

Jeanette Eller, Jeri Koontz, and Lynn Deal serve snacks at VBS.



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From the Pastor...

The summer heat may be hanging on, but fall is upon us. The teachers and kids are back in school, and our college students are returning to their campuses. First Baptist Church is also gearing up for fall.

Our Wednesday evenings are back up and going and we'd love for you to join us. Dinner begins at 5:15 and our adult Bible study, kids activities, and youth time start at 6:00 p.m. The meal is \$6 adults, \$4 kids (maximum \$20 per family).

Our September theme is *A Faith That Works: A Study of the Book of James*. James encourages us to move past words and to live out our faith. One way to do that is by making a commitment to be a part of this study and bring others with you.

A Faith that Works

Sundays

September 1, 2024

Just Do It!

James 1:17-27

September 8, 2024

Faith is a Verb!

James 2:14-18

September 15, 2024

Put Your Faith Where Your Mouth Is

James 3:1-12

September 22, 2024

Be Wise

James 3:13-18

September 29, 2024

Work and Wait

James 5:7-11

Wednesdays

September 4, 2024

Greece Mission Trip Report

Menu: A Tour of Greece Meal

September 11, 2024

James Study

Menu: Breakfast for Dinner

September 18, 2024

James Study

Menu: Lasagna and Salad

September 25, 2024

James Study

Menu: BBQ and Fixins

October 2, 2024

James Study Wrap Up

Menu: Tacos

But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds." James 2:18

Schedule

Sunday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, August 26

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 28

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program
5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 29

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, September 2

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 4

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 5

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, September 6

6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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Happy Birthday

September 2

Peggy Sykes
Catherine Taylor

September 3

Tyler Williams
Kelly Wilson

September 5

Jerry Campbell

September 6

Sarah Johnson
Ruth Shankle

September 7

Kim Allen

September 8

Brenda Johnston
Amanda Tompkins

September 10

Emily Ashley
Patricia Fyfe

Betty Watts

September 11

Bradley Hedrick

September 12

Angie Roberts

September 13

Emily Mullins

September 14

Terri Helms

September 15

Renee Barker

September 16

Lillie Laws

September 19

Curtis Abell

Dawn Bare

September 20

Brenda Baker

September 21

Sherry Ashley

Mackenzie Barker

Ted Evans

September 23

Megan Mullins

September 25

Mary Hunt

September 27

Ben Faulkenberry

James Hunter

Jackson Wimpy

September 29

Beth McDaniel

Spiritual Statistics

	8/11	8/18
In Person	133	153
Live Stream	24	22
Sunday School	80	98

Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	90,376.00	903,757.00
Budget Receipts	46,931.00	811,156.00
Goals Not Met	(43,446.00)	(92,602.00)
Alms	1,042.00	13,771.00
Designated	326.00	125,498.00

The In-Between

by Laura Foushee

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Would you rather have someone do your laundry for a year or cook all your meals for a year?" The classic youth group game, "Would You Rather," was played in both English and Japanese for the first time by many of our church members last month after a bilingual worship service and "Shrove Sunday" pancake lunch party just before the Lenten season began.

For over 10 years, Kanazawa Baptist Church has given space and support to an English worship service, called Kanazawa International Baptist Church (KIBC), but over the course of that time, the Japanese worship service and English worship service have always been cordially separate. Though some Japanese members and some internationals have floated between both services, each were held completely in their respective languages.

In February, we held our first bilingual joint worship service, attempting to conduct the service half in English and half in Japanese. The service was led by a Japanese deacon in Japanese, but I (Laura) preached and officiated communion in English. For each hymn, half of the verses were sung in Japanese and half in English. The words on the screen appeared in both languages, and translations were printed to help worshipers follow elements not in their native language. With the sanctuary nearly full, there was a beautiful energy as we shared in worship together in both languages.

After the service, we started flipping pancakes and frying up bacon and sausage for our pancake lunch. The table was lined with all the pancake toppings – whipped cream, syrup, nuts, jams, chocolate chips and fresh cut fruit – and the sausage patties from Costco were a huge hit. Carson organized a lottery so that each table had a mix of English and Japanese speakers so that despite the language gap relationships between the two services could begin to be formed.

For us, that Sunday was a fusion of the two worlds in which live – the Japanese congregation in which we seek to support through pastoral ministry as they move forward without a pastor – and internationals whom we seek to support spiritually and materially as they seek to build lives outside of their home countries and cultures. Seeing the two worlds blended together for a few hours one Sunday not only warmed our hearts but encouraged us to continue narrowing the gap between the two groups.

But it is not easy. Many of our partner churches in the U.S. host churches of other ethnicities and languages, and they similarly share space cordially but may find difficulty bridging the language and cultural gaps to form deeper connections. Most in our church – both Japanese and English speakers – still desire to have services completely in their respective languages.

Having a bilingual service takes a different level of preparation, intentionality and willingness from the worshipers to be a little uncomfortable. Our first experience with the bilingual service encourages me to hold both as valuable: the space we create and give each other to worship in the ways and languages that touch our hearts, while also taking the opportunity every now and then to get uncomfortable and try something different in order to form those connections. Our hope is to have a second bilingual service in June on the Sunday we host a mission team from our encourager church, First Baptist Dalton, Ga. I am grateful for the ways in which we can live in the in-between, supporting both groups and encouraging relationship in our diversity but oneness in Christ.



Announcements

A Note of Appreciation from Wayne Rash

Church family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, love and the wonderful meal served for the family after the passing of Lucy Rash. We are so grateful to all of you for the love shown to our family.

In addition, thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits to Wayne during his recent hospitalization and rehab stay at Iredell Memorial. He has been blessed by your love and support.

Sincerely,

The Wayne Rash Family

Parents Night Out Friday, September 6, 2024 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Children (birth - grade 5) are invited for a fun evening with Melissa and Kristina. Children will make a craft, eat pizza, play in the gym, and watch a movie. Cost is \$5.00/child.

First Fellowship Sunday, September 8, 2024 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

First Fellowship is back. It is a time for us to enjoy just being together. More importantly, it's an opportunity to bring friends and family to introduce to your church in a more laid back atmosphere. We'll have a great cook out and lots of games. We need you to bring your lawn chairs and a guest or two.

2024-2025 Church Budget

A copy of the proposed 2024-2025 budget has been mailed to all members. The proposed budget will be presented to the congregation in conference on Wednesday, September 11. The Business Management Team will be available in Adams Hall after worship to answer questions on Sunday, September 15. The congregation will vote without discussion on Sunday, September 22.

A Message from Minister of Missions

Elizabeth Kilby

Thank you so much for all your donations of school supplies. They have begun being distributed among our partner schools and they are so excited and grateful to get them. Thank you so very much.

Don't forget to join us Wednesday, September 4 as we recap our Greece Mission Trip and enjoy a Greek meal together.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth

FBC Women of Faith Come Hear Juana Mikels Thursday, September 26, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Make plans to attend a meaningful evening complete with a delicious meal, good music, inspiration message, and wonderful fellowship with other ladies

Juana Mikels goes in search of peace and happiness leaving behind her husband, home, and friends. She became a Christ follower during her two year separation. Her marriage was reconciled with her husband coming to faith in Christ seven years later.

Tickets at \$20.00 each and will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings before after the worship service.

