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 Sharing Christ ...  
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**CHURCH STAFF**  
 Rev. Steve Shierling      Lead Pastor  
    Minister of Music  
    Youth Pastor

Cathy Willford      Administrative Assistant  
 Barbara Williamson      Financial Secretary  
 Gwen Boutwell      Interim Organist  
 Debbie Ley      Pianist  
 Jessica Mitchell      FBCKP&K Director  
 Scott Hockenbury      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. Gussie Ethridge  
 P.O. Box 407  
 Quitman, GA 31643

First Baptist Church  
 calls Rev. Steve Shierling to be the 37th Pastor



**Pastor Search Committee Report**

Sunday morning, April 15<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service a called business meeting was held to vote on Steve Shierling as the 37<sup>th</sup> Pastor of First Baptist Church of Quitman. The vote was extremely positive. The Pastor Search Committee is planning an installation service for Pastor Steve to be held on Sunday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 with a fellowship furnished by the church following the service. We want to welcome and encourage Pastor Steve and we trust that everyone will make plans to attend this special service.

Since he has already been serving in a pastoral manner for several months now, his effective date of officially becoming Pastor will be immediately. The committee has already consulted with the Deacons and Personnel Committee and prepared a Pastor-Church Covenant of Relationship (Memorandum of Understanding) which has been officially signed and documented.

The Pastor Search Committee appreciates the prayers and support of the church in our search for a Pastor. I want to express my appreciation to the committee members: Allen Wheeler, Tonja Dukes, Sibby Heard, Glenn Adkins, James Bradford, Dee Dee Peek, Buford Smith and Fran Wisenbaker for their faithful service during the past 8 months.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 John R. Stalvey, Chairman



Pastor Steve  
wife Tami

In the past 10 years, I have served as the Youth Pastor of Quitman First Baptist Church while during the last 8 months taking on the responsibility of the Administrator as well as Interim Pastor. As I woke up this morning the brevity of the trust and confidence that you put in me yesterday by calling me as Senior Pastor weighed heavy on my soul. The passage from Luke 9:62 comes to mind; "But Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Yesterday the congregation of Quitman First Baptist put my hand to the plow. My vow to you, is to do my very best to not look back and to give this ministry my very best effort.

My prayer is that you will join me in this effort. Jesus said, "the fields are ripe with harvest, but the workers are few!" Today is a new day, let's get to work!

All things in Christ!  
Pastor Steve

Sunday, April 15th

**SPECIAL CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE ACTIONS:**

First Baptist Church voted to call  
Rev. Steve Shierling as First Baptist Church's 37th Pastor.

**REGULAR CHURCH CONFERENCE ACTIONS:**

- Amended By-Laws; Article II, Church Officers, Section 4 - Deacons "G" Nomination & Election Procedure

**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

Sunday School Promotion



at the end of class on Sunday, June 3rd,  
all Sunday School Teachers  
will escort the students  
promoting up to their new classes.

The Deadline for turning in articles / information intended for the weekly VISITOR/ NEWS- LETTER is 5 p.m. on 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 week's Visitor publication.



Are you, or someone you love, homebound and therefore missing out on the opportunity to take Communion with your church family? If the answer is yes, please call the church office (263-7511) and allow us the blessing of being able to come to you (at your convenience) to serve you Communion.



**RACE DERBY**  
**2018 WRAP-UP**



If you didn't make it this year or were unable to participate, please make plans to do so next year. We have so much fun!!

The winners in the kid's division were:

Speed:	Design:
1st-Curtis Peek	1st-Curtis Peek
2nd-Asa Oliveto	2nd-Tarin DeVane
3rd-Tarin DeVane	3rd-Mackenzie DeVane

The winners in the adult's division were:

Speed:	Design:
1st-Michael Peek	1st-Patrick Stalvey
2nd-Dee Dee Peek	2nd-Melissa Stalvey
3rd-Fran Wisenbaker	3rd-April Smith

Curtis Peek brought the Championship trophy back to the Children's Department!!!

Thanks to everyone that participated this year and for making it all possible. And a special thanks to everyone that helped set up and break down everything (the Stalveys, Wisenbakers, Knights, Smiths, Barrs and many of the participant's families), Michael Barr for emceeing, Art Hughes for arranging for the "real race cars" to be there and the popcorn, Louie Williford and Billy Ley for judging, Cathy Williford for pictures, and to Allen Wheeler for cooking lunch for us. This is always a BIG group effort. I couldn't do it without y'all

☺♥ Dee Dee Peek

Now the question is...who will win next year...Curtis will move to the Youth/Adult division....will someone (pleeeeeease ☺) unseat the 2 year Adult Champion Michael Peek?... Who will it be?



