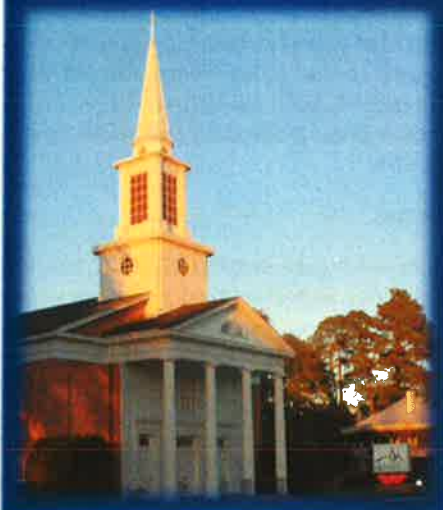




CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chris Hilliard	Lead Pastor
Rev. John Davis	Minister of Music
Rev. Steve Shierling	Youth Pastor
Cathy Williford	Administrative Assistant
Barbara Williamson	Financial Secretary
Tom Whiddon	Organist
Debbie Ley	Pianist
Jessica Mitchell	FBCP&K Director
Scott Hockenbury	Facilities Manager



GREETERS/USHERS

Barry & Janice May
Scott Hockenbury
Dick Mitchell
Buford Smith
Patrick Stalvey

SUNDAY SCHOOL
HALLWAY GREETER
Glenn Adkins

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

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

The Visitor
 Sharing Christ ...

Serving our Community.

Morning Worship

"I Am the Light"

John 8:12

11:00 a.m.

Rev. Chris Hilliard

"YOUTH OWNERSHIP" 5:30 p.m.

No Awana / No Bible Drill

Evening Worship

Quarterly Church Conference

6:30 p.m.

(Reminder: All group/ministry/committee leaders
 please turn in &/or give a verbal update tonight)



Pastor Chris & wife Elisabeth

"The grass isn't greener on the other side." At least that is what most people say. But, the truth is, sometimes the grass IS greener. If you could just get to the other field, you would have the resources, the accomplishments, the fulfillment, the (fill in the blank) that you've always wanted, needed, pursued and dreamed of. And, yet, there it sits, on the other side. It remains out of reach. Someone else has it. You don't have the open doors, the ability, the patience, the strength, the whatever, to get you to "the other side". Have you ever felt this way? My goodness, I have. It is true that most often the grass is not greener and we need to be content where we are. But, what about those times when the grass is greener and we can't seem to get there? What are we to do then?

What we do is, live in light of today. We live for the moment. We live for His glory. We take joy in what we have, heartaches, headaches, and all. We trust that God has sovereignly chosen to keep us in the field we are in for a reason. The other side is not where He intends for us to be. Yes, we may dream for a better tomorrow. We may pray for healing. We may ache for reconciliation, restoration, advancement, or simply for an opportunity.

That day may never come. And, even if it doesn't, we must trust that He is good, He is God, and He knows best.

So, quit staring out the window at the field of another. Turn around and enjoy the home of today.

"This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16

Pastor Chris

****Put it on your calendar! Homecoming Sunday is March 19th. It will be our 158th anniversary. Evangelist Steve Hale will be preaching for us that morning. (Schedule change: We will not be having a revival during that time. We are looking at dates further down the line.)****



steve@bemiss.com

YOUTH NEWS:



Youth Minister Steve & wife Tami

Do you ever wonder why God chose you for the ministry you are called to? Do you ever look at yourself and think that you are an odd fit for where you are serving? Have you ever come to that point where you ask yourself "am I in the right place?"? Well you can take it from the almost 52-year-old, bald headed youth pastor that God sometimes uses strange combinations to get His work done! My truck is older than most the youth that I connect with! But the most important part of that statement is "connect with"!

