



The Visitor
Sharing Christ ...
Serving our Community.

CHURCH STAFF

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

Patriotic Celebration

“THIS IS MY COUNTRY”
**Celebrating God, Country,
 and Community.**

**First Baptist Church Quitman
 Sanctuary**

**Sunday, September 10th
 at 5:00 p.m.**

Fellowship Afterwards
 (Please bring finger-foods)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

GREETERS/USHERS

**Glenn & Brenda Adkins
 Dick Mitchell
 Bobby Vann
 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. Gussie Ethridge
 P.O. Box 407
 Quitman, GA 31643**

Happy Birthday – Sept. 15

**Sponsored by the
 Brooks County Ministerial Association**

This Is My Country
Celebrating God, Country, and Community

Church Family,
 Tonight at 5 we are hosting a community Patriotic service in remembrance of Patriot’s Day, 9/11, and to honor our military, veterans, first responders, and their families. This service will include a community mass choir, testimonies, a time of remembrance, and participation from local area veterans, law enforcement, and first responders.

We will have a time of fellowship after the program, this is a great opportunity for us to open our doors to the community and show them how much we care.

Thank you to all those who are helping to make this event a great celebration

John Davis

The Congregation - Days 10-19:

DAY 10. Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8 – Pray that the search period will be a time for the church to seek God’s will individually and for the church, not just a new pastor.

DAY 11. Psalm 66:18, Psalm 139:23-24 - Pray for a powerful move of renewal and revival within the congregation.

Day 12. Revelation 2:1-4, Revelation 3:15 - Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church that it would be protected from any spirit of luke-warmness or loss of our first love. Remind us that we serve only Jesus.

Day 13. John 13:34, John 17:21 - Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. Help us surrender all bitterness, division and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love.

Day 14. John 17:21, 1 Corinthians 1:10 – Pray for great unity in calling the new pastor. Lord, help us to receive him and his family with deep love and renewed commitment. Grant us a powerful sense of revival and spiritual awakening as we move into the future. Pray for grace, guidance and strength for the church from which our new pastor will come.

Day 15. Ephesians 4:1-6 - Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Lord, help us to be prepared to make the needed changes and grow with graciousness and unity.

Day 16. Hebrews 6:11-12 - Pray that we will patiently await God’s timing and mercy in giving us a true man of God and a great leader. May we settle for nothing less than His perfect will.

Day 17. Philippians 2:3-11 - Pray that the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity whom God is calling to lead His church.

Day 18. Isaiah 42:9 - Pray that we would not make decisions based on previous experiences with past leadership. Pray that all would be receptive to God beginning a new work in our congregation.

Day 19. Hebrews 13:17 - Pray that the church, as a whole, will trust the search committee while they seek a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the committee is being led by the Spirit as they conduct this search.

To Be Continued Next Week: The Prospective Pastor - Days 20-30

YOUTH:

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steve@bemiss.com



Youth Minister
Steve & wife Tami

It is very common for me to play different "brain teaser" games on my cell phone. Sometimes when starting the game or in the middle of it somewhere, I will put the wrong answer, it will automatically highlight it in red so I know that I was wrong and can then correct what I was doing. It always aggravates me when this happens, but I quickly get over my anger because if it didn't alert me; I would have ended up getting the whole game wrong and not realizing it until I was almost finished.

Accountability in the Christian Life is one of the hardest things to do. It has been my experience that whenever I have to point out a sin issue with someone they are going to become very angry and possibly sever our friendship, as well as, their attendance at church.

It's like some people are fine with living in sin while attending church, as long as no one points it out, but as soon as you point it out it becomes an issue. It's like their sin is like a grain of salt that rubs them raw every time they walk in the doors of the church.

It must not be that way with us, there is accountability in a Christian's walk! If someone points out something that I am doing wrong, it may embarrass me at first, but I need to quickly get over it. Because in truth; what my friend has done for me, is not intentionally hurt me, but rescued me from hindering my walk with God. I should look at them as being my hero!

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17! Iron on iron is always going to be abrasive, however, in the end, it fine-tunes us to be used by God. A dull sword is useful to no one but our enemy! I would much rather someone point out my sin now, in this life, than wait till the Judgment seat of Christ to find out I got the whole thing wrong!

All things in Christ!
Steve Shierling

**JOIN US FOR
DR. DAVID JEREMIAH'S
AUDIO SERIES*
"ESCAPE THE COMING NIGHT"**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ 6:30 P.M. CHAPEL
*FACILITATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: DICK MITCHELL**

CHURCH-WIDE 'YEAR-LONG' MISSION PROJECT**SHOEBOX/BACKPACK**

SEPTEMBER COLLECTING:

SHOEBOXES & BACKPACKS: Small Flash Light w/ Batteries,

Tape Measure, Twine, Cording,

Kits (Sewing, Fishing, Tool) etc.

BACKPACKS: Small Poptop Canned Foods

(Fruit, Ravioli, Soup, Tuna, etc.)

