

Sunday 7-16

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship
2p Spence Field Mission
6p Worship Amy Taylor

Wednesday 7-19

NO Pursuit
5:30p Finance Comm
6p Adult Choir
6p KIDZ
6:15p Prayer Meeting
7:30p Deacon Meeting

Sunday 7-23

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship Daniel Crews
2p Spence Field Mission
6p Worship

Tuesday 7-25

6p Keenager Banquet

Wednesday 7-26

6p Pursuit Freckles
6p Adult Choir
6p KIDZ
6:15p Prayer Meeting
7:30p ACTS 1:8

Sunday 7-30

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship Lord's Supper
2p Spence Field Mission
6p Church Conference/Prayer Meeting

Our week-day preschool class taught by Dana Horne is open for 2 & 3 year old students. Registration forms are in the church office. Call 985-2103 and we can tell you the details.

Church Staff

Rev. Wayne Woods, Pastor
Rev. Josh Wilson, Minister of Children
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**First Baptist Church Tifton
Friday and Saturday,
August 25th-26th**

ATTENTION! ALL CHURCH LEADERS! Whether you work with kids, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, lead youth, coordinate children's worship, direct women's ministry, serve as a Deacon, or in any other ministry leadership role, this is an opportunity we are urging you not to miss!

We will pay the registration cost of \$35, it includes dinner Friday, continental breakfast and lunch Saturday, and all breaks. We can also provide transportation. Sessions will cover 100+ topics, top national speakers, affinity and specialized training, for all age groups.

BEFORE AUGUST 7TH Sign up by emailing Pastor Wayne wayne@firstmoultrie.org, sign up in Sunday School or call the church office 985-2103.

Find out more about the schedule and sessions at gogeorgia.net,

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Sunday, July 16, 2017

10:30am Worship

Pastor Wayne

"To All the World - For Jesus' Sake" Acts 1:4-8
Report from our Tijuana Mission Team

6:00pm Worship

Report from Amy Taylor

Missionary to the Jerusalem School on the West Bank

Sunday, July 23, 2017

10:30am Worship

Daniel Crews guest speaker/musician

6:00pm Worship

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - HOW THE GOSPEL SHAPES OUR FIRST FREEDOM
#1 - "Religious Liberty in Today's Culture"

KEENAGER BANQUET

Tuesday, July 25 6:00 PM

Entertainment by Mark Willard

Worship Pastor at Sherwood Baptist Church Albany
Dinner: Roast Beef, Squash Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Homemade Desserts



Tickets \$7

From My Heart To Yours

“What eye did not see and ear did not hear, and what never entered into the human mind – God prepared for those who love Him.’ Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.” I Corinthians 2:9, 10.

“The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight but has no vision.” – Helen Keller.

“Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13, 14.

VISION 2018 – WHAT IS YOURS FOR FBC MOULTRIE?

Your staff and your leadership is going to seriously pursue that question over the next several months and as your pastor, I need now to plead with you to pray with us and for us as His church to have one singular desire in that pursuit – the goal promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus! Surely we must realize that goal is not simply the reward of our heavenly home but also must include the promise of spiritual insight into those amazing realities of His purpose for us on this earth! What I am calling myself and you as my deeply and dearly loved church family to is a forward directed search for the specifics of God’s Purpose for us as His church as we move forward, or as Rob reminded us in a recent sermon and what our students heard repeatedly at IMPACT this summer: Trading OUR PLANS for HIS PURPOSES!

A recent Thom Rainer article I read had an intriguing title, “Five Reasons Why Stability Is Bad for a Church.” His point was that for churches today the issue is becoming increasingly clear: CHANGE OR DIE. Of course, he is not talking about change regarding Scripture, doctrine, spiritual disciplines, or mission, the things that are never to be compromised. He lists several areas, however, that I think need to be kept in mind as we together seek GOD’S VISION 2018 for us. Resisting change for the sake of stability is choosing our own comfort over obedience and sacrifice.

1. A stable church is NOT a church on mission. The very nature of the Great Commission means our church should be in a state of constant change as we faithfully share the Gospel with our friends and neighbors and anyone the Lord gives us opportunity with, we see them believe in and begin to follow Him, and He adds them to His church.

2. Comfort is the enemy of obedience. This is easily and clearly evident simply by remembering and reviewing the life stories of those in Scripture that God greatly used. Always they were required to follow Him out of their comfort zones into places of faith, obedience, and great fruitfulness. A young man I knew as a youth pastor in Anniston, Alabama, has seen the Lord add to the church he now pastors, through a simple rediscovery of a commitment to individual discipleship, 900 people in the past 6 years! Those are the kind of things He has miraculously planned for those willing to “reach forward” with “eyes of faith.”

3. Stable churches are not reaching their communities. Every community is changing, most rapidly. If comfort is our goal, we will not make the necessary changes we need to make to impact the community we are called and equipped and expected to serve.

4. Stable churches do not create new groups. We know how essential this is – and how hard it is for us to obey! A church that is NOT creating new groups to connect new folks to is simply too inwardly focused. The sole reason we love and pray for and support each other is that, as a healthy loving Body of Christ, we can invite others to join us to experience what we so much enjoy and what they too so desperately need!

5. Members of stable churches want the focus to be on their preferences. They want church “the way it has always been” in the midst of a world that is changing daily at a dizzying speed. We must be willing to lay everything on the table when seeking GOD’S VISION 2018 for us as His Church. How can we better make OUR PLANS – HIS PURPOSE in 2018?

PLEASE don’t take these thoughts I have shared with you as a reason to “hunker down” and refuse to be part of this exciting time and process for us. PLEASE share with me this call to a renewed focus on prayer to understand clearly the Lord’s will and purpose. There is no doubt that as wonderful a fellowship that we share as a church, we are very definitely experiencing a decline in attendance that should concern us all. Part of the reason for that, I believe, is our holding on to the non-biblical illusion of stability. Hopefully, in this pursuit together, we will find our way to the renewed health and overflowing fruitfulness that HIS PURPOSE always brings!

PLEASE NEVER FORGET – I dearly and deeply love you and love being your Pastor!

Pastor Wayne

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE? HERE ARE SOME CRITICAL AREAS OF NEED

1. Web Site Development and Update We need some people NOW!
 2. Greeter Ministry We have some great plans for expanding this vital ministry that you can get in on!
 3. Parking Lot Greeters Same need as above – we need many more to help us upgrade and expand.
- PLEASE let Brother Wayne know ASAP if the Lord is calling you to either of these VITAL opportunities!

The Backpacks for Appalachia project is changing to **Backpacks of Hope** and is expanding! Going forward, it will include the children and youth in Appalachia AND the children and youth in the most poverty stricken counties in Southwest Georgia. We will hold our Backpack campaign in the month of August. Watch for details.

Welcome New Member for Baptism

Allie Grace Rowley

In Loving Memory

Nellie Paulk

Joined First Baptist May 4, 1958
Deceased July 4, 2017

Just Arrived!

Marc Calvin DeMott

Born June 23, 2017

*Son of Austen and Jane DeMott
Grandson of Marc and Sharon DeMott*

Just Arrived!

Noah Cannon Abell

Born July 1, 2017

*Son of Zach and Jessi Abell
Grandson of Buzz and Terry Register*

In Loving Memory

Peggy Bridges

Joined First Baptist June 21, 1931
Deceased July 10, 2017

In Loving Memory

Jeanette Bell

Joined First Baptist August 30, 1987
Deceased June 30, 2017