



The Visitor
Sharing Christ ...

Serving our Community.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Steve Shierling	Pastor
Rev. Nick Hampton	Associate Minister of Youth & Education
Cathy Williford	Associate Minister of Music and Worship
Barbara Williamson	Administrative Assistant
Gwen Boutwell	Financial Secretary
Debbie Ley	Interim Organist
Jessica Mitchell	Pianist
Scott Hockenbury	FBCP&K Director
	Facilities Manager



**THIS MONTH'S
GREETERS/USHERS**

**Miss Billie Johnson
Ms. Jean Parten**

**Glenn Adkins
Jack Newell
John Romine
Allen Wheeler**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
HALLWAY GREETER
Floyd Pyle**

Pray for, visit if you can,
&/or simply send a note
or card to this month's
SHUT-IN

**Mrs. Betty Waters
P.O. Box 407
Quitman, GA 31643**

Easter in 40 Words

*Love gave.
Help came.
Compassion reached.
Mercy saved.*

*Beauty filled.
Hope instilled.
Burdens lifted.
Grace revealed.*

*Death ended.
Breach mended.
Joy danced.
Peace extended.*

*Curtain torn.
Power soared.
Freedom breathed.
Life reborn.*

*He forgave.
Truth overcame.
Glory rose.
Light reigns.*



by Debbie McDavid



Pastor Steve & wife Tami

It's been quite an odd winter, as far as weather is concerned, I could've started cutting the grass (mostly weeds) in February. But in the spirit of procrastination, I waited until March! Both of my dogs were thrilled. Bacall, the Maltipoo, sits in my lap and Trigger, the Boykin Spaniel, lies at my feet, mostly because Bacall will not let him get in my lap! These two dogs are very different in personality. Becall is all in! She waits for me to get on the mower, then jumps in my lap and stays there as long as I am cutting. No matter what bushes I go under or how close I am to the edge of the pond, she trusts me and knows I'm not going to do anything to intentionally hurt her. Trigger, on the other hand, sees me heading to the mower, runs ahead, jumps in the driver's seat and makes me physically move him. He's just along for the ride. He brings the true master of his attention (The Ball) to keep him from getting bored. He never really notices any dangers because he's so focused on his ball, that the path his master has him on is of no real importance.

This last week it was cold, and about to rain, so I left Bacall inside, it was just Trigger and me. He was so excited that he even forgot his ball. He still jumped in the driver's seat but was soon riding at my feet. Without his ball, it was like a new experience for him, he was actually paying attention for the first time. He was a little nervous and kept pressing harder against my legs. By the first time I stopped he had actually laid down on my feet and was in a state of total trust. I got off the mower, picked up a few limbs and returned to find Trigger on the driver's seat with his ball in his mouth. Oh well, at least I had his full attention for a little while.

Are we sitting in the Master's lap in a state of full trust or are we just along for the ride? Do we attend church but have all our little distractions to keep us from getting bored? Do we even notice what path God has us on or are we so focused on our distractions that we are oblivious to His direction? Do we sit in the driver's seat however the only way God will do something through us is for Him to physically move us? This Spring let's all try to leave the distractions and lean on God for His direction. Let Him be the driver of our lives, trusting Him in ALL circumstances. If you give this your best effort, you will find that your relationship with God will reach a new level of closeness that you've not known before. And if you ever fall back to your distractions and jump back in the driver's seat, at least your Heavenly Father had your full attention for a little while.

All things in Christ!
Steve Shierling

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
to Date:
\$6,667.00

God Answers Prayer

Brothers & Sisters,
Prayer is an awesome gift. There is no greater privilege than being able to personally speak into the ear of our Lord! Please sign up at the Welcome Center and commit to a rotation Sunday to pray for our worship during our Sunday morning services. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry and joining the excitement of watching God answer as we draw near to Him.

