

## Trunk or Treat



Wednesday, October 31st

4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 31st you are invited to dress up and come to the church parking lot, and bring candy to hand out to all the children. The event is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. (Note: you will need to come earlier to prepare your vehicle.)

Bring extra candy and join your FBC family as we turn our parking lot into a welcome haunt for our community.

**Please sign up on the clip board located in the Narthex, so we know how many vehicles to expect.**

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## Grace Network Pumpkin Patch

First Baptist Church will be participating in Grace Network's Annual Pumpkin Patch sale.

- ◆ We are scheduled to help **Friday, October 26th from 11:00 am.- 4:00 p.m.**
- ◆ We need 2 volunteers to serve two 2 hour shifts and one 1 hour shift.
- ◆ If you are willing to help, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office.

**The dates and hours are:**

Friday, September 28th - Tuesday, October 30th

Monday-Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.





Hello Friends,

What a wonderful beginning to our ministry together this has been during the months of August and September! I hope you are now enjoying the arrival of autumn with its pumpkins, sweaters, fall foliage, and spooky costumes! This is a season of change. The majesty of fall colors can be a wonderful reminder of all the creative power God has – and a hopeful reminder that this tapestry of change is available in many forms – church change included!

I have had wonderful conversations with a number of you about your hopes and dreams for this church, and I have had opportunities to meet with many committees and groups looking forward into the future. I can't wait to continue dreaming with you!

My family will be taking a little break from our regular schedules to welcome our littlest addition, Miss Elena Ruth Grammer-Underwood, beginning the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup>. We are excited and hopeful and nervous all at the same time! I hope you'll keep us in your prayers as we learn to

transition from a family of two to a family of three in these coming weeks. We will continue to be in prayer for you as you are in the capable hands of Dr. Dennis Knight and the excellent lay leadership in this church during my leave.

I plan to be back in the office beginning early November, and I hope that you'll continue to make time to come meet with me, one-on-one or in family units, to share with me your hopes and dreams for this church. Mary Taylor in the church office will be keeping a calendar with me to set up times for you to either drop in to my office or to meet for coffee/lunch/dinner to dream together. As I mentioned last month, knowing your love for and vision for this church will help me be a better pastor for you as we move forward together – so, please, let's meet!

We are looking forward to a revitalization of Wednesday nights and other mission opportunities, and we are excited to see where the Lord will lead us in this new season together!

In Christ,  
Libby

### Church Family Night-Wednesdays @ FBC

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study will start at 6:05 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$6.00 and includes a full meal, along with tea, coffee, and lemonade. Please make your reservations by 4:00 p.m. on Mondays.

October Wednesday Nights  
*Bible Study with Dr. Dennis Knight*

Menu for October:

- 3 Spaghetti w/meatballs, salad bar, french bread, and apple cobbler
- 10 BBQ chicken, peas & carrots, salad bar, roll, and Cherries Jubilee
- 17 Ham, green beans, fried apples, salad bar, biscuit, jello and cookie.
- 24 Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, salad bar, corn bread, birthday cake.
- 31 Family Night cancelled-Halloween

### Welcome to Elena Ruth!



She was born on:  
**September 21, 2018**  
Weighed- 8 lbs. 3 oz.

**Congratulations to  
Libby and Will!**



### HCBA Annual Meeting

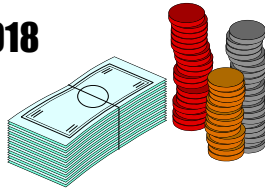
October 16th at Fort Trial Baptist Church.

Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5:00p.m. The cost is \$10 per person for dinner. **All reservations and money must be in by October 1st.**

The theme this year is *“Being the Gospel in a Changing Culture.”*

## Stewardship Report —September 2018

\$ 383,486 Total Budget  
287,615 Budget Needs Year to Date  
273,726 Budget Receipts Year to Date  
13,889 Budget Shortfall



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### WMU News and Meeting

Monday October 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the church.  
Assemble shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Mission action: Raceway Ministry  
Alma Hunt Mission: \$ 533.00

*Fall Fling* will be held at First Baptist Church of Collinsville on Saturday, October 13th. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with breakfast to follow. Please check the WMU bulletin board for more information.

### Horne Walkathon

FBC  
Raised: \$ 1,929.00

Thank you to all the walkers and donors that help make this a success.

### Children's Worship October

- 7 Susan Sapp  
Marsha Garren
- 14 Julie Hall  
Nita Gauldin
- 21 Linda Dorr  
Martha Perdue
- 28 Linda Moore  
Sylvia Knight

### Save the Date

Sunday, November 18th  
5:00 p.m.

We will hold an installation service for our new pastor, Rev. Libby Grammer, in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

### Library Drifts



The week of September 23-September 29th was reserved this year to recognize the practice of banning books. This is an annual event launched in 1982; most years it occurs the last week in September through the first week in October. The theme this year is "Banning Books Silences Stories." In the "well" and the display case at the Sue McCabe Library are books that have been criticized or mentioned for banning in libraries for a variety of reasons. The posters and notes accompanying some of the books give insight to the variety of offenses these books have committed in order to make the list of banned books.