If you are struggling, look at your ministry and ask yourself a few questions:

1. Are you moving toward God's will for your life? If you are not taking care of your daily disciplines, keeping your own personal foundation solid then there will be very little growth in your ministry. God's will for your life will always be moving toward Him. If you stand still, for even a second, God's plan will be pulling away from you!
2. Are the people that you are ministering to growing closer to God? You may not be seeing growth in your ministry, but numerical growth may not be God's plan for your ministry! God's goal maybe for solid discipleship of the ones He's sent your way!
3. Could you honestly do nothing and feel accomplished? Even though we sometimes struggle in the ministry we're in, doing nothing would make us feel totally incomplete. If I could not share the love of God with others, especially young people, I believe my bones would explode. I am called where I am, even if it doesn't appear to be a perfect match in my eyes, it is not my eyes that count! It is only the will of God for my life that matters!

All things in Christ!
Steve Shierling



WORSHIP MATTERS:

fbqworship@hotmail.com

Sing God's Word

Hearing Familiar Words in a Fresh Way

Musical variety enables us to hear the same words with different effect.

Hymns are especially suited for innovative treatments that help us hear the words from a new perspective. Moving beyond traditional tunes and arrangements shouldn't bother us too much since most hymns were written without music, the music was added later.

I am so appreciative of the singing here at FBC, I really believe that you mean what you are singing.

I look forward to worshipping with you,
John

Church Family, We have the opportunity, once again, to send a few of our Youth to SURGE 150. Surge 150 is a Music Camp put on by, our very own, GA Baptist Convention. Prayerfully consider partnering with us in this great opportunity. You may contact the church office or you may simply write Youth Music Camp Fund on your offering envelope if you feel led to help. Thank you for your help in growing young musicians for Christ,
John



Minister of Music John & wife Jeanette

SUNDAY:
 9:00 a.m. Hospital Visitation
 9:00 a.m. Orchestra and Worship Team Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. Prayer Time in Pastor's Study/Office
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School*
 10:55 a.m. Count Down for Worship
 11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP* (Sanctuary) Rev. Chris Hilliard
 5:30 p.m. No Children's Snack Supper
 5:30 p.m. Youth Snack Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. OWNERSHIP (Upstairs)
 6:00 p.m. No Bible Drill - No Awana
 6:30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP* (Sanctuary) Rev. Chris Hilliard

Quarterly Church Conference

MONDAY-TUESDAY: FBCP&K and Brooks County Schools Winter Break Holidays
 TUESDAY:

6:30 p.m. Mercer Association's Deuteronomy 1:15 Team Meeting
 7-8 p.m. Mercer Association's Executive Meeting (Everyone is encouraged to attend)

WEDNESDAY:

6:45 a.m. FCA Bible Study @ Brooks City High School
 9:00 a.m. Ministerial Staff Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Broadcast Morning Worship on Quitman Cable Channel 6
 10:30 a.m. FBCP&K Chapel with Pastor Chris
 5:30 p.m. SUPPER (Reservations needed)
 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Youth Activity Time (Outside Activity, Supper, Worship, Bible Study)
 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Children's Activities (Supper, Music & Performing Arts)
 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Adult Bible Study** (Chapel)
 6:45 p.m. FBC Orchestra Rehearsal**+ (Sanctuary)
 7:30 p.m. FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal*** (Choir Room)

* Nursery Provided Free (Birth - 3 Year)


** Nursery and Childcare provided Free (Birth - and up)

+ 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	356
Sunday School Attendance	147
Morning Worship	165
Evening Worship	111
Awana (22)	
Bible Drill (16)	
Youth "Ownership" (In Sanctuary)	
2017 Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,453.27
Budget Receipts	\$7,343.00
2017 BUDGET NEEDS YTD	\$74,172.89
2017 BUDGET RECEIPTS YTD	\$60,341.53

COUNTING FEBRUARY
 Financial Secretary: Paulette Bearden
 Tellers: Barry May, Dick Mitchell

GOD ANSWERS IN 3 WAYS:
 He says yes and gives you what you want.
 He says no and gives you something better.
 He says wait and gives you the best.



NO AWANA & NO BIBLE DRILL TONIGHT
 Due to the school WINTER BREAK HOLIDAY
 Sunday, February 19th
 We look forward to having all Children and Children's Workers in the Sanctuary.



