

**Deacon of the Week:**

1st Sunday: Rhonard MacRae  
2nd Sunday: Ron Arthur  
3rd Sunday: Roger Harwood  
4th Sunday: Jimmie Harris  
5th Sunday: Gayden Swann

**October Wedding Anniversaries**

Raymond & Galina Troxell 1  
Mark & Jo Ann Shelton 3  
Chuck & Floy Walker 10  
James & Jeanette Beach 12  
Groce & Ruby Robinson 15  
Fred & Jean Davis 19  
Richard & Rachel Newton 21  
Tom & Susan Hoyle 24  
Chris & Debbie Pullium 30  
Jimmie & Ruth Harris 31

**October Birthdays**

Linda Brooks ..... 2  
Griffin Evans ..... 6  
Groce Robinson ..... 6  
Bob Bishop ..... 11  
Charles Marston ..... 13  
Ron Richardson ..... 14  
Ellen Silver ..... 15  
Tiffany Parker ..... 16  
Richard Acrivos ..... 17  
Sandy Draper ..... 17  
Chad Young ..... 18  
Grady McCauley ..... 19  
Mildred McCauley ..... 19  
Hannah Jo Stephenson .. 22  
Ashley Sanders ..... 23  
Gladys Gibbs ..... 27  
Lynda Davis ..... 28  
Jo Ann Shelton ..... 28  
Jessiah Stephenson .... 28

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**OCTOBER EVENTS**

**SUNDAY:**  
9:45 - Bible Study  
11 - Worship Service  
5 - Youth  
6 - Evening Worship Service, TeamKIDS  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth, RA's, GA's, Acteens, Mission Friends  
7 - Adult Choir Practice

Oct 2 - Communion  
Oct 2 - Hearts on Fire payment due  
Oct 8 - Game Night 6 pm  
Oct 9 - Youth Council 7 pm  
Oct 16 - youth will go to Mountain Ridge Wellness Center at 4:30 pm  
Oct 23 - Quarterly Conference 6 pm  
Oct 23 - Hearts on Fire payment due  
Oct 24 BRBA Annual Session 3 pm  
Nov 13 - Hearts on Fire payment due

**Pastor's Ponderings**

Several years ago, Ray Boltz wrote a song called "What If I Said Jesus Real Loud?" The song set forth the proposition of what would happen in certain situations if we just simply said the name of Jesus. I received a story by Caroline Naoroji recently that I believe answers that question. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

*It was a very hot day, sweat and irritation was in abundance. Traffic was hectic and the A/C in my car was not cooperating either. I had to run so many errands and since the baby sitter was on leave, I had to take a day off and take my 4 year old son with me wherever I went. I was just hoping that he behaved well the entire day, because I was definitely not in a good mood.*

*I had to pick up a book for my friend who was celebrating her birthday the next day, so I ran to the bookstore, remember, I was literally dragging David, my son along with me, and the check-out line was very, very, very long. I did not want to drive to another bookstore to avoid the long line because I did not want to get fried in the heat again.*

*The checkout line looked like a giant snail to me. I looked at my watch so many times that I thought that even the watch looked like a snail. I could not smile at anybody nor could I interact with my son because "I WAS TOO IRRITATED!"*

*I wanted to finish all my errands. Everyone around me also had a tired and irritated look on them. My son who was trying to get my attention by talking to me about his school, his friends, the beautiful sun, butterflies, a little girl - sounded too boring to me. How rude can I get, huh!!!!????!!!)*

*I finally had it. I turned towards my son to tell him to just be quiet, because his joyful chatter was giving me a headache, but he just smiled up at me and started singing...*

**"JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW...  
YES! JESUS LOVES ME,  
YES! JESUS LOVES ME!"**

*By now he was LOUD. I was first embarrassed, because people turned their heads towards us, but then I noticed that the heat, the long line or my mood did not affect my boy, but the JOY of the LORD made him sing. Everyone turned and looked at David and smiled at him. Everyone was smiling. Even I was. The line seemed to get shorter, the checkout person was wishing everybody a good day so sweetly.*

*My errands list looked shorter, my mood was better, I picked up the book and hugged my son who reminded me that Jesus loves me and I need to pass on His Love, and not my irritation, on others. Because He is there to take care of me, I should just enjoy all the situations and keep praising Him. When I stepped out, I thought I saw a cool cloud passing by.*

*The joy of the Lord CAN change any bad situation into a pure joy. Next time you are down with depression, discouragement or just irritation, just start humming, Jesus Loves Me. It worked for David, it will work for you, too!.*

I think I will try that. How about you?

Pastor Duane

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Dear FBC,  
Thank you for your thoughtfulness by serving our family such delicious food before Ms. Gloria Holley's funeral service. Randall Harris & family

Dear Duane & Flock,  
Thank you so much fir your kind words at our mother's service. You are a blessing! We would also like to give thanks for the lovely flowers. Bless all of you! The Harris Family

During a time lime this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us.... Your expression of sympathy will sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We felt God's peace in the midst of our grief. The Brooks Family



Please notify the church office in advance if you plan to use the fellowship hall , need copies made , need a check, or would like something included in the newsletter or bulletin. The office will need sufficient information & time to make the required reservations, print copies, or make sure all needed paper work has been received . Thank you for your cooperation.

Just a reminder that our website has copies of our newsletters, calendars, and bulletins. There are also pages for information about our missions, ministries, youth, other activities.