In the large display case, old meets new. Books are reviewed using emojis. These popular symbols speak volumes about what type of book and what mood you can expect exhibited in a particular book.

The members of the Library Committee are planning for the "Little Clickers" lessons, which begin on September 26th and continue through October 24th.

In Sunday School during October, the unit of study is "Principles of Stewardship." Using Matthew 6 and 25, and Luke 16 for Biblical references, the lessons presented will be :

October 7: *Perspective*, October 14: *Accountability*, October 21: *Responsibility*, and October 28: *Reward*.

Stop by the Sue M. McCabe Library, the cart in the Narthex, the "well", and the display cases. As always, you are invited and encouraged to check out books. The Sue M. McCabe Library is an excellent place for research and study.



### BGAV Annual Meeting November 12-14, 2018 Mount Vernon Baptist, Church Glen Allen, Va.

The theme is year is *Living the Story* based on John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

First Baptist Church of Martinsville can send up to 15 messengers and are encouraged to bring a guest. If you are willing to be a messenger please let the church office know.

The registration deadline is October 19, 2018.



October-December  
Pasta (spaghetti, elbows)  
Sauce (24 oz. can or jar)

Please leave food in  
Room 101  
Always needed:  
Hygiene products

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR FILES CURRENT

Newsletters and other information are being sent by e-mail or 1st class mail. Please notify the church if your email address, mailing address, or phone numbers have changed.

## Our Church Staff

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## Birthdays in October

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Ron Austin         | 31 Mary Frances Gibbs |
| 4 Morton Lester      | Joe Hundley           |
| Ronnie Garren        |                       |
| 5 David Hundley      |                       |
| 8 Linda Penta        |                       |
| 17 David Collins     |                       |
| 20 John Collins      |                       |
| 23 Frances Weaver    |                       |
| 24 Annie Lee Ferrell |                       |
| Steven Ball          |                       |
| 25 Barbara Williams  |                       |
| 26 Edgar White       |                       |
| 27 Jonathan Doss     |                       |
| 30 Patricia Evans    |                       |



## At Home Ministry

Sybil Cochran, Annie Lee Ferrell, Neville Frith, Jean Gray, Helen Hay, Betsy Miers, Kitty Sparrow, Jeanette Stone, Melva Stultz, James Turner, Gaye Williams

**Blue Ridge Manor:** Esta Wilson, Catherine Shires

**Blue Ridge Rehab:** Betty Prillaman

**King's Grant:** Onslea Gesell, Frances Weaver, Charlene White, Bruce Spencer, Pat Jordan, Mary Elizabeth Wells, Betty Minter, Catherine Collins, Jim Minter, Helen Dandridge

**Out-of-town:** John Abbott, Iva Burnett, Mildred & Clyde England, John Holmes, Frances Whitlock, Davis Walker

# First Baptist Church

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## October Calendar

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 WMU meeting 10:00 a.m.              | 17 Church Family Night 5:30 p.m.      |
| Smith River Singers reh. 7:00 p.m.    | Prayer & Bible Study 6:05 p.m.        |
| 2 Personnel Committee 5:30 p.m.       | Sanctuary Choir reh. 7:00 p.m.        |
| 3 Church Family Night 5:30 p.m.       | 18 Bible Study-John 10:00 a.m.        |
| Prayer & Bible Study 6:05 p.m.        | 20 Altrusa meeting 9:00 a.m.          |
| Sanctuary Choir reh. 7:00 p.m.        | 21 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.            |
| 4 Bible Study-John 10:00 a.m.         | Worship 11:00 a.m.                    |
| 7 Deacon's meeting 9:00 a.m.          | 22 Smith River Singers reh. 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday School 9:45 a.m.               | 24 Church Family Night 5:30 p.m.      |
| Worship 11:00 a.m.                    | Prayer & Bible Study 6:05 p.m.        |
| 8 Knitting Ministry 10:00 a.m.        | Sanctuary Choir reh. 7:00 p.m.        |
| Smith River Singers reh. 7:00 p.m.    | 25 Bible Study-John 10:00 a.m.        |
| 9 Business & Finance 5:30 p.m.        | 26 FBC- Pumpkin Patch 11-4 p.m.       |
| 10 Trustee meeting 11:00 a.m.         | 28 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.            |
| Church Family Night 5:30 p.m.         | Worship 11:00 a.m.                    |
| Prayer & Bible Study 6:05 p.m.        | 29 Smith River Singers reh. 7:00 p.m. |
| Sanctuary Choir reh. 7:00 p.m.        | 31 Trunk or Treat 4:30 p.m.           |
| 11 Bible Study- John 10:00 a.m.       | <b>No Church Family Night</b>         |
| 14 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.            | (Business meeting moved to            |
| Worship 11:00 a.m.                    | November 7th)                         |
| 15 Smith River Singers reh. 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Choir reh. 7:00 p.m.        |
| 16 WEE Ministry 1:30 p.m.             |                                       |
| HCBA Annual meeting                   |                                       |
| First Baptist- Collinsville           |                                       |
| Business & Finance 5:15 p.m.          |                                       |
| Buildings & Grounds 5:30 p.m.         |                                       |

