

### Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Mickey Gilliam  
 2nd Sunday: Phil Lowery  
 3rd Sunday: Winston Riddle  
 4th Sunday: Kelly Coons

### October Wedding Anniversaries

James & Jeanette Beach Oct. 12  
 Richard & Rachel Newton Oct. 21  
 Jimmie & Ruth Harris Oct. 31



### October Birthdays

Linda Brooks ..... 2  
 Kieran Becker ..... 7  
 James Beach ..... 12  
 Carl Epley ..... 13  
 Ellen Silver ..... 15  
 Larry Grant ..... 23  
 Lynda Davis ..... 28

Celebrating a



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Old Fort, NC

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# THE VOICE

### Offertory Prayer:

1st Sunday: Tony Silver  
 2nd Sunday: Arthur Burnette  
 3rd Sunday: Alex Little  
 4th Sunday: Rhonard MacRae



### OCTOBER EVENTS

#### SUNDAY:

9:45 - Sunday School  
 11 - Worship Service  
 5 - Adult Choir Practice  
 6 - Children's Choir  
 6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth

#### WEDNESDAY:

6 - Adult Bible Study/Prayer, Youth, Children in Action, Mission Friends,  
 7 - Adult Choir Practice

**Oct 3** - WMU, Baptist Men 6 pm

**Oct 7** - Church Picnic at Carson House 12-5 pm

**Oct 8** - Youth Poor Man's Supper Fundraiser 11am-1 pm & 4-6 pm

**Oct 13** - Women's Self Defense Seminar 9 am-Noon

**Oct 14** - Relay For Life-Pink Out Sunday 11 am; All Committees Meeting 4 pm; Deacon's Meeting 7 pm

**Oct 16** - Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 pm

**Oct 20** - Newsletter Articles Due

**Oct 21** - Church Council 5 pm; Quarterly Conference 6 pm

**Oct 29** - BRBA Annual Session 3 pm & 7 pm at Vein Mountain Baptist Church

**Oct 31** - Trunk or Treat 6-8 pm



## Reflections of a Shepherd

Well, it's that time of year again. Fall has arrived, but it's still warm outside. Our Facebook feeds are filling with various memes and complaints about it being "Fall" but that the temperatures don't seem to be falling. Many will lament about living in the South and how we don't have fall anymore, forgetting that it's never been unusual to see an 80+ degree day in mid-October. Others will bemoan the crisis of made-man global warning, using yet another Indian summer to push their atheistic agenda. (I mean seriously, if this were all that unusual would we have a term to describe that pre-dates my grandmother!) During all this hoopla, I try to stay content with the weather, knowing that the weather will change soon enough; but more importantly, knowing I know The One in charge of it all.

A couple years ago, I was doing a sermon series on the book of Genesis and a certain phrase was brought to my attention. Something that I had always overlooked, and never gave much consideration. Look at what Genesis 1:14 says, "Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will serve as *signs for seasons* and for days and years.'" See, when God placed the sun, moon, and the stars in the sky it was not just to provide light. It was intended for us to be able to keep a calendar, so that we might celebrate the different festivals that God would later appoint. But it is more than just these things.

The creation story is intended primarily to teach us about the sovereignty of God. Many ancient cultures, such as the Egyptians, worshipped the sun, moon, and stars. But Genesis tells us that Yahweh is not only the one that placed them in the sky, He created them. And by doing so He sets Himself over the seasons and festivals, many of which revolved around the harvest time.

This is another lesson in sovereignty because other cultures that would plague the Israelites in the Promised Land worshipped "gods" that were over the harvest; Ba-al being just one example. So the creation story begins the Israelite story establishing Yahweh over all creation, not just one facet of it; and not only that, He is over all of the tribal "gods" that all the pagan nations call upon.

God, being God, saw not only the trials the Israelites would face, but also the temptations that future believers would face as well. Cultures that saw consistent change in their seasons often feared fall and winter. Flowers died, trees went dormant, and animals retreated into hibernation. Surely this was a time that "god" was being conquered or at the very least taking a break. The Norse referred to winter as Odin-sleep, because it was during this time that their chief god Odin would go into hibernation himself so that he might be rejuvenated. When he awoke, the season of Spring began. But we worship a God who never sleeps, who isn't conquered by death or Fall or Winter; because at the very beginning of time He set the whole process in motion, and He continually monitors it today.

