

**First Baptist Church**

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Kim Hutto: WEE Care Director  
Kathy Hopper: Nursery Director  
Jenda Hillis: Children's Minister  
Cristall Brown: Church Hostess/WNS

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

August 26.....348  
September 2.....344  
September 9.....362  
September 16.....312  
September 23.....348  
September 30.....Next Month

**OFFERINGS: General Fund**

August 26.....\$12,243.00  
September 2.....\$23,580.72  
September 9.....\$15,813.44  
September 16.....\$14,603.15  
September 23.....\$13,388.00  
September 30.....next month  
Total.....\$79,628.31

**Building Fund**

August 26.....\$1,010.00  
September 2 .....\$460.00  
September 9 .....\$215.00  
September 16 .....\$275.00  
September 23 .....\$660.00  
September 30 .....next month  
Total.....\$2,620.00  
Grand Total.....\$82,248.31

**50K Water Project**

\*Given to Date: \$112,159.90  
\*Misc. Expenses: \$ (15,771.22)  
\*Water Systems \$ (66,885.25)  
50K Balance: \$29,503.43

NON PROFIT  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
HUNTSVILLE, AL  
PERMIT # 103

Address Service Requested

**Coming in November 2018**

November 1: Last night GriefShare  
November 1: Steady 4 Life  
November 2: "Come Sit at My Table" WM event  
November 3: Happy Birthday Cristall  
November 4: Daylight Savings Time-Fall Back  
November 6: Steady 4 Life  
November 8: Steady 4 Life  
November 11: Deacon's Meeting @ 3:45  
November 11-19: Operation Christmas Child Drop Off site.  
Hours TBA  
November 12: Office Closed- Veteran's Day  
November 13: Steady 4 Life  
November 14: Business Meeting  
November 15: Donuts & Doodles-WEE Care  
November 15: Steady 4 Life  
November 16-17: Hearts on Fire/Youth  
November 18: No P.M. Service  
November 21: No P.M. Service  
November 21-23: Office Closed  
November 27: Steady 4 Life  
November 29: Steady 4 Life  
November 30: Fellowship hall reserved-Lee  
December 1: Live Nativity  
December 2: Tree Trimming Service  
December 9: WEE Care P.M. Service  
December 9: Deacon's Meeting @ 3:45  
December 12: 2019 Budget Vote  
December 16: Children's Christmas Play P.M. Service  
December 24 & 25 Office Closed  
December 27-28: Church reserved Malicote

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**October 2018**

**Women's Ministry & WMU Event**

Friday October 19, 2018 5-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Donations needed: 1 yard soft material, Pillow stuffing, Women who can sew.

Our Missions project for October is to make mastectomy pillows for Breast Cancer Patients We will donate finished pillows to the "Surviving and Thriving" Breast Cancer Support Group funded through the Liz Hurley 5 K. You don't have to know how to sew to be a part of this event. We need people to sew, cut, stuff and bag the pillows. We will have an assembly line and have set a goal of 50 sets of pillows. These pillows are an essential part to the healing process after surgery and they are not provided for BC Patients. Pizza and Pink Cake will be served !! Please make plans to attend this event! You don't want to miss out on this time of Sisterhood. Sign Up Sheet located on the WM Bulletin Board Childcare will not be provided for this event



**Trunk or Treat**  
**Wednesday October 31st**  
**6-8 p.m.**

Please put candy donations in the fellowship hall buckets

Dear Friends,

The Lord is at work both in and through the First Baptist Church of Meridianville! Here are some things you may be aware of, and some things that you may not be aware of at First Baptist Church. First, we have seen regular additions and baptisms throughout this year and I will be baptizing more new Christians in the coming days. Many of the baptisms are a direct result of the great work that is being done in our youth and children's ministries. You may not realize that we have an adult Sunday School class that meets at the Charlie Walker community center on the first Sunday of each month and between 30 and 50 people from the Sunday School class and community are normally there worshipping the Lord and hearing His word. Our Awana program has had as many as 90 this fall and is averaging more than fifty children studying and memorizing Scripture. Our GriefShare ministry is helping many people recover from the trauma of the loss of loved ones. We have nearly a dozen people heading to Montana in October to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through Andrew and Marisa Hardiman's church plant in Helena Montana. Our Fall Festival will occur on the last Wednesday of October and once again, we will have thousands on this church property receive the love of Jesus and the witness of Jesus. Our Operation Christmas Child ministry will likely pack upwards of 2000 boxes this year and maybe even more! Our Wee Care ministry continues to reach young families in our community through a team of committed leaders and teachers. Our ministry to Guatemala through Mission Firefly continues to steam forward and change lives through the love of Jesus. Our men's and women's ministries are actively planning inspiring ministry events and Bible studies. And on top of all this, we are now in the process of add D-Life to our ministry opportunities as we seek to connect adults and youth to God and to one another through the study of His word. These are just a FEW of the things that are occurring at FBC Meridianville! God is touching lives and changing lives here at FBC Meridianville. Amen!

God spoke through the prophet Zechariah in chapter 4 and verse 6 of that book and said: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.' Why is all of the above work (and more) being done? And how is it being done? The "why" and the "how" is because God by His Holy Spirit is moving and empowering individual Christians to take part in His work. And God is changing lives and saving souls, through that work. Lives will be changed this week, through God's work through this fellowship. It is an awesome thing to watch and be a part of my friends. Thank you for allowing God to use you to change lives!

**I love you! Bro. Tommy**

**A Word from Your Associate Pastor...**

How many of you find yourself daydreaming about something that has nothing to do with what you are doing at the time? How about starting on a project and before you get finished with it you move on to something else only to find yourself moving on to something else and hours later to realize—I never finished what I originally started? I'm one of you! Early on in my life, I was easily distracted, had a hard time paying attention and guess what? Though I've made progress, I'm not much better today.


