



November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Youth Return from Caswell No Youth Meeting	6 Annual Meeting State Baptist Convention	7 6:30 Mission Transition Team Leadership Transition Team 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	8 6:00 Acteens 6:20 RA's 6:30 FSBC Knights Club Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 7:00 Diaconate Meeting	10 Youth leave for Caswell Blood Drive 1:00 to 6:00 American Red Cross Observed Veteran's Day	11 Youth at Caswell Veteran's Day God Bless our men and women in service
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Business Meeting Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due 6:00 Youth Meeting	13 Annual Meeting State Baptist Convention	14 10:00 Women on Mission 6:30 Mission Transition Team Leadership Transition Team	15 6:00 Acteens 6:20 RA's 6:30 FSBC Knights Club Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16 7:00 Diaconate Meeting	17 Observed Veteran's Day	18
19 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:30 Friendsgiving (Children & Youth) Poinsettias Orders Due 6:00 Thanksgiving Service	20 10:00 am Dorcas Sew Day	21 6:30 Mission Transition Team Leadership Transition Team	22 No Wednesday Night Activities	23 Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Hanging of the Greens No Youth Meeting	27 11:00 Birthday Buddies @ Cafe Vesuvio 6:30 Mission Transition Team Leadership Transition Team	28 11:00 Birthday Buddies @ Cafe Vesuvio 6:30 Mission Transition Team Leadership Transition Team	29 6:00 Acteens 6:20 RA's 6:30 FSBC Knights Club Mid-Week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 7:00 Diaconate Meeting		

Week of Prayer for Baptist Children's Homes of NC and Annual Offering Collection - Nov. 5th - 12th

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Flat Springs Baptist Church

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Phone: 919-775-5922
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Friday, November 10th
1:00 – 6:00

Blood Drive

Flat Springs Fellowship Hall
Registration is Open
www.redcross.org

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Empty Shoeboxes available in the Atrium to return as gifts by November 12th

We welcome designated donations for "Shoebox Shipping"
\$10.00 per box is the 2023 shipping cost

Christmas Angels

Despite the warm temperatures, it is time to consider the Christmas season. If you, your family, Sunday School Class, mission or civic group will likely "adopt" a Christmas Angel and shop for gifts, anticipate the Angel options being available in early November from the Salvation Army and Deep River School. We can lend a hand if you want to sponsor a child and prefer Acteens, for example, to shop and wrap on your behalf.

Poinsettias

It's time to prepare our church for the holiday season with the beautiful memorial poinsettias. Individuals or families may purchase poinsettias in memory of or in honor of loved ones. These will decorate the church. See bulletin for more information. Deadline: November 19th

BUSINESS MEETING November 12th

Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 19th 6:00 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST November 19th 8 am

Sunday, November 26th 6:00 pm
HANGING OF THE GREENS

OFFICE CLOSED
November 24th and 25th

Deacon of the Month - Brad Boisvert

Sunday School & Worship Attendance for September 2023

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
10/1/23	87	106
10/8/23	81	88
10/15/23	60	78
10/22/23	88	129
10/29/23	78	107

Message from Pastor Blume

Waiting on God

In our fast-paced world, one of the last things we want to do is “wait.” We feel pressed to move on to the next item on our agenda. Frankly, we’re impatient. Waiting is just not our favorite thing to do! But, God has a different plan for us. The Bible is filled with commands and calls to wait on God. Look at just a few of these examples:

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!” Psalm 27:14 (ESV)

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

“The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.” Lamentations 3:25 (ESV)

Waiting does not mean “do nothing.” Waiting is not twiddling our thumbs in a state of apathy. Waiting is a deliberate act of trusting God for His will in His timing. Waiting is one of the best ways we grow in faith because it

forces us to trust God completely. It makes us take our hands off a specific situation and gives God the chance to do His will, which is always perfect. The alternative is to do our will, which will be disastrous.

Many verses of scripture call us to wait. I can’t think of any Bible verses that call us to “hurry up” except those that call us to the Great Commission. Sadly, that’s where we slow down.

