



OCTOBER 2026

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A Special Time to Say *Thank You*

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants. Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can let our pastors know they are appreciated!

THIS OCTOBER

Give your pastor a note.
Offer a word of encouragement.
Pray for your pastor and family.

THANK YOU, PASTORS & PASTORAL FAMILIES!

Sunday			Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
27	Jon Good shares during both services Regular Services • Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Kornection 11:00 am 5:00pm Backyard BBQ • City Park		28	1:30pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship • meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers • Children's Chapel 4:30pm –6:00pm GriefShare Group at Lutheran Church 6:30pm Kami • Bethel Board Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting	29	9:00am Luther Rice ABW Rally • Elm Grove 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers • Children's Chapel 6:00pm –7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	1	6:15pm –7:50pm AWANA	2	3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers • Children's Chapel	3			
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25	All-Saints Commemoration 10:00am ONE SERVICE ONLY 11:15am all church dinner followed by Quarterly Business Meeting 12:30pm Safety & Security Team Meeting		26	1:30pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship • meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers • Children's Chapel 4:30pm –6:00pm GriefShare Group at Lutheran Church 7:00pm AA Meeting	27	7:50am –8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers • Children's Chapel 6:00pm –7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm –7:30pm FBC HOLIDAY CHOIR rehearsal 7:30pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	28	6:15pm –7:50pm AWANA	29	3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers • Children's Chapel	30	3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers • Children's Chapel	31	



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Which is where, (I think) I'm supposed to sit back and enjoy you appreciating me.

But there's a problem with that.

Everything this church is today is not because of me.

We are FBC Louisburg because of the work that so many people do week after week, often without much attention and sometimes without many people even knowing it happened.

And for that, I'm extremely grateful.

As the pastor, I get to see a lot of what goes on that not everyone knows about. I know the number of people—and the number of hours—it takes for the church to be what it is.

I see the people who come early and stay late.

I see people preparing lessons, working with kids, taking care of the building, making phone calls, checking on someone who is sick, helping someone who is struggling, praying for one another, and doing all kinds of things that never make it into an announcement on Sunday morning.

I see how people step up when somebody needs help.

Sometimes before anyone even has to ask.

And I deeply appreciate all of it.

Over the last month, we've spent quite a bit of time talking about the biblical picture of the Church. One of those pictures is a family. And that really is what we are.

Granted, we aren't a perfect family (but when you find one, let me know).

Families don't always agree. Sometimes we get on each other's nerves. Sometimes relationships are hard.

But family also shows up. It notices when someone is hurting. We celebrate when something good happens. Family helps carry the load when somebody can't carry it by themselves.

And I see that happening in this church.

So, in light of Pastor Appreciation Month, let me turn it around for just a minute.

Your pastor appreciates you.

KAMI'S COMMENTS

Farmers know something we sometimes forget: **you don't plant a seed today and expect a harvest tomorrow.**

So, how's FBC's future harvest looking? Come take a walk with me through the "fields" God has given us!

AWANA — Planting Seeds of Truth

Every week, our AWANA team is planting seeds, pulling a few weeds of confusion, and watering young hearts with God's Word. And this year's crop? **It's looking pretty good!** Kids are learning Scripture, learning about Jesus, making friends, and turning their faces toward the **Son**.

Kids Konnection — Helping Faith Bloom

Every Sunday, our kids are soaking up God's Word, asking questions, worshiping, and discovering who Jesus is. Watching a child's faith begin to bloom? **That's the kind of growth we love to see!**

Youth Group — Growing Deep Roots

Teenagers are a little like vines. They're reaching, stretching, questioning, growing—and sometimes growing in directions you didn't expect! Our goal is to give them a place to belong, grow in their faith, ask hard questions. Our youth are putting down roots strong enough to stand when the storms come.

AB G.I.R.L.S. — Growing Through Relationships

Like bees moving from flower to flower, we're building relationships with young families right where they are—at the store, ball field, garden, or wherever God puts them. Like all gardening, it is a process.

Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.

And remember, everyone has a job in the garden!

Some plant. Some water. Some pull weeds. Some provide sunshine. Some get their hands dirty. And some stand around asking, **"Is anything growing yet?"**

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 3:6, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth."

We plant. We water. We love. We show up. And God brings the growth.

So, come on out into the garden!

The harvest is coming—and God is growing something wonderful at FBC!



WHAT'S UP WITH YOUTH & CHILDREN



Labor Day Parade: First Baptist Church was represented in the Labor Day Parade with a fully decorated 20-foot float with lots of folks on board that promoted AWANA and the church. The congregation was very generous with their candy donations, so we had lots of happy parade goers! A huge thank you to all who made the Labor Day parade a success!

Mission Trip: We completed a successful Mission trip to Eureka Springs September 11-13. We rented a van and traveled to the Great Passion Play. We watched the play Friday Night. On Saturday, we did mission work for the play, took the Holy Land Tour, and performed in the play on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, we attended Church at Thorncrown Chapel. The trip was a wonderful combination of spiritual nourishment and service. We are already planning a return trip next fall!