Dates to Remember:

FEBRUARY
 19th, 6:30 p.m. Qrtly Church Conference
 21st, 6:30 p.m. Mercer Association's Deuteronomy 1:15 Team Meeting
 7-8 p.m. Discipleship Training Meet. @ NSBC
 22nd, 2:30 p.m. Presbyterian Home Chapel with pastor Chris

MARCH
 10th, 4 p.m. W.O.M. North American Missions Program @ Mrs. Bonnell Holmes Residence
 11th, 10 a.m. GRAND PRIX, Fellowship Hall
 12th, 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Deacon Fellowship Meeting
 19th 158th Homecoming with Evangelist Steve Hale
 25th, Neighborhood Canvasing (The BIG Invite)

APRIL
 9th, 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Deacon Fellowship Meeting
 10th-14th Holy week (TBA)
 13th, 5 p.m. W.O.M. Fellowship Hall
 15th 10-12 noon, FBC Egg Hunt (Birth-6th Grade)
 16th Easter Sunday / No Evening Service
 Remember: The Big Invite!
 25th, Bible Drillers to Albany
 26th, 2:30 p.m. Presbyterian Home Chapel with pastor Chris
 30th, Children's Ministry Spring Program

CHURCH-WIDE MISSION PROJECT
 Collecting for SHOEBOX/BACKPACK
FEBRUARY:
 Quart Size "Freezer" & Quart Size "Regular" Ziplock Bags
 Bandanas
ALSO STILL NEEDED:
 Gloves/Mittens/Hats/Socks
 Small Blankets
 (check for items on clearance)

Where Do You Fit?

Committee on Committee Members:

Sibby Heard, Chr.	Irma Hall
Dianne Hamlin	Kasey Knight
Marvin Mitchell	Julie Wingate

Do you feel God leading you to serve in a particular area? Prayerfully seek God's guidance in your life as this committee continues to seek His guidance in working to secure the 2017 Committees of First Baptist Church.



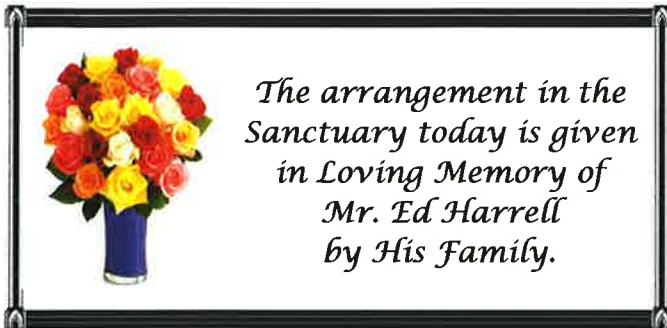
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'The VISITOR', our church's Newsletter, is mailed at lunch on Wednesday. If you do not receive yours by Saturday of each week, please visit or contact our local Quitman Post Office @ 229-263-7280.

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 & Evening Worship Services are also available on DVD by contacting the office @ 263-7511.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember to pray each week for members known to have recently been Hospitalized or to have had recent outpatient procedures:

Pete McCord
Lucile Sapp (Physical Therapy)

**Discharged*

**WE WISH
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
CHURCH MEMBERS WITH
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**



**BIRTHDAYS
2/26 - 3/4**

FEBRUARY
28 Mr. Charles Dodd
MARCH
2 Mr. Mike Wallace

Please let us know, in the church office, if your name has been omitted.

HELP IS NEEDED

IF YOU TURN ON AC/HEAT IN AN AREA - OR IF YOU'RE LAST TO LEAVE AN AREA PLEASE - PLEASE - HELP US BE GOOD STEWARDS BY MAKING SURE THAT ALL LIGHTS & AC/HEAT HAS BEEN TURNED OFF WHEN YOU LEAVE AN AREA. ALSO, FOR SAFETY REASONS, WHEN LAST TO LEAVE AN AREA, PLEASE LOCK & SECURLY CLOSE DOORS!!

**Wednesday's
FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**Breakfast
Tea Coffee Water**

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

Reservations / Cancellations
***MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WITHOUT NOTICE**

Church Nursery Volunteers

**Scheduled for Today:
Babies & 1 Year Old Group**

Fran Wisenbaker
Debra Hendrix

2 & 3 Year Old Group

Janice May



*A Special Thank You To Our Volunteers.
If You Re Interested In Helping In The Nursery
Please See Susan York or Call The Church Office.*