FBC will provide the following:

BBQ Pork, Chicken Tenders,  
Chicken Salad, Rotel, Rolls,  
and drinks.

We ask that our Sunday School  
classes bring the following:

### Dessert:

Preschool/Nursery Class  
K, 1st & 2nd Grade Class  
3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Class  
Youth  
Esther

### Tailgate Items:

Young Ladies Class  
Young Men's Class  
Adult I Class  
Open Door Class

If you are not part of a Sunday  
School class, we ask that you bring  
your favorite tailgate item or a  
dessert.

**SEND GOOD NEWS GREAT JOY**

**PACK A SHOEBOX**

**Samaritan's Purse**  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

**Cost for Shoebox Postage: \$10 per box**

**Operation Christmas Child Dates:**

**November 5, 5 PM: Shoebox Packing Party and Supper**

We will plan to pack 250 shoeboxes at the Packing Party.

Donations are being accepted to buy the items for shoeboxes and postage.

You may also assemble your own box.

**November 10: Final Day to Accept Shoeboxes**



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Several weeks are available in the coming year for weekly Altar Flowers. If you would like to change your week or drop your week, please call the church office. If you would like to be added to the list to supply flowers, please call the church office. Church Office: 334.684.9910

**October 8 and 22 Are Open**

**October 15: 10/08:**

In Honor of All Geneva City School Students & Athletes  
by The Crews, Bynum, and Johnson Families

**October 29:**

In Memory of Rev. and Mrs. B.A. Lambert by the Mitchum Family

**November 5:**

In Memory of Mr. Lamar Vaughn, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Callaway, Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Vaughn,  
Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Callaway and Miss Peggy Callaway  
by Mrs. Lamar Vaughn

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OCTOBER UPDATES



Our children enjoyed three great Sunday Revival events with emphasis on: Glow In The Dark: Worry-Warts (Jesus is the Light of the World); Stinky Days (story of Job); and S'More, S'More Prayers (Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication). Thanks to parents who brought their children and thanks to our church family for always supporting our children's ministry with your help and prayers.

We have already started practicing our **Children's Christmas Musical**, "Bethlehem Express," on Wednesday nights so please make every effort to be present as much as possible. We will be scheduling some extra rehearsals in the near future so that the children are well prepared for the production on **Wednesday, December 13**. Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this wonderful musical.

Our new Wednesday Night Pick-up seems to be working well and we appreciate everyone's patience as we strive to do whatever is necessary to keep our children safe as they enter and exit church activities.

Below is the schedule of lessons that our children and preschoolers will be learning during the month of October. We encourage you as parents to discuss these topics with your children in order to further expand their understanding of what the Bible teaches on these subjects:

### **Children's Church Lessons:**

- October 1: Communion (1 Corinthians 11:24-26)
- October 8: Tithing (Malachi 3:10)
- October 15: Rapture (Matthew 24:42)
- October 22: The Danger of Talking With a Stranger (Matthew 4:1)
- October 29: Halloween (Leviticus 19:31)
- November 5: How to Be a Disciple (Luke 14:27)

### **Children Wednesday Night Lessons:**

- October 4: The King's Dream (Daniel 2)
- October 11: God's Gift To Me (Acts 4:12)
- October 18: God's Promise to Abraham (Genesis 12-13)
- October 25: Abraham and Sarah Have a Baby (Genesis 17)
- November 1: Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24)

### **Preschool Wednesday Night Lessons:**

- October 4: Fourth Day of Creation (Genesis 1:14-19)
- October 11: Fifth Day of Creation (Genesis 1:20-23)
- October 18: Sixth and Seventh Days of Creation (Genesis 1:24 – 2:2)
- October 25: Abraham and Sarah Have a Baby (Genesis 17)
- November 1: Rebekah Marries Isaac (Genesis 24)

**Background Checks (initial and renewal) Forms have been passed out to all volunteers in the Children's Ministry areas.** If you have not yet completed your forms, please make an effort to get those turned in to me or to the church office as soon as possible. We are committed to the safety and security of your children so we appreciate your cooperation to get these turned in. We are blessed with great volunteers and we want you to know how thankful we are for all that you do!



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SEPTEMBER UPDATES (continued)

We are super excited to be adding some painted MURALS to the 3rd Floor Children's Wing and to the Preschool and Nursery Rooms. The painting starts the first week of October and should be completed by the end of October or beginning of November. We know you will love the murals and the excitement that it brings to our children's ministry.

