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Trunk or Treat

On Thursday, **October 31**, we will hold our annual "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event from 6-8 PM in the church parking lot. [Info Meeting on Sunday, October 20](#), following worship service.

We use this occasion to make connections to our community by inviting folks to church services, offering to pray for them and with them right there on the spot, or just simply meeting and greeting people as they pass through the line.

Help is needed in many ways to make this night successful :

- parking attendants
- registration/prayer tables
- lots of decorated "trunks" filled with candy
- lots and lots of candy donations - collection bins are located in the Welcome Center and at the Church Office

Sign up in the Welcome Center or visit
<https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/signup>
Contact Pastor Joe for more information





FIRST THOUGHTS

Maintaining A Culture of Hospitality

One of the most overlooked parts of a worship service is what we traditionally call “the welcome.” It’s that moment at the very beginning when the background music fades, the choir is seated, and the pastor walks to the pulpit and welcomes everyone to worship. The welcome is often overlooked because most people are still trying to find their seats, or wrapping up their conversations, or they feel that worship really doesn’t begin until we sing the first song. However, from a theological perspective, we might argue that the welcome is a vital part of our worship. As a church built upon the gospel, the welcome is a reminder that because of the person and work of Jesus, we are welcome and free to gather as the people of God to worship him. In other words, without having salvation in Christ, we would not be God’s people, nor would we be welcome to approach his throne of grace. Therefore, because of our common faith in Christ, we are welcome to worship him together.

However, while a welcome is generally given to believers, there is another gospel-centered reason we welcome everyone to worship. For those who are guests, especially those who do not have a relationship with God, the welcome serves as a reminder that all are welcome to hear the good news of Jesus and respond to him in faith. We want every person who enters our worship service to feel welcome to hear the gospel, and ultimately to become a part of our family in Christ. It’s the main reason we ask our guests to fill out contact information and visit with them following the service. We want to establish a relationship with them and discuss their spiritual condition.

But while the formal welcome is an important part of the worship service, I want to mention another means of welcome that we all need to engage in. We need to maintain a culture of hospitality. In other words, our way of life at church should be for each of us to go out of our way to identify people that we don’t know and do whatever we can to make them feel very welcome. The latest demographics show that our community is set to grow by three thousand

people over the next eight years. We have seen evidence of this growth by the number of guests we have with us each week. However, a major factor in whether or not we reach them comes down to how friendly and welcoming we are. Let me give you a few things to consider.

- Make a habit of seeking out people that you don’t know. Sometimes this can be difficult, especially if you are shy or introverted, but just giving someone a smile and a handshake can go a long way. We also need to avoid the tendency of only gravitating toward people we know.
- Be intentional about getting to know people you don’t know. In other words, approach them first, ask them their name, find out if they have any needs, ask them if they have any questions about the church, get their contact and check on them, etc. I’ve known some who have made a practice of inviting guests to lunch following the service, but a text or call later in the week is just fine.
- Invite new people to your Bible Fellowship group. One of the greatest outreach tools in the church is our small group ministry that meets at 9:15 am on Sundays. Research has shown that if we can get people to join these groups, there is a high chance they will stay long-term.

These are just a few ways that we can maintain a culture of hospitality as a church. Sometimes our greatest outreach isn’t out in the community, but within the walls of our own building. Let’s be faithful to show God’s love and kindness to those he leads our way.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Pastor Justin

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Join the Choir

Now is a great time to join the sanctuary choir and make a joyful noise! We have just started rehearsing our Christmas musical, *This Is Christmas!* by Mary McDonald and would love to have you join us. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 in the Choir Room behind the Sanctuary stage.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

