



The Visitor
Sharing Christ ...
Serving our Community.

CHURCH STAFF

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



THIS MONTH'S GREETERS/USHERS
Glenn & Dorma Ruth Spiller
Randy Edmondson
Massey Hampton
Baughn Holloway
Curtis Peek

SUNDAY SCHOOL HALLWAY GREETER
Drucilla Lewis

Pray for, visit if you can,
&/or simply send a note or
card to this month's
SHUT-IN
Mr. Billy Swann
289 Dewberry Road
Quitman, GA 31643



You crown the year with Your goodness,
and Your paths drip with abundance.
Psalm 65:11



Pastor Steve &
wife Tami

The new year is here, and we have hit the ground running. I hope this article finds you "all in" for serving Christ in 2019! Church membership and attendance have been growing rapidly and we are praying that it will continue as we do our best to follow the will of Christ for this body of believers. We are extremely excited about our partnership with First Baptist Church of Mexico Beach and the mission opportunities we'll have there in the coming year. Also, our Children's and Youth Ministries have been very active over the past year and are certainly on track to have an even more exciting upcoming year. Our Brotherhood Ministry has really been solid. We will have our first meeting of this year January 14th at 7 p.m. We will be having a low country boil for our meal that night. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Center or let the church office know so we will know how many to prepare for. Our Senior Adult Ministries, Bible Studies and Sunday School Classes are all wonderful ministries that I would encourage everyone to become a part of.

We're on the edge of doing a major renovation in the fellowship hall and cannot wait to see what all God can do with the ministry opportunities that will open, once it's completed. There is room for everyone to come and participate in something at Quitman First Baptist.

I want to let everyone know that we will be running our Church's Visitor once a month instead of weekly. We will put all the information that you need for each month into one newsletter. If there is anything that comes up in between newsletters, we will put it on our Church's website, FaceBook Page and in our weekly Sunday Worship Bulletins.

There are so many wonderful things happening with this body of believers. I want to invite everyone to come and feel the electric environment of excitement that is being shared each week among this church family.

All things in Christ!
Steve Shierling

Baby Dedication

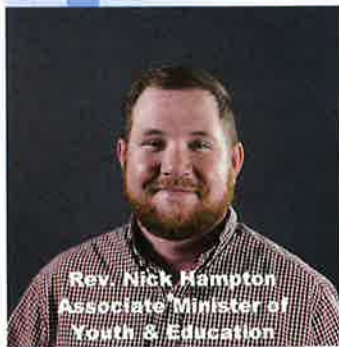
January 27, 2019

11:00 a.m.

**Please Sign-up at the
Welcome Center**

YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRY:

youthpastor@firstbaptistquitman.com



Rev. Nick Hampton
Associate Minister of
Youth & Education

As I look into 2019 I'm looking expectantly. I'm looking for God to do greater things than what He did last year. I'm looking for Him to take me deeper than I have ever been. Each year I try to pray through and find a word that will define my life for that year. Each year God has never failed to fulfill that specific word that He chose for me to focus on. I hope this year will not be any different. My word for 2019 is "DEEPER". I pray that my walk, prayer life, and spiritual reliance will be deeper this year than ever before. I want to dive deeper in His word. I want to have a deeper relationship with my wife. And I want our church to push and be pushed deeper. I pray that in 2019 that we would see God take us deeper. If we are going deeper individually it will naturally take us deeper collectively. Won't you join me in going deeper in 2019?

Serving Him,
Pastor Nick

Ben's Pen!



Rev. Ben Adkison
Associate Minister of
Music & Worship

I'm still having problems writing 2019. I seem to always have this problem every year about this time. No, not with physical writing of 2019, but writing the "new year". I've got to get "in the habit" of writing 2019, rather than 2018. You see, my brain is so conditioned to automatically write 2018, I've got to retrain my brain! Wow, that sounded weird. Anyway, I have to retrain my brain to write 2019 for the next 360 plus days.

Our focus on worship is the same way. It must be a conscience effort on our part, to enter into His presence with singing and into His courts with song. It, like many other things, doesn't "just happen". I must plan to worship. It is vital THAT I worship and HOW I worship. You see, God created us to worship Him. If we don't praise Him, Luke 19:40 tells us, "*Jesus answered, 'I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!'*" I really don't want inanimate objects doing my job! Jesus didn't die for those rocks, but He did for me!!! Hebrews 10:25 tells us, "*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day.*" We are exhorted to worship! Whether you like hymns, spiritual songs, or just singing the praises of Jesus in your own words, *Ephesians 5:19* tells us, "*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*"

So you see, it is our right, privilege and command, as Christians, to worship God. AND it ought to be personal, collective, enjoyable and contagious! Let's worship together! "All in favor, say AYE!"