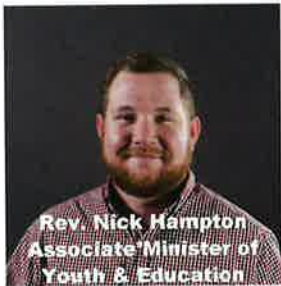
"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."
Mark 11:17



New Members By Letter:

- Hannah Hannah
- Kylee Hannah
- Peggy Satterfield
- Joann Spencer
- Michael Spray
- Teva Spray
- By Baptism:**
- Dylon James

YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRY:



Rev. Nick Hampton
Associate Minister of
Youth & Education

Have you ever taken a shortcut, only to have it cost you more time? There are places in life where shortcuts can be beneficial such as a shortcut to a destination or a quicker way to solve a problem. However, there are other places where shortcuts aren't as beneficial such as building a house or an airplane. As with these, there are no shortcuts in our walk with Christ. It is a slow, patient, precise process of growth and discipline. Taking shortcuts could cause you to have to take a long detour rather than staying the course.

Serving Him, Pastor Nick

KIDS 4 CHRIST Children's Spring Program

Practice 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays
(snack supper provided)

Children's Spring Program
May 19th 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Pray:

- for empowerment to discern whom God is calling to serve at FBCQ.
- a powerful anointing will fall upon our church's music ministry (All: Adults, Musicians, Children), that hearts and minds will be lifted in praise and adoration to God.
- worshipers will participate fully in the worship service and experience the wonder of God's presence.
- for wisdom and guidance for our worship leader as preparations are made for each service.
- for a powerful anointing upon our entire worship team as they lead our congregation in worship and praise.
- church members who have musical talents will not hold back but offer those talents unto the Lord.
- vocalists and musicians will pursue excellence in their musical talents, offering their best to the Lord and to His Church.
- Pray for the future FBCQ Minister of Music God is already preparing for our church.



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SUNDAYS:

- 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)
- Children's Church**
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study* (Chapel)
- Youth Worship & Bible Study / Children's Missions (RA,GA,MF)
- 6:30 p.m. **FAMILY WORSHIP*** (Sanctuary)

MONDAYS:

- 6:00 p.m. Handbells

TUESDAYS:

- 9:15 a.m. Staff Devotion/Prayer/Calendar Planning

WEDNESDAYS: NO FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER DUE TO CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

- 6:00 p.m. Youth (upstairs)
- Children (upstairs)
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting / Adult Bible Study* (Chapel)
- 6:45 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

*Nursery Provided Free (Birth - 3 Year)

Baby Nursing/Changing Station located in the front-foyer Ladies Room

SPECIAL UPCOMING DATES:

APRIL

- 3-9 Peru Mission Trip
 - 4 Forever Young Fish Fry @ 11:30 a.m. (Weltzbarker Cabin)
 - 5 FBCP&K Field Day
 - 6 Going Beyond Simulcast w/ Priscilla Shirer (cost: \$20) 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (@ Morven Baptist Church - see information on Board By Office)
 - 7 NO Children's Missions (MF, GA, RA) Tonight
 - 8 Men's Ministry Meeting 7 p.m. (Weltzbarker Cabin)
 - 8-12 FBCP&K and Brooks County School's SPRING BREAK
 - 11 W.O.M. 5 p.m. (Church Office Conference Room)
 - 14 Deacon Fellowship Meeting @ 8 a.m.
 - Baptism 11 a.m.
 - Stewardship Committee Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.
 - 15 May Visitor Information Due
 - 17-19 HOLY WEEK SERVICES sponsored by the Brooks County Ministerial Association Mt Hope Missionary Baptist Church on Washington St. 11:30 a.m. - Meal 12 noon - Service 12:30 p.m. - Meal
 - 18 FBCP&K Egg Hunt & Singing @ Presbyterian Home
 - EASTER CROSS Decorate and Erect on front lawn (Help is Needed - something for every skill level - Everyone is welcome)
 - 19 FBCQ CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 - FBCP&K Easter Party
 - 20 FBCQ CHILDREN'S BIG EASTER EGG HUNT - Ponderosa 10 a.m. - 12 noon
 - 21 EASTER
 - Schedule: Sunrise Service @ Refuge of Hope
 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 - Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 - No Sunday Evening Activities or Services
 - 24 Presbyterian Home Devotion @ 2:30 p.m.
 - 28 Church Conference/Business Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:30 p.m.
- MAY
- 2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 - Forever Young @ 11:30 a.m.
 - Prayer Service (Sanctuary FBCQ) 7:14 p.m. Brooks Ministerial Association
 - 3 FBCP&K End Of The Year Fieldtrip

