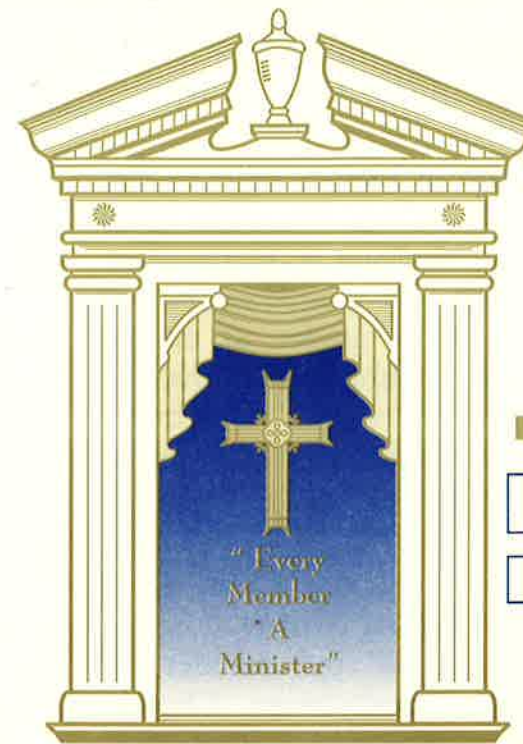


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**AFTER MONTHS OF PLANNING—OUR BIGGEST, BOLDEST,
MISSION VENTURE OF THE YEAR HAS ARRIVED!**

MISSION MORGANTON XX

**THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—8:00 AM
BE THERE!**

DON'T FORGET OUR MISSION MORGANTON COLLECTIONS

- Tents and Tarps for the Homeless
- Duffle Bags for Foster Care Kids
 - School-children Clothing
 - Pregnancy Care Items
- Pet Supplies for four Animal Rescue Shelters
- Nonperishable Food Items for BUCM

Can't be present on Mission Morganton Workday this year? A wonderful way to still participate is to make a MONETARY CONTRIBUTION to assist with Mission Morganton project expenses. Make checks to First Baptist Church and designate that you would like it to go toward Mission Morganton.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

Not attending? You are missing out on one of our signature congregational spiritual formation and fellowship experiences! It is a wonderful mid-week "booster shot" of inspiration with a variety of important programs and interesting studies for all ages and interests!

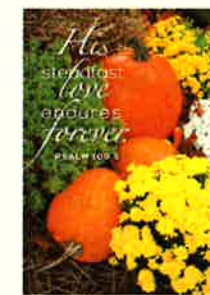
September 27 at 6:15 in the fellowship hall

We will have another great missions program! Our friends and Covenant Missions Partners, Dr. Richard and Vicki Grossmann, Missionaries to Guatemala and the Quiche people, will be "with us" through wonders of Skype technology!

Children's Choir and Intergenerational Handbells will meet at the same time.



COMING UP



♦ Sunday, September 24

9:45 AM - Sunday School
10:55 AM - Worship Service
Youth Super Session:
4:30 PM - Choir
5:30 PM - Snack Supper
6:00-7:00 PM - Bible Study
7:00-7:30 - Hang Time

♦ Monday, September 25

6:30 PM - Committee on Committees K101

♦ Wednesday, September 27

Church Family Night
5:20 PM - Serving Line Opens
6:00 PM - Birthdays/ Anniversaries Hymn of the Week and Prayer Time
6:15 PM:
Children's Choirs
Missions Partners Vickie and Richard Grossman
Intergenerational Bells
7:00 PM - Chancel Choir

♦ Thursday, September 28

6:30 PM - Chancel Ringers

♦ Friday, September 29

9:45 AM - Women's Prayer Group - K101

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY!
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 10:55 AM In the Sanctuary

**Sermon: "Little Big People" (Luke 22:24-30)
Dr. Tom Bland, Jr., Preaching**

**Mission Morganton Testimony
Deacon Consecration/Affirmation**

**Chancel Choir Anthem: "Prayer of Consecration"
by Deborah Dresie**

**Children's Sermon by Rev. Tyler Roach followed by
"Celebrate Good News" Children's Church with
Rev. Fred Schuszler in Kaleidoscope.**

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Madison Abele



Madison joins upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, a decision she made at our Vacation Bible School. She was baptized September 3. Madison is the daughter of Wesley Abele and Heather Bowman, the granddaughter of Wayne and Ellie Abele. She is a fifth grader at Salem Elementary School. She is active in our "Celebrate Good News" Children's Church and recently completed the Children's Discipleship Class with Rev. Schuszler. Madison loves going to Lake James, swimming, reading, and softball.