**MISSION COLLECTION**

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

**SUNDAY:**

- 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\***
- Children's Church
- 5:30 p.m. Youth/RA/GA/MF
- 6:30 p.m. **EVENING WORSHIP\* Peru Mission Team Report**

**WEDNESDAY:**

- 9:15 a.m. Staff Devotion/Prayer/Planning Meeting (Please leave a message)
- 10:00 a.m. Broadcast Morning Worship on Quitman Cable Channel 6
- 10:30 a.m. FBCP&K Chapel Time
- 2:30 p.m. Presbyterian Home Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Supper / Choir / Performing Arts
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Activities / Supper / Bible Study & Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting / Adult Bible Study "Not A Fan" (Chapel)
- 6:45 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY:** FBCP&K Pet Day

**SATURDAY:** Manna Drop Morven & Quitman sponsored by the Brooks County Ministerial Association

\*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	276
Sunday School	129
Morning Worship (Total Includes Below)	150
Nursery	7
Children's Church	6
Evening Worship (Total Includes Below)	72
Nursery	3
RA/GA/MF	23
Youth	11
2018 Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,257.08
Budget	\$10,128.50
Development	\$2,540.00
Designated	\$35.00
2018 Budget Needs YTD	\$168,856.20
2018 Budget Receipts YTD	\$152,558.69

**COUNTING**

Financial Secretary: Phyllis Hubert  
Tellers: Bobby Vann Allen Wheeler

**THANK YOU**

The Church has received a note of thanks from Jean Parten. Please stop by the bulletin board next to the church office to see this, as well as, any other information about any local mission needs and many other community opportunities.



The Flower Arrangement in the Sanctuary today is in Loving Memory of Linda Holloway's mother, Mrs. Ellen Bertram given by her family.



The children are working hard on their Spring Program, which will be May 6<sup>th</sup>, during the evening service. It is so important that all the children

come to Wednesday night practices. The GA's, RA's, and Mission Friends will meet through May 6<sup>th</sup>, then take off for the Summer. They will be receiving their participation badges on May 6<sup>th</sup> after the Spring Program. A busy Summer schedule is right around the corner for the children's ministry. There will be a Parent's Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for all parents having children going to Summer Camp. Girl's camp is June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and the Boy's Camp is 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

We are asking parents to please don't bring children before 5:30 on Wednesday nights. There is no one at the church to supervise them before 5:30.

Thank you,  
Barbara Waldron

*Ladies*  
**Salad Supper**

**Tuesday, May 8 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Speaker - Mrs. Elizabeth Jones**

**ALL LADIES are invited to bring your favorite salad and join the JOY Class on this special night.**



What an Amazing Mission Trip! We will be sharing the experiences God gave us on Sunday night April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I have been praying about what our next step is with our partnership, and the things I thought were the right things to do, were flipped completely upside down on this trip. God really has a way of getting your attention and turning you around to His plans. It is wonderful when the plans are so clearly revealed. I am so excited about how and where God is working in Peru. Please come Sunday night to hear the mission trip report to the church. The next trip will be either the end of July or first part of August, so start praying about what God is calling you to do. And if there is a trip in your future, apply for that passport, so you will be ready to Trust and Obey.

In HIS Service,  
Barbara Waldron



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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.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**  
 Pray for members known to have recently had outpatient procedures or have been Hospitalized:

Andrea Bowlby  
 Ed Mathis  
 Frances Williams

*\*Discharged*

'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](http://www.fbcquitman.org) or [www.firstbaptistquitman.com](http://www.firstbaptistquitman.com) You may also wish to try our official link to view our sermon videos on-line: [www.vimeo.com/fbcquitman](http://www.vimeo.com/fbcquitman) Copies of our Morning Worship Services are also available on DVD by contacting the office @ 263-7511.

**VOLUNTEERS Scheduled Today:**




**Irma Hall  
 Gail Mitchell**

*Help is needed!  
 Volunteers Please See Susan York.*



**First Baptist Church  
 Preschool & Kindergarten  
 2018 - 2019 Registration**

\*Registration is currently Open to the Public  
 Please contact Jessica Mitchell to secure your child's spot 229-263-9390 for next school year.  
 (\*spaces are limited and filled on a first come first serve basis)



**APRIL 22-28**

22 Mr. Cameron Marshall  
 23 Mrs. Margaret Bateman  
 Mr. Robert Ingram  
 24 Mr. Pete Walker  
 26 Mr. Shane Harris

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




**Chicken & Rice  
 Vegetable  
 Bread  
 Salad  
 Dessert**

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 Ansbaugh to coordinate.

**Becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus.**  
 By Kyle Idleman



Join us for  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study,  
 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

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