

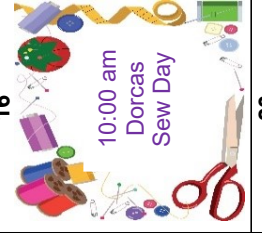





October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Lord's Supper 11:15 RA Field Trip Drive for coats & shampoo 6:00 Youth	2 Custodian Appreciation Day	3 6:30 Mission Transition Team 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	4 5:30 Family Night Dinner 6:00 Acteens 6:30 FSBC Knights Club Mid-Week Service 7:00 RA's 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 	6	7 8:00 Baptist Men's Workday 9:00 Outreach - Bread of Life
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Guest Pastor Business Meeting Pastor Appreciation Day 6:00 Youth	9	10 10:00 Women on Mission 6:30 Mission Transition Team Leadership Transition Team	11 6:00 Acteens 6:30 FSBC Knights Club Mid-Week Service 7:00 RA's 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 8:30- 1:30 8th Annual Ladies Retreat at Juniper Springs 
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22 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Parent-Child Dedication Shampoo Drive Ends 6:00 Youth Fall Party	23 Fall Gathering - Sandy Creek Baptist Association 6:00 Refreshments 7:00 Meeting Tyson Creek Baptist Church	24 11:00 Birthday Buddies 6:30 Mission Transition Team Leadership Transition Team 6:30 Sourdough Bread Class	25 6:00 Acteens 6:30 FSBC Knights Club Mid-Week Service 7:00 RA's 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 7:00 Diaconate Meeting	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 3:00- 5:00 TRUNK or TREAT No Youth Meeting	30	31 6:30 Mission Transition Team Leadership Transition Team	John 1:1-2,14 (NKJV) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."			

October 2023 Newsletter

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Our Guest Preacher



We welcome Seth Brown to preach at Flat Springs on Sunday, October 8. He serves as director of convention relations for North Carolina Baptists. He is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and William Carey University, a Baptist college in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Seth previously served as assistant editor and as executive editor of North Carolina's Biblical Recorder. He lives in Wake Forest with his wife, Lauren, and their three children. They are members of Woodland Baptist Church in Wake Forest.



Meeting and Social
Thursday, October 5th

6:00 pm
Fun Activities and Snacks

Trunk or Treat

Join us for a fantastic time at our Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 29th from 3 - 5 pm! We'll have inflatables, yard games, popcorn, and even hayrides. Invite a friend and don't miss the fun!



Collecting bags of individually wrapped candy in small kitchen until October 22nd.

"Holy Smoke BBQ"



What's the best way to embrace a crisp October evening? Grab your family, friends, and neighbors and come to our annual "Holy Smoke BBQ" on October 21st at 5:30 pm.

We will enjoy an evening of live music, a puppet show, face painting, and a delicious meal of BBQ and chicken. Connect with someone and invite them to attend this special event. A fantastic way to end this social is with a classic, crowd-pleasing treat...S'Mores by the fire pit.

A sign-up sheet is available in the atrium for us to get an accurate head count. Desserts are much appreciated, so sign up on this sheet if you will be donating one.

Please use this as an outreach opportunity!

Mission Transition Team

In the near future, the Mission Transition Team will be surveying you for your opinion on a variety of aspects of the church's core values, mission and purpose. When you receive the survey, please complete it before the deadline. The survey will come in a variety of media. Therefore, you can choose how to complete the survey.



Sourdough Bread Class

October 24th @ 6:30 pm

Regan Marks is hosting a class for girls and ladies interested in sourdough bread. Gather in the fellowship hall to see her demonstrate techniques and taste test her rolls!



Contact Laura Marks with questions.



Youth Fall Party
October 22nd @ 6 pm
Join us for Snacks & Games

Deacon of the Month - Stephanie Bridges



October 8th



October 15th 8 am

Sunday School & Worship Attendance for September 2023

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
9/3/23	95	114
9/10/23	89	110
9/17/23	100	117
9/24/23	119	119

Message from Pastor Blume

Outreach Opportunities

Look at the outreach opportunities in this newsletter. In October there are some special events that make it easy for us to invite our neighbors to Flat Springs Baptist Church. These kinds of outreach are important to the church in many ways. The lost and unchurched need to be reached with the gospel and the truth of scripture. The people of God have the responsibility to impact the lives of unreached people who live in our community. Let's be faithful stewards of our God-given assignment to fulfill the Great Commission.