Case in point. As a teenager, I worked at Winn Dixie. One morning, I was late for work and came in the parking lot in a big hurry, jumped out of car and ran inside for work. About 2 hours later my boss told me to go out in the parking lot to gather shopping carts. As I passed by my car I heard the engine running—car unlocked, keys in the engine, and the car engine running! Yep, I'd say I'm easily distracted.

That may be one of the reasons many of us struggle when it comes to following God's command to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We are busy and easily distracted. I ran across an article on prayer the other day that offered some simple and practical ideas to help us be more consistent on leaning on God in prayer.


1. **Have a particular focus for your prayer each day.** Pray for your family today, followed by praying for neighbors the next day and maybe the weak and impoverished and those who minister to them the next day. **Have a plan for each day.**
2. **Pray every time you pass a particular place.** Maybe it's a school or the courthouse or the police station or a church. Pray that those who don't know Christ will encounter a Christ-follower who will love them, serve them and share the gospel with them.
3. **Pray as you read the Bible.** The Word of God speaks truth to us about our life. As you read pray the promise of that verse. Pray a prayer of confession and repentance to the truth of sin in your life. Pray a prayer of obedience to that verse.
4. **Pray as you drive.** Turn the radio off, listen to God and talk to God.
5. **Pray everyday for your family.** Your family needs you to lift them to God in prayer.
6. **Prayer walk your neighborhood.** Pray for each home and that God would open opportunities for you to meet them and establish relationships with them.
7. **Set aside a time each week to pray for non-believers.** You know them and they need Jesus.
8. **Open up your heart to God and tell Him what you are thinking.** Be honest with God tell Him your struggles. He knows and He is near to the broken hearted.

I hope these ideas are of help to you as they are for me!

**Your Fellow Pilgrim, Bro D**

<b>WNS</b>	
<b>October 3</b> Smoked Chicken Potato Salad, BBQ beans Rolls, Dessert	
<b>October 24</b> Pot Roast, Mashed Potato Green Beans, Roll Dessert	
	<b>October 17</b> Hamburgers, Chips Fruit Salad, Dessert
	<b>October 10 &amp; 31</b> No WNS Quiet Week & Trunk or Treat


**Children's Announcements**  
**\*\*Kid's D-Now**  
**October 19-21, 2018**  
**\*\*Sunday Evenings: TBA**  
**\*\*Wednesday Night: Awana**  
**\*\*Sunday Morning J-Team**  
**\*\*Trunk or Treat-October 31**  
**Start thinking about a fun way to**  
**decorate your car.**  
**Volunteers needed-Sign up in the f/hall**

 **Operation Christmas Child Donations for October**  
 For the month of October we will be collecting bar soap, washcloths, hair brushes, small toys for ages 2-4 & 5-9 boys & girls or anything else you find on sale that is suitable for a shoe box. Please place these items in the fellowship hall in the OCC box. Enough supplies have been collected to begin packing shoeboxes. If your Sunday school class would like to participate as a group, please contact Connie Gannaway to coordinate a date and time. This will take place at the off site building on Carter's Gin Road.

**Youth Announcements**  
**Youth Girls**  
 Your invited to a "Girls Night" Purity Event sponsored by: **Choose Life/HPRC**  
**Friday October 19th 7-9:00 p.m.**  
**The Cooper House**  
**405 Randolph Ave Huntsville, Al 35801**  
**Tickets: \$ 15.00 RSVP by October 3rd**  
**Sunday Nights @ 5: Discipleship in the Upper Room**  
**Wed. Nights @ 6: "The Gathering" in the Upper Room**  
**\*for King and County Concert-October 14th \$30.00 due**  
**\*Hearts on Fire-November 16-17 Cost & Information coming soon.**  
**Speakers: Tim Tebow, Clayton King**  
**Music provided by Zach Williams & the Passion Band**

Happy Staff Anniversary Cristall  
1 year Church Hostess/WNS Director

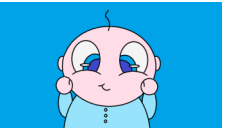
Happy Birthday Bro. Tommy (10/7)  
Happy Birthday Christina (10/9)




**Women's Ministry Event November 2, 2018**  
**"Come Sit at My Table"**  
*Holiday Celebration with your Sister's in Christ*  
 Sign-Up Sheet located on the WM bulletin Board



**Your Invited to a Baby "Boy" Shower**  
**Honoring: Phil & Becca Pickens**  
**October 7, 2018 2-4 f/hall**  
**Registered at: Amazon, Target & All about Baby**




**AWANA-Wednesday Nights**  
 6-7:15 p.m.  
 October 3: Awana Store  
 October 10 & 31: No Awana  
 October 17: TBA  
 October 24: TBA



David Jeremiah  
**"Overcomer"**  
 Tour Sunday October 7, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
 Von Braun Center  
 The Church has 12 tickets available  
 Call the church office to reserve your "free" ticket  
 We will not have services this night-Begins Quiet Week

**Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin**  
 God picks you from the patch and brings you in.  
 (John 15:16)  
 Then He washes all the dirt off of you.  
 (2 Corinthians 5:17)  
 He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff.  
 He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.  
 (Romans 6:6)  
 Then He carves you a new smiling  
 (Psalm 71:23)  
 And He puts His light inside you to shine  
 for all the world to see.  
 (Matthew 5:16)



**Men's Announcements**  
**Men's Prayer Breakfast: October 27, 8:00**  
**Sunday Night @ 5:00-"Kingdom Disciples"**  
**Tuesday Morning @ 8:00-Kingdom Disciples**  
**Follow Up/Group Time**