Yes, Fall is here. And yes, it's still hot out. But you know what, that's okay. And I've come to realize that while Autumn may still be my favorite season, I love all the seasons and all the different joys they bring. And I'm glad that I live in a region that, relatively, gets to enjoy them all. But most of all I love them because they are a quiet, gentle reminder that God is in charge of everything including the seasons.

*Pastor Drew*

### Church Staff

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**Sunday, October 7  
at the  
Carson House  
in Marion  
12:00 pm-5:00 pm**

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**Women's Self Defense Seminar  
Saturday, October 13th  
9:00 am - Noon  
In the Fellowship Hall**

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**2018 Operation Christmas Child - October**

We will be focusing on completing the shoeboxes before November. The National Collection Week is November 12-19.



**Cleff Notes**

- Psalm 150 Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!
- 3 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!
- 4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
- 5 Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
- 149 Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints.

This Scripture embodies the work of the music leaders of the church. Our work is to bring honor and praise to God through the music and songs we sing every Sunday and for every assembly we are called to. This makes practice vital to fulfilling this work to the best of our abilities. The music and songs our Lord gives us not only provides comfort and strength to our brothers and sisters in Christ but spreads the Gospel message of Christ Jesus to those who suffer from sin without Him. Jesus deserves our all since He gave His all for us. If you have been hesitant about joining the choir and love to sing, I encourage you to lay down any fears and say yes to His leading. Join this wonderful group of people and praise the Lord.

Brother Stephen Willie  
Minister of Music



**Youth Fundraiser**  
Monday, October 8th  
Dine-In or Take-Out  
11:00 am - 1 pm &  
4:00 pm - 6 pm  
(In the Fellowship Hall)



**Pink Out - Sunday, October 14**  
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Relay for Life Kick off at First Baptist will be Sunday, October 14. We will be hearing from two (of our own) cancer survivors. Please show your support by wearing PINK on October 14.

The American Red Cross  
Blood Drive  
will be at our church  
Tuesday, October 16th  
12:30 pm - 5:30 PM



To schedule an appointment visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or call American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767



Our website has the weekly bulletins, monthly newsletter and calendar. You can also view weekly sermons and special music. There are pages with information about our missions, ministries, youth, children and other activities.



*With Sympathy*

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Ray Vess in the passing of his wife, Joan Vess and to Rhonard MacRae in the passing of his mother, Eva MacRae.



Sunday, October 21  
at 5:00 pm  
in the South Classroom

Church Council:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Pastor                    | Church Staff           |
| Church Clerk              | Deacon Chairman        |
| Treasurer                 | SS Director            |
| Building/Grounds Chairman | Prayer Ministry        |
| Senior Adult Director     | Security Chairman      |
| Hospitality/Bereaved Rep. | WMU Director           |
| Children's Council Rep.   | Baptist Men's Director |
| Youth Council Rep.        |                        |



**Sunday, October 21  
6:00 pm  
In the Fellowship Hall**

**A Note from the Church Clerk**

If you are chair of any church committee, please bring a report to the Quarterly Conference including the following:

1. Activities or accomplishments from the previous 3 months (quarter).
2. Planned activities during the next quarter.

**A copy of this report should be available for the church clerk before or at the meeting.**

If you or a representative will not be able to attend and present the report, please provide the report to the clerk, who will present the report and record it in the minutes.



**Blue Ridge Baptist Association  
90th Annual Session**

Monday, October 29, 2018

- Afternoon Session: 3:00 pm
- Dinner Following Afternoon Session
- Evening Session: 7:00 pm

Vein Mountain Baptist Church  
10229 Highway 221 South, Marion



I have had 2 special days in the last few weeks. The first was this sweet card and I appreciate it very much. The second was the Sunday my nephew and his friend took me to church.

The reason I do not go to church is that I do not drive. I do love my church especially you youth. Maybe we can get together again.

Love you guys,  
Jean Arthur

How wonderful it is to have a Church Family that cares for everyone and their needs.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for the service.  
The Ruby Guffey Family

Food Committee,  
Thank each one of you so much for the delicious food you prepared. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

Love in Christ,  
Roni & Sandra  
& the Ruby Guffey Family

Merry Workers Sunday School Class,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent. They were special and it was very kind of you.

Mama loved her Sunday School Class and enjoyed fellowship with each of you.

Love In Christ,  
Ruby Guffey's Family

Dear First Baptist Church,  
Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement and the kind expressions of sympathy during this sad time.

Ray Vess and Family



**First Baptist Church  
Parking Lot**

**Wed., October 31  
6-8 pm**