The Heritage team has completed their work. We appreciate the members of this group for their part of the Transition Team's overall assignment. The Mission team is

working hard and moving ahead toward a good understanding of the church's core values, mission and purpose. This is very important! Pray for them as they continue to meet, pray and work. The Leadership team will have their orientation meeting in mid-October. Pray for them, also.

Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 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

Coats for the City Ministry Project



NC Baptists are partnering with South Carolina churches and the Metropolitan NY Baptist Association to share warm coats and the love of Jesus in NY City.

Please label **NEW** and very, very gently used coats with a safety pin-attached note documenting the **coat size and Man/Woman or coat size and Child**. Coats can be heavy or lightweight.

If you prefer your donation to remain in Lee County, simply add the words LOCAL DONATION to your attached note.

Flat Springs will **collect from October 1 until October 15**. East Sanford Baptist Church is our drop-location. Please let Stephanie know if you would like to volunteer to sort coats before they are shipped.

Red Box NC Women's Prison Ministry Project

This year the Sandy Creek Baptist Association has set a goal to collect 300 bottles of SHAMPOO. Flat Springs will **collect from October 1 until October 22**. Delivery on Oct. 23. These specifications are set by the prisons:



- **SHAMPOO - 10 ounce to 15 ounce plastic bottles** (15 oz max allowed)
- **NO conditioner and NO conditioner mixed into shampoo**
- **NO glass bottles and NO hand pumps**

Monday, November 6, 2023 | A Global Prayer Movement

Flat Springs' Sanctuary will be available 6:30 AM – 7:30 PM for those 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 have sponsored a legacy to build upon as we commit once again to pray this year in homes, churches, and communities around the world!

As we pray this year, may you breathe deeply the presence of God as you experience the power of collective prayers being lifted in more than 100 nations! Seek the Lord with open hearts in prayer.



Christmas Angels



Despite the hot temperatures, it is time to consider the Christmas season. If you, your family, your Sunday School Class, or your mission group will likely "adopt" a Christmas Angel, please let Stephanie know so that Flat Springs requests the proper number of Angels. Historically, we have helped Deep River School students and children assigned by our local Salvation Army.



A Message from Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center

Hello Friends!

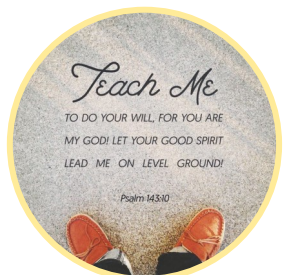
Did you know it costs \$90 a month to put diapers on 1 baby? That's just diapers and just 1 child!

Did you know the least expensive car seat at Walmart is \$89? Car seats are mandatory for babies/ children and yet currently we are the only local resource who is giving them to people in need. Many children and babies are riding in cars without proper restraint in our County. We all want to save babies BEFORE they are born; we need to support them after also!

You can help!!! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KKK8XD90F5Y6?ref_=wl_share

Please continue to pray for us and with us daily!

In Ministry for LIFE,
Dianna Andrews,
Executive Director



Needs:

- ✓ Baby Shampoo
- ✓ Baby Wash
- ✓ 9 - 12 month Boy Sleepers
- ✓ 12 - 18 month Boy & Girl Onesies
- ✓ Convertible Car Seats / Infant Car Seats
- ✓ Diapers of all sizes, especially 3, 4, 5
- ✓ Baby lotion
- ✓ Baby Formula

Have you consider?

Imagine this:

If you have \$86,400 in your account and someone stole \$10 from you, would you be upset and throw all of the remaining \$86,390 away in hopes of getting back at the person who took your \$10? Or move on and live? Right move on and live. See, we have 86,400 seconds each day. Don't let someone's negative 10 seconds ruin the remaining 86,390. Don't sweat the small stuff.

... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything **by prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let **your requests** be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18