



Autumn
is God's
way of showing
us how
Beautiful
change
can be!

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October Dates

Sanctuary Flowers:

October 5: Betty McLaney
October 12: Jamie & Laura Nipper
October 19: Connie Morris
October 26: Dora Lee & Darby Dixon

Deacons of the Week:

October 5: Alan Johnston & Derek Herlocker
October 12: Danny Leccese & Johnny Crumbley
October 19: Brent James & Wink Strickland
October 26: Foster Smith & Thomas Yawn

Tellers:

October 5: Danny Leccese, Robert Lee & Brent Beverly
October 12: Matt & Ansley Carmichael
October 19: Foster Smith, Thomas Yawn & Derek Herlocker
October 26: Brent & Lori James and Robert Varnedoe

Nursery Volunteers:

October 5: Stacy Minson & Dora Lee
October 12: Heidi Strickland & Hallie Beverly
October 19: Jacklyn James & Ansley Carmichael
October 26: Dora Lee & Hallie Beverly

Children's Church Volunteers:

October 5: Carra Goodman
October 12: Mandy Fulton
October 19: Stephanie Herlocker
October 26: Laura Nipper



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Denise Nicholson Watts Fortner Trey Murray	3 Jaclyn James	4
5 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00	6	7	8 Wednesday Night Activities	9	10 Alec Goodman	11 Sarah Coleman
12 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00	13 Ansley Carmichael Chris Smith	14	15 FALL BREAK FOR CLINCH COUNTY SCHOOLS	16	17	18 Cecil Barber
19 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00	20 Johnny Crumbley	21	22 Wednesday Night Activities	23	24	25 Elaine Carswell LaReeta Dickerson
26 Jonas Gamble Gretchen Vanerwegen	27	28	29 Wednesday Night Activities	30 Jane Douglas	31 Parker Brown 	
 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00						



It has been a year since Hurricane Helene changed our community forever. In the last year, we have seen much recovery, but some things will never be the same. A few hours in the storm changed so much.

When we think about our lives, the life changing events are usually the sudden moments: the car crash, medical diagnosis, hurtful words in an argument. These moments overshadow years of peaceful existence and, if we allow them, to destroy our lives. We serve a God who blesses us so much, provides us with many wonderful days; but when the storm comes, we forget those good days and only want to complain about the bad one. If we lived a life when there was never a bad day, we would never appreciate the good ones.

I want to remind you that in life the blessings almost always outweigh the trials. It is completely up to us what our focus is. During the storm remember the good days behind you and look forward to the days to come.

As always, I love being your pastor!
Pastor Paul Fulton



Hello Church Family!

During this season of change, it's helpful to remember that God's love and mercy do not run out. The Bible says, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). No matter what is happening around us, we can rely on God's faithfulness as we support our youth in following Him. The past month has been an exciting season for our youth ministry. Attendance has been remarkable, with 35-40 students showing up consistently each week. What's especially encouraging is how our students have stepped up, inviting their friends and creating a welcoming environment for newcomers. Their eagerness and enthusiasm are truly building a community of young believers. Both our girls' and boys' Bible studies have been successful, marked by strong attendance and sound spiritual discussions. Pray that the Lord will move in our students and that they connect more deeply with Scripture and with one another as they journey through their faith. Pray that the seeds planted in their hearts will grow into lasting faith and genuine commitment to Christ. October brings extra excitement as we kick off sign-ups for Snowbird Summer Camp! Please note, our camp dates have changed this year to June 29th-July 4th, 2026. The camp cost is \$350 per student, which includes a \$100 sign-up fee to secure a spot. If the Lord moves you to help sponsor a student for camp, please reach out. Sponsorship can make a life-changing impact, and I would be glad to talk with anyone interested in supporting our students in this meaningful way. Thank you, church family, for your ongoing prayers, support, and encouragement. God's faithfulness is evident in our church, and we remain hopeful for all He will accomplish as we continue this journey together!

In Christ,
Stephanie Herlocker



Notes from Rob

This month my article will relay the second half of what I began sharing in September. Mark Condon is a songwriter and worship leader who recently shared ten reasons he believes we should still utilize choirs in our corporate worship. Continuing on from last month: 6) Choir is a great place for fellowship and discipleship. It actually becomes another small group opportunity. 7) A full choir loft creates energy to motivate a worship service and that energy is contagious. 8) Many powerful songs with life-changing messages are most effectively delivered by an anointed choir. 9) It builds Christian character to be faithful to a group and accountable to others. Effective choir members are often groomed to be effective leaders in other areas of the church ministry.

And finally, 10) when the work is done and the song is learned, it's enjoyable and fulfilling to share and see it become a blessing to others.

I'm committed to see our choir continue to flourish at FBCH. I hope you are too, so why not join us? Looking forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday, *"With a Song in Your Heart!"*

Pastor Rob



**SNOWBIRD SUMMER
CAMP DEPOSITS**
June 29-July 4
\$100



FBCA
Thursday,
October 30th

CCES
Friday,
October 31st
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Candy!

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CAMP DATES
July 13-17

Please see
Rob for more
details.



October 12th - OCC Shoeboxes Distribution

November 12th - Annual OCC Packing Party

November 16th - Dedication Sunday

November 17-24th - Drop Off Center Open