The trip to Mountain Ridge Wellness Center to visit shut- ins has been rescheduled to Oct. 16. Those will meet at 4:30 for a baked spaghetti dinner before leaving and the group will return at 7 pm. For more information please contact Kim Kite.

Area OCC collection dates in the fellowship hall are as follows:  
Mon. through Fri. week of Nov. 14 to 18 from 8:30 am until 5:30 pm  
Sat. Nov. 19 from 10 am until 1 pm  
Sun. Nov. 20 from 1 pm until 3 pm  
Mon. Nov. 21 from 8:30 am until 1 pm



Individual OCC shoeboxes can be dropped off in the sanctuary on any Sunday before Nov. 20. Empty boxes are available upon request.



School has begun and youth activities have slowed down quite a bit. While the pastor's dad has been sick, the activities Duane and Dena planned have been postponed. Now that he is getting stronger, those activities can be rescheduled in the near future. Keep check on dates for a pizza and movie night, a swim party, and maybe even a lock-in. In the meantime, there is a Super Saturday Game Night scheduled for each month by our Fellowship Lead Team. Also on October 16, the trip to Mountain Ridge Wellness Center, will take place.

As of now, there are 11 youth going to the Hearts on Fire conference in Gatlinburg on November 18 – 19. The youth going who have not paid in full need to remember the dates of the \$10 payments for this trip, which are Oct. 2, Oct. 23, and Nov. 13. We also need 4 sponsors for youth who cannot afford to make their payments. If you will sponsor one of these youth, please let Pastor Duane know as soon as possible.

We would again like to thank all those who donate their time to work with the youth and those who make contributions financially so our youth can participate in the activities planned for them. Our youth are fortunate to have a church that loves them and supports them. Thank you.

**HERE WE GROW...SEPTEMBER**

Avg. Worship Attendance... Avg. 80 General Fund....\$2,414  
Avg. SS Attendance... Avg. 62 Maint/Bldg Fund.....\$264



**Homebound:** Marjorie McEntire, Hugh Guffey, Angie Knupp, Mary McEntire, Exam Haney, George Early, Grady & Mildred McCauley, Bob Bishop, Charles & Betty Marston  
**Nursing Home:** Carolyn Miller, Francis Morris, Marvin McEntire, Bernice McAfee, Ronnie

**I**ntroducing Katherine's Closet...A Prom Dress Ministry!

Many of you knew my grandmother, Katherine Noblitt, and what a caring person she was. In her memory and with God's guidance, I wanted to start a ministry to help young girls be able to attend their prom. Many girls in our county don't have the money to purchase a dress to wear to the prom, so I will be collecting dresses for them. I will need the support of our church in many ways, First and foremost please keep this ministry in your prayers. Even if we can help one girl it will all be worth it. Secondly, I need all of you to spread the word that I will be collecting dresses. Most every girl who has been to a prom has an old prom dress hanging in their closet that they will never wear again. So let's put those dresses to good use and help make a high school girl really feel special. Thirdly, if anyone is able to do alterations on dresses please let me know. I am very excited about this ministry and I look forward to seeing it grow.



Thanks and much love, Hayley Duncan



The birthday celebration of the KING of king is fast approaching. If you're like me, it's coming so fast that it's a blur already, and as I look over my calendar, I am wondering when I'll get enough rest to endure. Sounds a bit negative but I don't mean it that way. If my friends and neighbor wouldn't think I was the crazy woman on the block, I would leave my decoration in place all year. That's how much I love to celebrate and decorate. We should keep the spirit of Christmas alive all 365 days. So how will we celebrate this year? Last year about this time, I was just beginning my work with you and it was a bit late to start something new. But, we have a special treat planned this year.

**In case you haven't heard, our choir and the choir of First Baptist of Black Mountain are combining to present "Night of the Father's Love" written by Pepper Choplin. We will do two presentations, one in our church and one in Black Mountain. One will be on the 11th of December and then again on the 18th, once in the evening and the other in the afternoon, a matinee performance, especially for those of you that prefer not to be out at night. We are making arrangements for transportation with our bus.**

I have CD's of "Night of the Father's Love" available for anyone who would like to join the choir. Depending on what part you sing, these unique CD's have each individual voicing (SATB) enhanced in the recording so as to help you learn your part. Those of you that have been away for a while, please come back and help us make this a memorable event in the life of FBC-OF. We have a wonderful group of handball ringers working each Monday evening on special music for the holidays. We still need ringers, especially if you have any experience and read music. After the holidays, we'll start a beginning ringer class for those of you that want to learn.

The children's choir has begun working on a musical called "How Far is it to Bethlehem?" Pray for us that enough children will become involved so that we can see it through.

Do not despair, for the Community Chorus is still going strong and will also be having their concert. However, at this moment, the location is not yet arranged for certain.

So, you will have several opportunities to enjoy some really lovely and worshipful music and also drama. And what better way to celebrate the holidays, with loved ones and good music. It may seem too early for you but not for me. Happy Thanksgiving! MERRY and BLESSED Christmas..

The monthly Saturday Night Game Night will be held Saturday, October 8th at 6 PM.

EVERYONE is invited to this time of fun and fellowship. There will be board games, video games, ping pong, puzzles, and snacks. Bring your favorite board game or puzzle. Also bring your favorite snacks or sandwiches to share. See Lori Patton for more information.