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES / NEEDS:



THIS MONTH'S SHOEBOX & BACKPACK MISSION NEEDS: (AGES 2-14)

BOTH OCC & BFC - Apparel: Socks, Clothes, Hats, Sunglasses, Underwear, Shoes, Sandals, Fashion Jewelry

OCC = Operation Christmas Child
BFC = Backpacks for Christmas

Complete list of items being collected available at the OCC /BFC display area beside Welcome Center.

Kids 4 Christ
FBCQ FAMILY EVENT
EASTER EGG HUNT
April 20
10 - 12 NOON
@ Ponderosa
 (Needed: lots of individually wrapped candy;
 place in BIG blue basket beside Welcome Center)

MARCH 2019	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday School Enrollment	308	306	307	308	308
Sunday School Attendance	167	161	142	149	144
Morning Worship	*227	*232	*208	*229	*191
Family Night Worship	*83	*87	*57	*104	*91

*includes Nursery, Youth & Children's Programs

MARCH FINANCIAL RECEIPTS

2019 Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,892.48
Budget	\$9,947.00
Development	\$1,730.00
A.A.E.O.	\$2,035.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$154,602.27
YTD Budget Receipts	\$137,526.73

APRIL Financial Secretary: Janice May
 Tellers: John Stalvey - Allen Wheeler

Memorials
 DEVELOPMENT FUND

- For: Dennis Spiller
- By: Jean Parten
- For: Gere Selph
- By: Judge & Mrs. Arthur McLane
- For: Pete McCord
- By: Joe Wingate

FOREVER YOUNG

- For: Dennis Spiller
- Mary Lee Price
- By: Joan Johnson

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

- For: Mildred DeVane
- Clyde Barnes
- By: Mark & Janet DeVane
- For: Martha Shiver
- By: Floyd Pyle
- For: Pete McCord
- By: Randy & Irma Hall
- John & Patsy Stalvey

GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

- For: Janelle Tillman
- By: Henry & Sara Carr

Honorariums

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

- For: Louise Walden
- For: Curtis & Ola Pickels
- Hilman & Louise Walden
- By: Mark & Janet DeVane
- By: Charles & Debbie Ives
- Betty Belcher

IN MEMORIAM

Pete McCord

May 16, 1932 - March 26, 2019

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for members known to have recently had outpatient procedures or to have been Hospitalized:

- *Renee Bradford
- *Linda Holloway
- *Tommy Roberts
- *Nancy Romine
- *Ricky Rowe
- *Rev. Steve Shierling
- *Howard Spillers
- *John Stalvey
- *Louise Walden
- *Judy Williams
- *Aubrey Williford
- *Hazel Wilson

*Discharged



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THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULED NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

	4/7/2019 Jocelyn Arrandale Marcia Baker Cindy Walker	4/14/2019 Gail Mitchell Mary Newell Sarah Seiler	4/21/2019 April Smith Melissa Stalvey Fran Wisenbaker	4/28/2019 Sharon Cunningham Becky & Nalea Hockenbury 
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DUE TO CONGESTION & CONFUSION, IF YOU'RE NOT PICKING UP OR DROPPING-OFF A CHILD IN THE NURSERY, PLEASE WAIT IN THE MAIN HALLWAY.

MISSION NEWS:

Peru Mission Trip April 3 – 9
 Barbara Waldron, Barbara Williamson,
 Scott Hockenbury, Nick Hampton
 We will give a report to the church
 as soon as possible.