MISSIONS HEADLINES

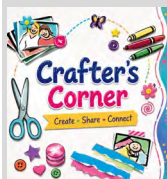
Anita & Rick Gutierrez ABC Global Servants - South Africa

The coral trees loaded with red-orange blooms contrasting with the clear blue winter sky & the big, hardy orange aloes against the dry, gold-brown landscape never fail to delight & renew our spirits. We, along with a few of our experienced Health Builders, have been blessed to train about forty dedicated learners in blood pressure screening skills & healthy lifestyle change. High blood pressure is a silent condition that is all too often neglected & can result in catastrophic problems such as heart attack, kidney failure & stroke. Health Builders are equipped with blood pressure machines to screen for, refer & monitor people with high blood pressure in their communities.

We are also preparing the newly trained Health Builders to use weekly videos & discussion questions to run an eight-session healthy life course focusing on blood pressure with small groups among their family, friends & neighbors. The animated videos that we have made include information on high blood pressure, the anatomy of the circulatory system, S.M.A.R.T. goal setting, antioxidants, walking, calisthenics & stress management. The videos are available in English & Zulu. The information & group support can help people to make small weekly changes in their lifestyle which along with medical treatment can effectively bring down people's blood pressure & extend their lives & function.

Please pray for our Health Builders to be able to promote better health & well-being through these blood pressure groups in the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
12:00 -5:00 PM
CRAFTER'S CORNER
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Scrapbooking and all other crafting welcome (or just come and chat). Contact Debbie Randolph for more details.



MONDAYS
1:30 PM
AT THE SENIOR CENTER
Women

Living In Faith Together—

Most of us yearn for friends and mentors to walk with us through life's joys and sorrows. Under the leadership of Hope Anderson, this ladies fellowship group, open to the entire community, (not an official Bible study, but a time to gather for worship, prayer and a devotional), will meet at the Senior Center on Monday afternoons at 1:30 PM for an hour to an hour and a half.



QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE IN OFFICE
OCTOBER 14

Quarterly
CHURCH
BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday,
October 25

ONE SERVICE ONLY
— 10:00 AM —



Followed by:

A MEAL

Fundraiser for YOUTH



followed by:

Quarterly
Business Meeting

followed by:



Safety & Security Team

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in person ATTENDANCE

	8:15am	11:00am
September 6	51	80
September 13	68	57
September 20	46	59
September 27	52	61

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES

October 19—Deadline for November calendar changes & Newsletter submissions

FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET

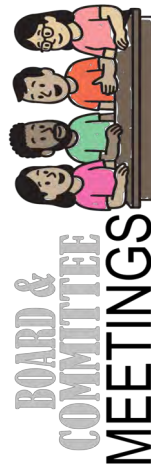
Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one? Please turn it into the church office. Thanks.

VEGETABLE CHEESE PIE

from the kitchen of Diane Smith

- 1 9 inch unbaked pastry shell
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 1/3 c. milk
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp salt
- dash of pepper
- 1 10 ounce pkg frozen peas and carrots
- 1 1/4 c shredded Swiss cheese

Fry bacon until crisp; drain and set aside.
In mixing bowl beat eggs, salt and pepper.
Cook peas and carrots according to package directions; add to egg mixture.
Crumble bacon; add to egg mixture along with shredded cheese.
Pour into prepared pastry shell.
Bake 50 minutes, 350 degree oven.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
12:15 PM—Deaconesses

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
6:30 PM - Deacons

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
6:00 PM - Christian Education
7:00 PM - Trustee Board

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
6:15 PM - Finance Committee





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birthdays

October 2	Rachel Beaver
October 5	Janet York
October 6	Vasyl Kasich
October 8	Nicole Kasych
October 15	Barbara Smith
October 20	Eric Schriefer
October 21	Diane Smith
October 24	Larry Fries
October 25	Brian Mack
October 26	Brennen Neal
October 30	Mary Herrstrom
	Krissy Smith
October 31	Kami Minor

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.



New Babies

Natalie Anne Pollard was born on August 31, 2026 at 2:00am. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. Natalie is celebrated by parents Emily & Andrew Pollard and big sister Nora, grandmother Vicky Davis and great grandmother Barbara Roberts.




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anniversaries

Janet & Jack York - October 1
Judy & Fletch Kelly - October 2
Larysa & Vasyl Kasich - October 5
Natalia & Ivan Valihun - October 6
Emma & Jordan Smith - October 12
Krissy & Paul Smith - October 13
Kami & Jay Minor - October 23
Pam & Mike Waite - October 25
Lidiia & Igor Kasych - October 26
Margaret & Del Keeling - October 28
Hope & Tommy Anderson - October 30

God's love according to a
PUMPKIN

God picks you from the patch

John 15:16

Then He washed all the dirt off of you

2 Corinthians 5:17

He opens you up and scoops you out of all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate and greed.

Romans 6:6

He carves you a face that is joyful and smiling

Psalms 71:23

And He puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

Matthew 5:16

