



The Visitor
 Sharing Christ ...
 Serving our Community.

**Sunrise Service
 Refuge of Hope**

**Speaker: Nick Hampton
 7:30 a.m.**

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Steve Shierling	Lead Pastor
Cathy Williford	Minister of Music
Barbara Williamson	Youth Pastor
Gwen Boutwell	& Acting Church Administrator
Debbie Ley	Administrative Assistant
Jessica Mitchell	Financial Secretary
Scott Hockenbury	Interim Organist
	Pianist
	FBCP&K Director
	Facilities Manager



**THIS MONTH'S
 GREETERS/USHERS**
Jack & Mary Newell

**Tommy Barron
 Barry May
 Drew Patrick
 Buford Smith**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 HALLWAY GREETER**
Ada Dodd

Pray for, visit if you can &/or
 simply call or send a card to our
 SHUT-IN

Mrs. Paula Harrison
 P.O. Box 407
 Quitman, GA 31643
102nd Birthday on 4/6



**Sunday School
 9:45 a.m.**
(available for all ages)
Morning Worship
Rev. Steve Shierling
11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary
(No Evening Activities/Service)



Back in August of 2017, you, the church, chose 9 people to serve as the Pastor Search Committee to seek God's guidance in finding the next Pastor of First Baptist Church of Quitman. Our first meeting was on August 27, 2017. Since that date we've met practically every week praying and seeking God's man for the task of leading FBCQ as Pastor. I want to thank the committee for the work they have done seeking the Lord's guidance in the task assigned to us.

During the past 7 months we've gathered and studied resumes and as we've performed this task we have constantly been led to the candidate we are presenting today, who is Steve Shierling. Steve has so faithfully served as Acting Church Administrator and preached for us most every Sunday since the departure of Pastor Chris in August. We believe that he has done an exceptionally good job in leading during this interim period and feel that it is God's will that he be given the opportunity to become the next Pastor of First Baptist Church of Quitman.

Your committee has made every effort to follow proper procedures in seeking God's man for this job. On Monday, February 26th, our committee met with Steve and Tami at Austin's Steak House in Valdosta for an in-depth interview. We were very pleased with the answers to the questions that we presented to the candidate and his wife. After the interview, we followed appropriate procedures in checking references, credit and background reports. All reports were very positive.

One of the main reasons we are recommending Steve as pastor is he is a true man of God with a servant's heart which is evidenced by his actions. He humbly ministers to the members of our church as well as our community. He is always eager to do whatever needs to be done physically and spiritually.

The committee is excited to see what direction our church will go under his leadership. We believe that if we join him in trying to reach people in our community, we can once again see our sanctuary being filled with people seeking to worship and follow our Savior.

Since Steve has been preaching for us for some 7 months, it is not necessary that he preach a trial sermon. However, according to the church's by-laws, it is necessary that we announce a called business meeting in which we will officially present him for church action. We have received the approval from the deacons to have that called business meeting following the morning worship service on Sunday, April 15th. The appropriate announcements of this meeting will be made in church services for the next two Sundays and on Wednesdays and published in the church newsletter. In compliance with the by-laws the vote will be by secret ballot. Absentee ballots will be available for people who will not be able to attend on April 15th.

- John Stalvey, Chairman
- Allen Wheeler, Vice Chairman
- Glenn Adkins
- James Bradford
- Tanja Dukes
- Sibby Heard
- Dee Dee Peek
- Buford Smith
- Fran Wisenbaker

YOUTH:

229-263-3234

steve@bemiss.com



Good morning,

I just got through my morning ritual of trying to leave the house. Right before I leave, I have to walk to the laundry room and grab two bacon treats from the container. I hold one up and Bacall immediately runs to the door at the porch, I give her the treat, open the door and she goes out on the porch and gets on the little couch we have for her out there. I then walk outside hold the second treat in the air, Trigger our outside dog sees it, runs and gets in his pen and shuts the gate behind him waiting for me to get there. When I get there, I hand him the treat lock the gate and then come back ready to go to work. This of course is not the first time we've done this. Both of them know this routine, if they are obedient the blessing will follow.

As Christians, our obedience is not a prerequisite of salvation, but we will learn through experience that when we are obedient the blessings are soon to follow. Now I'm not talking about a house on a hill, but I am talking about joy in your soul and an eternal reward! Our experience through time will teach us that our obedience will bring the blessings of peace in our soul!

All things in Christ!
Steve Shierling

FOREVER YOUNG

**The Forever Young Group
FBCQ Fellowship Hall
Thursday, April 5 @ 11:30 a.m.
Everyone is asked to bring
a covered dish
and invite someone to join us.**

REMINDER:

The Deadline for turning in articles / information intended for the weekly VISITOR/ NEWSLETTER is 5 p.m. each Friday. Thank you for your understanding that those items not turned in by the 5 p.m. deadline on Friday may not be able to be included until the following weeks Visitor publication.



THANK YOU

The Church has received a note of thanks from the family of Mr. Benny (Ben) Wooten. Please stop by the bulletin board next to the church office to see these, as well as, any other information about any local mission needs and many other community opportunities.



Registration Begins @ 8:30 a.m.
Race Begins @ 10:00 a.m.

MISSION COLLECTION

APRIL: Shoeboxes & Backpacks - Apparel: Socks, T-Shirts, Shorts, Hats, Sunglasses, Underwear, Shoes, Sandals, Fashion Jewelry, etc.