Pray for the Transition teams as they diligently seek God’s design for every member of Flat Springs Baptist Church. I’m pleased with the work they are doing, and I believe you will appreciate the outcome when their work is done.

Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the sanctuary for prayer and Bible study. We are studying the basic principles of an effective prayer life. I hope to see you!

I’m praying for you. Thank you for praying for me.

Allan Blume

Message from Ella

Music Happenings



I hope this finds you well and filled with the joy of music. I have some exciting updates to share with you regarding our music ministry. First up, mark your calendars for the Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata, titled **“In the Midst: God Among Us.”** This beautiful performance will take place on December 17th at 6pm. Following the cantata, we invite you to join us for a delightful reception. It promises to be an evening filled with heartwarming melodies and the true spirit of Christmas.

In other news, we want to give a shout-out to all those who attended the Renewing Worship Expo at Salem Baptist Church in Apex on September 30th where we had the pleasure of meeting Travis Cottrell. It was a fantastic event that provided training and encouragement for pastors, worship leaders, choirs, audio/visual teams and others

who have a role in our weekly worship services.

Moving on to our young singers, our PreK-K choir has been hard at work learning fundamental Bible songs that teach gospel truths. It’s truly heartwarming to see their enthusiasm and passion for music at such a young age. Meanwhile, our 1st-5th graders have been exploring musical concepts through exciting hands-on activities. They have also been learning contemporary songs of the Christian faith, along with the timeless hymns that give them a solid foundation.

And finally, yours truly will be singing with the NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra at the NC Baptist Annual Meeting held in Greensboro on Monday, November 6th. So far in the 2023-2024 season, the NCBSO has held two worship concerts across our state with four remaining in coming year.

Ella Lazenby

Monday, November 6, 2023 | A Global Prayer Movement

Flat Springs’ Sanctuary will be available 6:30 AM – 7:30 PM for men, women, and youth desiring a worshipful space for prayer-time and Bible study.



Theme drawn from Job 33:4

“The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

For more than 70 years, women in over 100 nations have sponsored a day of prayer in homes, churches, and communities!

As we pray this year, may you breathe deeply the presence of God as you experience the power of collective prayers being lifted! Seek the Lord with open hearts.

Advent

First Sunday of Advent is December 3rd



The English word “Advent” comes from the Latin word “adventus,” which means “coming.” It refers to the first coming of Christ to this earth and points to His second coming. Christians celebrate Advent during the four weeks leading up to Christmas day. On each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas, an Advent candle is lit. The 4 candles of Advent names are hope, love, joy, and peace, representing the virtues Jesus brought us.

How can you create a setting in your home for Advent?

Of course, while gifts are fun, your Advent Calendar can also be an activity calendar filled with Christmas activities and random acts of kindness for those around you.

If you are creating your own activity Advent Calendar, look at the family schedule for the month of December. Are you going to be able to do the activity with what is already schedule? Think about what your family likes to do together. Make a list of the activities and how long they will take to complete. Determine which of these are a priority. Now plot out your calendar based on the time available for that day. You don’t want to make cookies on a Wednesday night after being at church.



Neat ideas:

- Write down everything you’re grateful for
- Bake cookies and drop them off to a friend
- Smile at a stranger today
- Set up the nativity or a nativity craft
- Carol to neighbors or senior citizen homes
- Pray for someone in need of help
- Text someone how much you love them
- Visit an elderly friend or widow
- Find someone you can serve today
- Listen to Christmas music about Christ
- Write down all Christ has done for you
- Family-Friendly Christmas Movie
- Make a classic popcorn garland
- Build a gingerbread house (to eat or just for decor)
- Make salt dough ornaments
- Have a red and green only meal
- Visit a local nativity
- Read Christmas story from the Bible (Luke 2: 1-20)
- Take a drive to look at Christmas lights
- Raid the pantry and donate to the local food pantry
- Anonymously pay for the person behind you in line at the coffee shop or restaurant



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Your offering **CHANGED** Paulina’s life:

“As a result of being a child in care I ACCEPTED CHRIST.”

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Baptist Children’s Homes of NORTH CAROLINA
bchoffering.org