**Christmas Shoeboxes: We've set a goal of packing 250 shoeboxes this year but we need your help to ensure we meet our goal.** This year, church leadership decided that we would purchase (in bulk) items needed to pack the shoeboxes. Please consider designating funds to help us meet our goal. The children's VBS offering will be used to help pay for the items and shipping but we still need about \$2,500 - \$3,000 to cover all costs of filling and shipping the 250 boxes. We will have a Shoebox Packing Party with Dinner on Sunday night, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. This is a wonderful time of ministry and fellowship so please make plans to attend.



**Our Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 29, with a Chili Cook-off Dinner, Game Booths, Hayride, Campfire Bible Story, and ending with Trunk or Treat Booths on the 2nd Floor again this year.** Signup sheets will be in the Welcome Room, Foyer, and Sunday School rooms so please be sure to sign up to help in these areas. Also, we'll be collecting individually wrapped candies for the Fall Festival – please drop off at the church office or in the Welcome Room.

Fall Festival  
Sunday, October 29

## ROTATIONS

### Nursery Workers Rotation

- 10/01:** Hannah Tidwell, Anna Padgett,  
Allison Crews  
**10/08:** Hanna Waldner, Jennifer Knowles, Abby Crews  
**10/15:** Renee Clemmons, Beth Stough, Loren McKnight  
**10/22:** Chelsea Smith, Jami Seay, Michelle Sanders  
**10/29:** Krissy Gilmore, Emily Ammons,  
Hanna Commander  
**11/05:** Shayla Finch, Katie Warren, Melanie Adkison

### Children's Church

- 10/01:** Sonya McLaney  
**10/08:** Katie Warren  
**10/15:** Allison Crews  
**10/22:** Haley McCoy  
**10/29:** Sue Earley  
**11/05:** Michelle Cooley

### Security Rotation

- 10/01:** Brent Johnson, Tony Knowles  
**10/08:** Brad McCoy, Phillip Mixon  
**10/15:** Brad Bynum, Kerry McLaney  
**10/22:** Terry Aycock, Wade Green  
**10/29:** Marvin Salter, Sam Sharpe

### Deacons In Service

- 10/01:** Ricky Beck, Keith Owen, Jason Padgett  
**10/08:** Jeffrey Adkison, Joey Stephens, Randal White  
**10/15:** Mickey Bennett, Freddy Martin, Larry Sharpe  
**10/22:** Greg Adams, Ricky Bennett, Jack Commander  
**10/29:** Michael Crews, Toby Seay

### Ushers

- 10/01:** Donnie Chesteen, Allen Mote,  
Todd Mote, Jason Padgett  
**10/08:** Baylor McKnight, Brigham McKnight,  
Randal White, Cooper White  
**10/15:** Donnie Chesteen, Rufus Kervin,  
Larry Sharpe, Sam Sharpe  
**10/22:** Lawson Adams, Jack Commander,  
Al Folsom, George Folsom  
**10/29:** Michael Crews, Shawn Gilmore,  
Shawn Thomas Gilmore, Adam Howell

### Greeter

- 10/01:** Ricky Beck  
**10/08:** Jeffrey Adkison  
**10/15:** Mickey Bennett  
**10/22:** Greg Adams  
**10/29:** Toby Seay

If not able to make your appointed time, please call someone else on the list and swap with them.

### Wednesday Night Children:

- 10/04:**  
**Bible Lesson:** Lori Shortt, Allison Crews  
**Rec:** Dawn Wilks  
**Bible Drill:** Mallory Mixon, Brandie Hall  
**Music Helper:** Jami Seay  
**Check In/Out:** Allison Crews  
**Playground:** Brandie Hall  
**Pre-K:** Karol Beck

### 10/11:

- Bible Lesson:** Lori Shortt, Jess Russell  
**Rec:** Randal White, Dennis Russell  
**Bible Drill:** Chelsie Dean, Hannah Tidwell  
**Music Helper:** Bridgett White  
**Check In/Out:** Bridgett White  
**Playground:** Chelsie Dean  
**Pre-K:** Mikala Smith

### 10/18:

- Bible Lesson:** Lori Shortt, Krissy Gilmore  
**Rec:** Chad and Loren McKnight  
**Bible Drill:** Abbie Kay Thompson,  
Renee Clemmons  
**Music Helper:** Michelle Miller  
**Check In/Out:** Mandy Precise  
**Playground:** Krissy Gilmore  
**Pre-K:** Tiffany Turner

### 10/25:

- Bible Lesson:** Lori Shortt, Samantha Dawsey  
**Rec:** Adam Howell, Todd/Katie Mote  
**Bible Drill:** Hannah Commander,  
Tiffany Howell  
**Music Helper:** Mike Shortt  
**Check In/Out:** Emily Ammons  
**Playground:** Mike Shortt  
**Pre-K:** Maci Roney

### Youth Wednesday Night Helpers

- 10/04:** Tonya Wright, Tiffany Turner  
**10/11:** Greg & Jennifer Adams  
**10/18:** Melanie & Jeff Adkison  
**10/25:** Michelle Sanders, Jami Seay  
**11/01:** Erica & Freddy Martin

### Wednesday Night Supper Greeters

- 10/04:** Keith Owen  
**10/11:** Joey Stephens  
**10/18:** Freddy Martin  
**10/25:** Ricky Bennett  
**11/01:** Michael Crews

# October is

## MINISTER

## APPRECIATION MONTH

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

We appreciate our staff!

