






# September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	5 Church Office Closed 	6	7 6:30 Mid-Week Service Mission Friends & Son Shine Singers Older RA's & Acteens Children in Action 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Baptism Business Meeting 4:00 Youth	12	13 10:00 Women on Mission Fellowship	14 6:30 Mid-Week Service Mission Friends & Son Shine Singers Older RA's & Acteens Children in Action 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
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# September Newsletter

## 2022

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Join us September 11<sup>th</sup>  
10 am  
as we baptize:  
Brantley Houchins      Brayden Houchins

Children and Youth Missions  
Starts  
Wed., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm



Youth Ministry

Sunday Youth Group  
Starts  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 pm

*Baptist Men's*  
**BREAKFAST**

September 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am



Thanks for Vacation Bible School!  
It was Monumental!

Deacon of the Month  
Fedd Walker

Planning a Parent/Child dedication  
October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Church Office if interested

Sunday School & Worship Attendance August 2022		
Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
8/7/22	68	86
8/14/22	86	100
8/21/22	92	112
8/28/22	101	132

## Is Sunday School Important in Your Christian Life?

Do you attend Sunday School? Why do you attend? Are these any of the reasons?

Sunday School improves your Bible knowledge. When you know and understand God's Word for yourself, you are more likely to obey the Lord.

The Bible knowledge gained in Sunday School also helps you become more proficient in using God's Word, the Bible.

Sunday School assists your spiritual growth. Think of Sunday School teachers and class members who have modeled the Christian life. You learned from their examples how to live for Jesus.

Sunday School provides a "place to belong." In a class you are known, personally recognized and transparency is more likely to occur. You can share needs and concerns from your life. As you participate in class discussions, you become part of the group.

Sunday School helps you build meaningful relationships.

Sunday School gives you opportunities to serve and minister. You show the love of Jesus by ministering to class members who have needs.

Sunday School has a place for the whole family. Every member of your family is involved in weekly, small-group Bible study, which is growing their Bible knowledge and helping them grow spiritually.

Let us know what brings you to Sunday School by dropping a note in the offering plate.



Meeting  
September 26th  
8:00 am  
Fellowship Hall

Message from Pastor Gary

Dear Friends,

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going!” Ever heard or said that? Although not in the Bible, that might well have originated with Jesus. He was no stranger to tough sledding, and neither was the Apostle Paul. All the apostles for that matter. The early church was constantly facing challenges from outside and from within. On the outside, the Jewish community hated the people of the Way and often used their influence to make their lives corporately and individually a living nightmare. The church would soon also incur the wrath of the superpower of the day, the Roman Empire. From within there was bickering over silly things, who should sit where, who should be allowed to share in the fellowship meals, whose gifts were better than someone else’s gift, which pastor was the best. If that wasn’t enough there was downright heresy or false teachings. People in church leadership positions were trying to lead the church to be something besides the body of Christ. Yes, the going was tough, but thank God, they kept going.

You can certainly say that the going has been tough for the body of Christ in 2022. We are being pressured from the outside to compromise some of the Bible’s clearest teaching. The culture no longer honors Sunday as a day of worship and rest but instead crams it full of activities. There are false teachers on the television and the radio

and because they have a great following, they must be right, right? The church has been infected with apathy and many people now see church as optional at best and many have simply moved on without the church all together. Yes, the going is tough, so it is time for us to get going, amen?

It is time for us to make the main thing the main thing. It is time for us to say with Paul, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation.” Remember your “one”, in “Whose Your One?” Could today be the day that the truly redeemed of the Lord say, “I will stand with Christ on the firm foundation of the Word of God and no matter what may come my way, I will take a stand for the gospel?” Could today be the day that priorities in our lives fall completely in line with priorities God spells out in the both the Old and New Testament; namely, “Love the Lord your God with all... and your neighbor as yourself!”

Jesus knew that the true followers would be in for tough times. That is why he said, “If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.” When the going gets tough, the tough get going! Are we ready to go?

Your Pastor,  
Gary

Prayer & Praise:

“Consider what God has done.” Eccl. 7:13

Please pray for our new bilingual Client Advocate, Sharlyn Lobo. We are thankful to have her as an amazing addition to our team!

Thank you for your prayers & support!

In Ministry for LIFE, Dianna Andrews  
Executive Director



Current Pregnancy Center Needs:

- ♥ bottles of water for clients
- ♥ disinfecting wipes
- ♥ baby wipes
- ♥ baby bottles
- ♥ diaper cream

Message from WMU



**HOPE IN CHRIST** is WMU’s emphasis for work in the churches for 2022-2024, inspired by Romans 12:12 – “**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.**”

Because of our hope in Christ, may we seek to be ...

- ♥ genuine in love
- ♥ patient in tribulation
- ♥ constant in prayer
- ♥ compassionate to all

Drivers, be aware that youth and kids will be in the back or on the Fellowship Hall-side of the church on Wednesdays. This is great news because our **whole-group youth and children’s mission meetings resume Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7:35 PM.**

Royal Ambassador older boys will rally in the Church Basement.

Acteens will rally upstairs in the Youth Room, entering/exiting through the Fellowship Hall.

Parents, please drop off and pick up children in the Fellowship Hall as our rally spot.

School-age kids who are Children in Action or GAs, will begin a rotation beginning with Music on September 7, then meet specifically in the Missions classroom on September 14.

Mission Friends will enjoy music, missions and activities all in the Mission Friends Room.

Please reach out with questions about how your child can plug in to missions and music.

Yours in Christ, Stephanie

Message from Sandy Creek Baptist Association WMU



September brings the promise of cooler weather. Fall officially arrives on the 22<sup>nd</sup> reminding us of God’s promise in Genesis 8:22 that “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.” What a comfort it is to know that **God keeps all His promises!**

It’s **REDBOX Gift** time again. This year, our association will be collecting 300 bags of individually wrapped hard candies. Any hard candy is acceptable, but butterscotch and peppermints seem to be favorites. Details about drop off locations and dates will be announced in the October. Meanwhile, be in prayer for those **women in NC prisons** who will receive these gifts at Christmas.

Don’t forget that the **Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer** will be held Monday, November

7 – the first Monday in the month.

**God has a purpose for us.** If one is willing to “trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: [and] in all your ways acknowledge Him... He shall direct your paths” (Prov. 3:5-6).

Many do not have hope because they do not know Jesus in whom rests the only certain hope. **Spread the Word, hold fast to Him** in whom you have placed your trust and faith, and **be constant in prayer for the lost, our leaders, and for each other – just as the scriptures say** (1 Tim. 2:1-3).

God Bless You,

Susan T. Ferguson,  
Association WMU  
Director



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