Rick, Katie, Virginia, Sarah, and Zebulon Motes



The Motes family joins us by transfer of membership from Faith Presbyterian Church. **Rick** is with the Federal Aviation Administration. **Katie** is employed in our Preschool/Afterschool Ministry. They are members of our Ecumenical Sunday School class. Katie likes to cook, make crafts, and enjoys caring for animals. Rick likes outdoor activities such as hiking and is involved in Boy Scouts with son Zeb. **Virginia** is a student at Western Piedmont Community College earning her Associate of Science degree.

Her hobbies include sewing, crocheting, and writing code. Special interests include chemistry and Star Trek. **Sarah** and **Zeb** are twins. They are finishing high school through programs at WPCC. They are active in our Sunday School and Youth Ministry. Sarah's interests include guitar, babysitting, marine life, baking, and painting. Zeb is an outdoorsman like his dad and is active in our Boy Scout Troop.

We are grateful to God for these wonderful new members and know you will want to make them feel "at home" in their new church home.

"Celebrate Good News" Children's Church

Every Sunday, right after the children's sermon, for kids age four through grade five!

Parents! Please encourage your children to:

attend as often as possible so they get the most out of this enriching spiritual formation experience;

invite friends to come with them;

bring their Bibles;

make sure they have some form of offering to bring each Sunday as part of worship - pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters - something to give;

We continue to work on helping them understand the joy of worshiping God and how our services seek to do that.

We are beginning a new topic on "How we got the Bible" in the olders (grades 2-5) small group for the next month or so.

Thanks for helping us give your children a great foundation in the true meaning of worship!



EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY UPDATE

Offering Received September 17	\$13,678
Budget Required to Date.....	\$612,560
Budget Received to Date.....	\$585,298
Organ /AV Fund Donations to Date.....	\$157,298

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, September 24
 9:45 AM-Info and Prayer Time
 10:00 AM-Bible Study
 4:30 PM-Choir
 5:30 PM- Snack Supper
 6:00 PM- Bible Study
 7:00-Hang Time

IN MEMORY

Gifts have been given in memory of **Mary Jane Henderson, Mabel Huffman, Jeanette and Jim Lingerfelt, David Mitchell,** and in memory of **Fred Bentley** for his birthday.

IN HONOR

A gift has been given in honor of **Tom Bland, Jr.**

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Please help supply Mountain Crest Elementary School with much needed school supplies. Monetary donations made out to First Baptist Church for the Backpack Ministry are also appreciated. **We will collect school supplies until September 30.**

The following food items are needed to restock our backpack food pantry: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned meats, granola bars, cereal, peanut butter and canned soup.

Backpack Packing at Grace Episcopal
 September 28 5:30 PM
 Come and assist if you can!

THANK YOU

A thank you note has been received from **Malea Massey.** It is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway of the education building.

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to express a special thank you to the Circle of Friends Sunday School Class for their hard work in making our Educator Appreciation Sunday a special time to honor all those who are involved in the education of the students of our community.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Abby Scott** and **Alex Nunex** who were married on September 2 .

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 24
Ed Hardin

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

Wednesday, September 27

Homemade Spaghetti with Meat or Vegetarian Sauce/Salad Bar/
 Garlic Bread/Beverage

Kid's Meal—Same as adult

Serving Team—Claudette Reece

Come try our New and improved Salad Bar!

Check out our expanded salad bar with lots of new items including ham, broccoli, pasta salad, etc. in addition to the "usual" items. \$6 for all-you-can-eat salad bar including Baked Potato, Rolls and Drink

Adult Meal-\$6 Children's Meal ages 4-10 \$4 Birth to age-3 -Free

Family Maximum Price \$22

Additional Charges: One Trip Salad Bar \$1 Dessert-\$1

COMMITTEE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Committee on Committees will begin its important task of selecting members of our talented, gifted, dedicated congregation to serve in our more than 27 Church Ministry Committees for the years 2018-2020. If you have an interest in serving on any of these committees we invite you to contact chairperson Mardee Black, at 433-0769, about your interest. Please understand that interest does not guarantee selection, since the Committee in their deliberations may determine they need you to serve in another capacity. Please remember this committee in prayer as they proceed. Please prayerfully open your own spirit to God's and your church's call to service.