Pastor

Dr. Ed Scott

Associate Pastor/  
Minister of Music

Steve Skidmore

Youth Minister

Emmett Massey

Children's Minister

Lori Shortt

### *Youth T-shirt Fundraiser*



To support the youth and order a shirt, see a youth or parent, go to our Facebook page, or [www.cottonsprinting.com/fbcgeneva/shop/home](http://www.cottonsprinting.com/fbcgeneva/shop/home)

A variety of colors and sweatshirts, too!



## Angel Tree

*You are invited to select an angel from our tree to help provide Christmas gifts for a person in need.*

It's almost the most wonderful time of the year! Christmas is quickly approaching, and Geneva County Department of Human Resources provides protective services for approximately 75 children and 30 at risk elderly.

The funds collected will assist with providing gifts for these children and elderly.

Please help us reach our goal for this worthy cause in our community!

Deadline to turn in your donation is **Sunday, November 19.**

**(The tree will be out by the end of October.)**



- 2 Adam Commander  
Anna Padgett
- 3 Jeff Adkison  
Al Folsom  
Frankie Lindsey  
Randal White
- 7 Dakota McCollum
- 9 Brad McCoy
- 12 Grayce Chesteen  
Jay Stough
- 15 Sonya McLaney  
Macy Roney  
Lucas Speigner
- 17 Jamison Culverhouse  
Brandie Green  
Sharon Mitchum  
Jami Seay
- 22 Rochelle McDuffie  
Jase Salter
- 26 Richard Bixby  
Shawn Thomas Gilmore
- 27 Susie Parrish  
Austin Sloan
- 28 Harrison Tidwell
- 29 Caroline Mims  
Ashley N. Powell  
Cody Willingham
- 30 Marvin Miller

If we missed your birthday,  
please contact the church office.

## Wednesday Night Supper Menu

### Wednesday, October 4

Chicken Fingers/Bacon Wrapped Chicken,  
French Fries, Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls  
Dessert

### Wednesday, October 11

Chicken Fingers, Spaghetti,  
Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

### Wednesday, October 18

Chicken Fingers, Ham, French Fries, Squash Dressing,  
Hashbrown Casserole, Cabbage, Rolls, Dessert

### Wednesday, October 25

Chicken Fingers, BBQ, Rice, Beans, Coleslaw,  
Garlic Bread, Dessert

Cost: \$5 Each; \$25 Family Limit

**Please sign up if you plan to attend!**



Receive Text Alerts and  
Stay informed about  
Church Events  
and Announcements!

Join the Remind App!  
Contact the Church Office  
to be added.

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WAYS to  
GIVE  
at

First Baptist Church



Mail-In

Mail in your offering to our church office.

Visit online at [www.fbcgeneva.org](http://www.fbcgeneva.org) to use  
our giving website directly.



Online Giving



Drop Off  
or  
In-Person

Visit our church office or use the  
offering basket at our service times.

**Financial Report As of  
September 24, 2023**

Budgeted Weekly: \$7,506.48

Budgeted YTD: \$292,752.72

Tithes and Offering YTD: \$279,608.88

Quarterly Missions Offering to Date:  
\$3,588.00

Operation Christmas Child Donations  
To Date \$320.00



**By Baptism**

Rayanna Ausley  
Ashton Pollard



**Nichols Mission  
Building**

**Open  
Every Tuesday  
from  
8 AM - 1:45 PM**

**Closed for lunch  
12 Noon - 12:30 PM**

**All items are free!**

**Donations of  
gently used  
items  
accepted.**

**Brown Bag Calendar**

- October 1 - Bags of Beans or Peas
- October 8 - Canned Meat
- October 15 - Peanut Butter & Cookies
- October 22 - Toilet Paper, Paper Towels,  
Tissues
- October 29 - Bags of Rice
- November 5 - Canned Meat



**Sunday  
School  
9:30 AM**

**Worship  
Service  
10:30 AM**

**First Baptist  
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Geneva, Alabama**



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and give us your email address.

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you will be able  
to pick one up at church.