- Psalm 96:1-4a

BILINGUAL CHURCH PLANT

Quick Update from Pastor Waldhys

You may have noticed cooler temperatures, the sun setting earlier, and the leaves changing colors. The fall season is upon us—it's one of my favorite things about living in Tennessee, especially in this region. I love seeing the different autumn hues and shades that adorn the mountains and hills; it's God's art show for us. There's something interesting to note about the oranges, reds, yellows, and browns that we see. These colors decorate the autumn leaves, but they look the prettiest when they are at the point of death. The fall foliage reaches its vibrant peak when they are about to fall off their trees and fall to their destruction. Such illusion of vibrancy, while death is knocking at the door, also exists in our own fallen human lives. David wrote, "As for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked" (Psalm 73:2-3). He continued his observation by asserting, "But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end" (Psalm 73:16-17). The point is that those in the world, i.e., those who reject Christ, may look as beautiful as the autumn foliage, with their high-paying careers, beautiful houses, vibrant social life, but the reality is that spiritual death is their status; death is underneath all of their status symbols of worldly success. Solomon

wrote, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12).

Christians are told by God to enter the narrow gate that is found on the difficult road, which leads to life. The other gate, which is broad and its road easier to traverse, is one that leads to destruction. Verdad en Amor continues to walk the difficult path towards the narrow gate. In addition to our Sunday and Tuesday September meetings, we had a family pool night and youth skating night to encourage fellowship, which was well attended. We also celebrated with Iglesia Bautista Príncipe de Paz (Prince of Peace Baptist Church) their 14th church anniversary. God is definitely moving in our small congregation; brothers and sisters are growing in their faith and discipling their children. Last, we have begun working on our church constitution and bylaws with the hope that we'll be constituted and incorporated soon. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer in and with your offerings. If you ever want an update outside of these monthly newsletters, please feel free to reach out to me at 786.247.8984.

STUDENT MINISTRY



Fall Retreat IS COMING!! We are over the moon excited for this great weekend together. We are looking forward to getting away this November to find life in Jesus TOGETHER. It's a great weekend where we get away to a cabin in Pigeon Forge and have a life-changing experience at Hearts on Fire. We look forward to all that the Lord has in store for us this year.

THE DETAILS

Who: 6th - 12th Grade Students

When: November 22-24, 2024

Where: [Majestic Lodge Cabin at Wild Briar Resort](#) // We will meet at the church then proceed to the cabin to settle in. We will travel from the cabin to Hearts on Fire during the weekend.

Cost: \$100 (\$125 after October 9th)

Sibling Discount: 2 Students (15% off) 3+ Students (25% off)

Register today at fbcdandridge.org/students



Meet at the Hinchey House for some fall fun!
Reach out to Pastor Josh for more info.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Trunk or Treat - October 31

This is going to be a great night of dressing up, getting candy, and hanging out with the community! Make sure to invite a friend to stop by and see us. There's going to be no better place to be!

RA Boat Race & Camp BaYoCa

It's a great month to be a boy at FBC Dandridge, starting with the annual RA boat race on **October 2**. Then on **October 11 & 12**, we'll be spending time at Camp BaYoCa eating good food, learning about Jesus and playing some awesome games. Sign up today!

Good News Club

There are now at least 5 clubs meeting in public elementary schools in Jefferson County! Our FBCD club that meets in Dandridge Elementary will be starting up later this month. Please be in prayer for all the teams as they lead and for the kids, that they will receive the gospel deeply and with joy!



OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep - 29	Sep - 30	Oct - 1	Oct - 2	Oct - 3	Oct - 4	Oct - 5
		9:45a - 11:30a Ladies' Fall Bible Study 6p - 7p Prayer Meeting OFFSITE 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group OFFSITE 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6p - 7:15p RA Boat Race 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group		
Oct - 6	Oct - 7	Oct - 8	Oct - 9	Oct - 10	Oct - 11	Oct - 12
9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 12:45p Deacon Meeting 11:45a - 1p OCC Shoebox Fundraiser Lunch OFFSITE 6p - 8p Ogle Life Group	9a - 10a Staff Meeting	9:45a - 11:30a Ladies' Fall Bible Study 6p - 7p Prayer Meeting OFFSITE 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group OFFSITE 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	ALL DAY RA's at Camp Ba Yo Ca	ALL DAY RA's at Camp Ba Yo Ca
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Oct - 20	Oct - 21	Oct - 22	Oct - 23	Oct - 24	Oct - 25	Oct - 26
9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 12:30p Trunk or Treat Info Meeting 4p - 5p Women's Prayer Group 5p - 6p Women on Mission OFFSITE 6p - 8p Ogle Life Group	ALL DAY Lakeway Schools - Fall Break 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	ALL DAY Lakeway Schools - Fall Break 9:45a - 11:30a Ladies' Fall Bible Study 6p - 7p Prayer Meeting OFFSITE 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group OFFSITE 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	ALL DAY Lakeway Schools - Fall Break OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	ALL DAY Lakeway Schools - Fall Break 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	ALL DAY Lakeway Schools - Fall Break	
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