SUNDAY:

- 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service Speaker: Nick Hampton (Refuge of Hope)
- 9:00 a.m. Orchestra and Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. **Sunday School***
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Choir (Choir Room)
- 10:55 a.m. Count Down for Worship
- 11:00 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP* (Sanctuary)**
(No Children's Church today)

NO EVENING WORSHIP / ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - FRIDAY: FBCP&K & BROOKS CTY SCHOOLS
SPRING BREAK HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY:

- 9:15 a.m. Staff Prayer & Planning Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Broadcast Morning Worship on Quitman Cable Channel 6
No Family Night Supper or Activities

THURSDAY:

- 11:30 a.m. FOREVER YOUNG Meeting/Covered Dish Lunch/Program

SATURDAY: FBCQ's Peru Mission Team Returns

**Nursery Provided Free (Birth - 3 Year)*

**For the safety of all FBCQ children we ask that they be picked up by a parent from the Nursery and 'Kid's 4 Christ' area at the close of the Services.*

Sunday School Enrollment	277
Sunday School	133
Morning Worship (Total Includes Below)	174
Nursery	9
Children's Church	21
Evening Worship (Total Includes Below)	64
Nursery	3
Royal Ambassadors	10
Girls in Action	9
Mission Friends	9
Youth	15
2018 Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,257.08
Budget	\$10,848.00
Designated	\$1,500.00
A.A.E.O. FBCQ's 2018 Goal	\$10,800.00
A.A.E.O.	\$810.00
A.A.E.O. Gifts to Date	\$6,984.00
Peru Park Goal	\$15,000 - \$18,000
Peru Park Playground Gifts to Date	\$6,013.65
2018 Budget Needs YTD	\$135,084.96
2018 Budget Receipts YTD	\$120,703.20

COUNTING

Financial Secretary: Phyllis Hubert
Tellers: Bobby Vann Allen Wheeler

In Honor of

BUDGET

For: Mrs. Debra Hendrix
By: Mr. Joe Hendrix

PRAYER LIST - If you have given a name for our Wednesday Night Prayer List please give us an update or if you know of any that should now be removed PLEASE call the Church Office to let us know (229-263-7511).


Join

First Baptist Church Quitman
on Quitman's local
radio station **WEEKDAYS @ 2 p.m.**
POWER 99.1
South GA'S Home For
Music & Ministry



Pray for the Mission team in Peru; Scott Hockenbury, Barbara Waldron and Julie Wingate. We will return on April 7th.

In His Service,
Barbara Waldron




The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary today is given to Honor our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by Louie, Cathy Williford and Family.

not a fan. Becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus.
completely. committed. **follower.** By Kyle Idleman

This study calls on all who profess faith in Christ to diagnose the nature of their relationship by asking these questions:

- Have you made a decision for Jesus or have you committed to Jesus?
- Do you just know about Jesus, or do you really know him?
- Is Jesus one of many or is he your one and only?
- Are you more focused on the outside than the inside?
- Are you a self-empowered fan or a Spirit-filled follower?

Books are being ordered.
If you're interested in attending this 6 week Bible Study, please call the church office or sign-up at the Welcome Center.



Thank you for coming to support our children's ministry. The kids did a great job presenting the gospel in blacklight. They continue to work hard on their Spring program, which will take place on May 6th. Practice is each Wednesday night at 6:00 - 7:30. Supper is at 5:30.

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CHURCH-WIDE YEAR-LONG MISSION PROJECT

Collecting for APRIL

Shoebboxes & Backpacks - Apparel: Socks, T-Shirts, Shorts, Hats, Sunglasses, Underwear, Shoes, Sandals, Fashion Jewelry, etc.



Thank you for all you do to help the Gospel reach children and their families.

The By-Laws Committee is recommending the following amendment:

Article II, Church Officers, Section 4 - *Deacons*, be amended by eliminating the existing "G" Nomination and Election Procedure, and replacing it with the new "G" Nomination and Election Procedure.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 3, *Amendments*, this proposed amendment has been available in the church office since March 1st.

The amendment will be brought to the church for vote at the regular April Business Meeting.

'The VISITOR', our church's Newsletter, is mailed at lunch on Wednesday. If you do not receive yours by Saturday of each week, please visit or contact our local Quitman Post Office @ 229-263-7280.

Please visit us on the web: www.fbcquitman.org or www.firstbaptistquitman.com

You may also wish to try our official link to view our sermon videos on-line: www.vimeo.com/fbcquitman

Copies of our Morning Worship Services are also available on DVD by contacting the office @ 263-7511.

April Staff Anniversaries:
CHURCH NURSERY
 Margaret Bateman
 4/2006
FACILITIES MANAGER
 Scott Hockenbury
 4/2008

church nursery

VOLUNTEERS
 Scheduled Today:



Marcia Baker
Cindy Walker
Danielle Knight

If You're Feeling Called To Help In The Nursery, Please See Susan York or leave her a message in the Church Office.



APRIL 1-7

- 1 Mr. Rease Walker
- 2 Mrs. Judy Mitchell
Mrs. Louise Walden
Ms. Andrea Radney
Francisco Esteban
- 3 Mr. Chris Cunningham
Jersey Lee
- 4 Mr. John Stalvey
Mr. Kasey Knight
- 6 Mrs. Paula Harrison
Mrs. April Hart
- 7 Miss Billie Johnson
Mrs. Jan Johnson

WE WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHURCH MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS. If we have incorrect information, please let us know.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER
No Wednesday Family Night Supper This Week

Cost: Adults \$5.00
 6yr. - Youth \$3.00
 5 & Under N/C
 Family Max \$20.00
 Reservations / Cancellations

*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

If you are available to help with food preparations please see **Bill Ansaugh to coordinate.**

First Baptist Church Preschool & Kindergarten 2018 - 2019 Registration

4/2 - *Registration is currently Open to the Public
 Contact Jessica Mitchell to secure your child's spot
 229-263-9390

(*spaces are limited and filled on a first come first serve basis)