Singing His Praises,
Bro. Ben



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
 - 5:00 p.m. Orchestra & Worship Choir Rehearsal
 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Worship/Children's Missions
 - 6:30 p.m. **FAMILY WORSHIP*** (Sanctuary)
- WEDNESDAYS:**
- 9:15 a.m. Staff Devotion/Prayer/Calendar Planning
 - 5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper (See Sunday Bulletin for Menu)
 - 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting / Adult Bible Study * (Chapel)
Youth
Children's Activities (Children's Choir & Performing Arts)

*Nursery Provided Free (Birth - 3 Year)

SPECIAL UPCOMING DATES:

JANUARY

- 12 Audio Training @ 2 p.m.
- 13 Deacon Fellowship Meeting @ 8 a.m.
Stewardship Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.
- 14 Men's Ministry Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 15 Turn in February's Visitor
(information/dates/articles/etc.)
- 19 Mexico Beach Mission Trip @ 8 a.m.
- 20 Church Conference @ 6:30 p.m.
- 21 FBCP&K & Brooks Cty Schools Holiday
- 23 Presbyterian Home Devotion @ 2:30 p.m.
- 27 Baby Dedication @ 11 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 7 Forever Young (Bring covered dish)
@ 11:30 a.m. Program: Barbara Waldron

	12/23	12/30	1/6
Sunday School Enrollment	310	308	314
Sunday School Attendance	149	131	158
Morning Worship	216	184	181
Family Night Worship	---	---	65
Christmas Eve			122
2019 Budget Weekly Needs			\$11,575.18
2018 Budget Needs			\$585,368.00
2018 Budget Receipts			\$529,685.86
2018 Budget Expenditures			\$565,919.00
Our 2018 LMCO Gifts			\$9,665.50

JANUARY
Financial Secretary: Julee Ansaugh
Tellers: Barry May Andy Swann

Memorials

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING	DEVELOPMENT FUND
For: Paula Harrison	For: Gussie Ethridge
By: Gussie Ethridge	By: Swainsboro FBC
For: Hazel Wilson	Coed II S.S. Class
By: Doyle Ballard	For: Doyle Ballard
For: Gussie Ethridge	By: Paula Harrison
Allen Denton	Friends
By: Ada Dodd	For: Doyle Ballard
For: Royce Newell	By: Judy Downing
Gussie Ethridge	For: Paula Harrison
Friends	Doyle Ballard
For: Doyle Ballard	Carolyn Bass
Skyler Crosby	By: Charlie & Sandra Ramsey
By: A Friend	BUDGET
For: Gussie Ethridge	For: Felton & Mildred Griner
Virginia Mitchell	By: Larry & Colleen Griner
Sarah Ley	GA. BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
Royce Newell	For: Carolyn Bass
Doyle Ballard	Mary Lena Humphries
Paula Harrison	Ward Manley
By: Bobby & Frances Williams	Michelle Garner
MISSIONS	By: Friends
For: Gary Swann	
By: Allen & Janet Wheeler	

Honorariums

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING	
For: Penny Lawson	
By: Forever Young	
BUDGET	
For: Wilburn & Mary Jo Hendrix	
By: Joe Hendrix	

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

**During the next Church Conference / Business Meeting,
Sunday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. we will bring a report with our
recommendation which also includes asking the church for permission
to move forward with the Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
Renovation / Extension Project.**

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THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULED NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

<p>1/13/2019 Lisha Barwick Tanja Dukes Penny Lawson</p>	<p>1/20/2019 Danielle Knight April Smith Fran Wisenbaker</p>	<p>1/27/2019 Marcia Baker Melissa Stalvey Fran Wisenbaker</p>
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IF YOU'RE NOT PICKING UP OR DROPPING-OFF A CHILD IN THE NURSERY, PLEASE WAIT IN THE MAIN HALLWAY. OUR NURSERY HALL IS VERY SMALL AND BECOMES CONGESTED WHEN ADDITIONAL PEOPLE COME IN.



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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

- *Wesley Ross
- *Marsy Wilson
- *Discharged

NOTES, CARDS & MESSAGES

Cards have been received from the Family of Mrs. Gussie Ethridge, Ms. Lynn Simpson and Mrs. Drucilla Lewis. All cards received for the church family are displayed on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please remember to visit the display to see them as well as keep up with any other information we've received about local mission needs and / or community opportunities.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS BY LETTER

- Marsy & Terry Wilson*
- Kristi & Jason Hylton*
- Ashley & Ron Cross*

WEDNESDAY

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Served Weekly 5:30-6 p.m.



(see Sunday Worship Bulletin for Menu)

2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2019 Flower Calendar is located in the hallway, next to the Nursery. Please check to sign-up for any open dates for a Sunday that you wish to provide an arrangement in sanctuary - In Honor or Memory of someone or a special occasion.

To help avoid confusion, if you have a 'permanent date' that you provide flowers, we ask that you check today to be sure we have you as close to your desired date as possible.

Any questions please contact Phyllis Hubert, Church Decorations Leader or you may leave her a message at the church office 229-263-7511.



January Birthdates



2	Mrs. Becky Wilkes	20	Mr. Daniel Warren
	Mrs. Heather Tucker-Rogers	22	Mrs. Lavenia Kees
	Ms. Landrey Boutwell		Mrs. Judy Williams
3	Mr. Devarne Hurst		Mrs. Tina Tallman
4	Miss Divya Patel	23	Mrs. Jordan DeVane
5	Mrs. Rachel Hampton		Mrs. Marsha Rowe
6	Mr. James Bradford	26	Mr. Mason Rogers
	Miss Sydni Barwick		Mr. Ron Poor
7	Mrs. Lucile Sapp	29	Mr. Tommy Roberts
	Mr. Andy Swann		Mr. Bobby Williams
	Mr. Eric Hiers	31	Mr. Jamie Robinson
9	Mrs. Sara Carr		Mr. Kenneth Bowlby
	Mr. Casey White		Mr. Don DeCarlo
	Mr. Steven Trest		
11	Mr. Drew Lawson		
12	Mr. Billy Ley		
15	Mrs. Peggy Holley		
17	Mrs. Joy Walker		

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.