The April Mission Trip to Mexico Beach will be a day during the week. Watch the bulletin for date.

NOTES, CARDS & MESSAGES

We've received cards from Baughn & Linda Holloway, Kerry, Rejinia, Drew, Katheryn & Matthew Patrick, The Williford Family, Hazel Wilson, and the families of Mary Lee Price, Dennis Spiller and Pete McCord. Visit the bulletin board next to the church office to see these as well as keep up with any other information we receive for local mission needs and/or community opportunities.

SYMPATHY

We extend our love, prayers and heartfelt Sympathy to the families of those listed below. May God comfort them at this difficult time.

- Pete McCord
 Gene McDonald, Sr.
 Waymon Patrick
 John David Strickland
 Martha Jane Lewis Wingate

APRIL
STAFF ANNIVERSARIES
CHURCH NURSERY
Margaret Bateman
 4/2006
Rev. Steve Shierling
 4/2008
FACILITIES MANAGER
Scott Hockenbury
 4/2008

BAPTISM
 April 14
 11 A.M.
 ...raised with Him through faith in the working of God.

APRIL FLOWER CALENDAR

If you have questions please contact Phyllis Hubert, FBC Decorations Coordinator or you may leave a message at the church office 229-263-7511.

"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land."
 Song of Solomon 2:12



7	<i>Today's arrangement is in Loving Remembrance of the Wedding Anniversary of Mr. Ed & Mrs. Betty Harrell given by Mrs. Betty Harrell.</i>
14	<i>Today's arrangement is given in Loving Honor of Miss Victoria Ives' 21st Birthday by her parents, Charles & Debbie.</i>
21	<i>Today's arrangement is given in Loving Honor of the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ given by Louie and Cathy Williford and Family.</i>
28	<i>Today's arrangement is given in Loving Memory of Emory & Sara Williford and Don Renfroe and in Loving Honor of Beth Alvarado by their Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.</i>

April Birthdates

1	Mr. Rease Walker	15	Mrs. LuAnn Kelly
2	Mrs. Judy Mitchell	16	Mrs. Krissy Morris
	Mrs. Louise Walden	17	Mr. Richard Marasco
	Mrs. Andrea Radney	18	Mr. Marvin Mitchell
	Mr. Francisco Esteban		Mr. Harvey Strickland
3	Mr. Terry Wilson		Miss Stacy McDonald
	Mr. Chris Cunningham		Anna Lee Trest
	Jersey Lee		Clay Trest
4	Mr. John Stalvey		Aricka Poag
	Mr. Kasey Knight	19	Mr. Michael Peek
	Mrs. Machele Coy	20	Mr. Daniel Brown
5	Mrs. April Hart	21	Mrs. Becky Wallace
	Miss Billie Johnson		Alyssa Tillman
6	Mrs. Jan Johnson	22	Mr. Danny Waters
	Mrs. Gladys Green		Mr. Cameron Marshall
7	Mr. Ben Graham	23	Ms. Margaret Bateman
	Mrs. Betty Harrell		Mr. Robert Ingram
8	Mr. Melvin Plair		Lexi Patterson
	Mrs. Jerry Carroll	24	Mr. Pete Walker
	Mr. Barry May		Mrs. Debra Hendrix
	Mr. Bill Ramsey		Miss Alden Hart
	Mrs. Carla Taylor	25	James Stalvey
9	Mrs. Ruby Powell	26	Mr. Shane Harris
	Mrs. Mary Giddens	27	Miss Abi Barwick
	Mrs. Hannah Hannah	28	Mrs. Julie Wingate
10	Miss Anna Garcia	29	Mrs. Dorma Ruth Spiller
	Mrs. Alison Peterman	30	Mr. Chip Carroll
11	Miss Victoria Ives		

WE WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE FBCQ CHURCH MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH. If we have incorrect information listed, i.e.: incorrect date or you've joined fellowship with another church and are no longer a member of FBCQ please let us know so that we may update our records.