If you would like a copy of the birthday list, please contact the Church Office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Allen & Cathy Credle
9/22/2024



Rebecca Howell
9/22/2024



Online Sign Up Information

Have you asked the question, I wonder how to sign up for that event? To get the latest on the FBCD Event Sign Up information, simply click the following link, <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/signup> or scan the QR Code above to take you directly to all the available events to get you signed up.

FBC DANDRIDGE HAPPENINGS



OCC Shoebox Lunch

Help us kick off our 2024 OCC Shoebox Campaign with the fundraiser lunch on Sunday, **October 6**. The menu is pork loin sandwiches, baked beans, chips, and dessert. You are welcome to stay and eat in the Fellowship Hall or pick up a to-go box. Donations will be accepted that day but you can make a contribution any time by designating on your check and/or envelope - OCC Shoeboxes.



50 in 50 Outreach

Our next outreach will be on Sunday, **October 27**. Meet in Room 216 at 4:00 PM. After a time of prayer and instructions, we will go out in groups of two or more and try to reach 50 homes in 50 minutes with gospel-centered conversations. For more info, contact Pastor Cory at cory@fbcdandridge.org or call the Church Office.

Ladies Fall Bible Study

Save the date! Our study of Jennifer Cowart's "Thrive" will take us through the book of James and help us as we try to "live faithfully in difficult times." We will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:45-11:30 AM,

October 1 - November 12. Books are \$15. Sign up in the Welcome Center or online at <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/signup>.



Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting

Our next monthly teacher meeting will be on Sunday, **October 13** at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room. Contact Pastor Cory for more information.



Dive! Women's Ministry

- Monthly Bible Study
- Regular Fellowship Opportunities
- Weekly eNewsletter (Scan the QR code to receive)



Ladies' Dive! Bible Study

Ladies, please join us for our next Dive! study as we discuss truth to overcome negative thinking by looking at our first verse. If you are reading along, please read Chapter 2 of *Dwell Differently*. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, **October 13**, at 5 PM in Room 216!



Women's Prayer Group & Women on Mission

Our monthly meeting will be on Sunday, **October 20**. The Women's Prayer Group will meet at 4:00 PM with Women on Mission to follow at 5:00 PM. Both groups will meet in the Fellowship Hall. At the WOM meeting, Jim Davis, Abby Crutchley and Ansley Hammett will share about their mission trip to South Africa last spring.

Golf Cart Drivers Needed

If one of your favorite parts of playing 18 holes is driving the golf cart, then there is a perfect ministry need for you at FBC Dandridge. Each Sunday, we provide a golf cart shuttle in our parking lot. As our church has grown, there has become a need for people to park further away and we seek to provide a little extra help getting them to the building. More volunteers are needed to pick folks up before Adult Bible Fellowship and take them back to their cars after service. If you would be interested in serving as a Golf Cart Driver, please contact Pastor Cory Hammett at cory@fbcdandridge.org or call 865-397-3940.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
D A N D R I D G E

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Bible Fellowship Report

Average Attendance

	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Preschool	16	16
Children	25	26
Youth	34	28
Adult	222	205
Offsite	0	0
Overall average	297	275

Worship Attendance Average for

August – TBD

Financial Report

	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget Fund Goal	\$113,655.68	\$966,073.28
Budget Receipts	\$93,646.77	\$999,559.08
Building Fund Receipts	2,472.00	31,540.00
Designated Receipts	<u>47,002.87</u>	<u>262,064.28</u>
Total Receipts	\$143,121.64	\$1,293,163.36