Snack Bars

(previous month's items & monetary donations
are appreciated - used to purchase items & Shipping)



SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Orchestra and Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School*
 10:55 a.m. Count Down for Worship
 11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP* (Sanctuary)
 Series: Spiritual Fitness Getting In Shape; Rev. Steve Shierling
 Children's Church
 3:30 p.m. Community Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Community-wide Patriotic Celebration "This Is My Country"
 Celebrating God, Country, and Community (Fellowship Afterwards)
 No other Evening Activities/Service

MONDAY: 12 noon Cry Out America @ Gazebo

TUESDAY:

7:14 p.m. Mercer Baptist Association's Prayer Meeting (FBCQ Chapel)
 (Prayer Room Door will be unlocked for anyone needing entrance without stairs)

WEDNESDAY:

9:15 a.m. Staff Prayer & Planning Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Broadcast Morning Worship on Quitman Cable Channel 6
 10:30 a.m. FBCP&K Chapel Time with Pastor Steve
 5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper
 5:30 p.m. Youth Activities / Supper / Bible Study & Fellowship
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Chapel)
 Children's Choir & Performing Arts (Kids 4 Christ Area)
 6:45 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

5:00 p.m. *W.O.M.* Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

*Nursery Provided Free (Birth - 3 Year)

**Nursery and Childcare provided

*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.



The arrangement in the Sanctuary today is given in Loving Memory of their parents by Mary and Jack Newell.

Mission News:

This is the latest update from Ga. Baptist Disaster Relief / HURRICANE HARVEY. The best way we can help is by following the lead of Ga. Baptist: Please continue to pray for all who have been affected and who are still in the path of Hurricane Harvey. Below is the current update:

*This disaster is already larger & has affected more homes than Katrina.

*At this point, the only ones allowed in the areas are military with high clearance vehicles.

*Louisiana is starting evacuations in Lake Charles as Harvey heads that way with continued rains.

*Texas anticipates not being able to receive units until at least next week.

*When we deploy, normal call-out procedures will be followed.

As updated information is received, it will be posted on the Georgia Baptist website and Facebook.

NOTES: Please do not self-deploy or collect any items as there is no infrastructure in place to receive and distribute these items.

What can you do? – Pray – Donate: 100% of all donations go directly to relief efforts!

It is getting so hard to plan trips around busy schedules: The date for the next trip is now set for Oct 6 – Oct 16. We need some volunteers, so look at your schedule, pray, and respond. I will need to purchase tickets very soon.

In His Service
 Barbara Waldron

Sunday School Enrollment	338
Sunday School Attendance	111
Morning Worship	127
No Evening Worship (Labor Day Weekend)	
Youth Worship ()	
Children's Activities ()	
2017 Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,510.97
Budget Receipts	\$10,229.00
Development	\$140.00
Designated	\$275.00
State Missions	\$490.00
2017 BUDGET NEEDS YTD	\$407,240.95
2017 BUDGET RECEIPTS YTD	\$364,501.42

COUNTING AUGUST

Financial Secretary: Mrs. Gere Selph
 Tellers: James Bradford Louie Williford

Mission Georgia
 Georgia State Missions Offering
 Our 2017 Goal: \$4,000.00

GENEROSITY:
 GIVING - GOING - GROWING

Memorials

YOUTH

For: Mr. John Warren
 Mr. Roy Bamburg
 By: Randy & Irma Hall
 For: Mr. Noel Childers
 By: Mrs. Lois Barrs
 Alex & Betty Medina & Family

STATE MISSIONS

For: Mr. Noel Childers
 By: Barbara Williamson, Tracey & Family

Kids 4 Christ:

The older boys, after agreeing to help the leaders in Children's choir by encouraging and helping the younger kids to learn and sing the songs, and promising to be on their best behavior to be an example to others, earned them a trip to Adel to watch Curtis Peek in his last racing day of the season. Thanks Boys!

The big kick off day for R.A.'s, G.A.'s and Mission Friends, is on Sept 17th, at 5:30. Plan now to come and participate. There will be information, fun and games, displays and food.

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 Serving our Community.**

Women On Missions

The **WOM.** meet Thursday,
 September 14, at 5 p.m. in the
 Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited.

A Card was received from Sonny Batts and
 The Gideons. Please stop by the bulletin board
 next to the church office to see this card and
 keep up with information we have received
 about local mission needs, as well as,
 any community opportunities.



Have you signed up?
Dr. David Jeremiah

Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m.

Limited Tickets

Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Load Bus - 4 p.m.

(Stopping for Fast-food on the way)

Christian Sympathy

We express Christian Sympathy to
 Mrs. Betty Davis and Mrs. Frances Reaves
 and their families in the loss of their sister,
 Mrs. Nadine Fesler.

'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.

**Wednesday
 FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**Chicken & Rice
 Vegetable
 Salad
 Dessert
 Drink**

**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 this Week:**



**Mary Newell
 Sarah Seiler
 Fran Wisenbaker**



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

REMINDER:
 The Deadline for
 turning in any
 information for the
VISITOR/ NEWSLETTER
 is 5 p.m. each Friday.
 Anything not turned in by
 the 5 p.m. deadline on
 Friday will not be included
 until the following week.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Mrs. Debbie Ley
- 10 Mrs. Ivy McGovern
- 11 Mr. Richard Bledsoe
- 12 Mr. Art Hughes
- 12 Mrs. Ashley Williams
- 13 Mr. Anthony Pickles
- 13 Trent Williford
- 14 Mrs. Mary Newell
- 15 Mrs. Gussie Ethridge



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

ADDRESS CHANGE

Reminder - if your address has changed, or is about
 to change, **PLEASE** notify us in the Church Office
 at 229-263-7511 or through our website -

**www.fbcquitman.org or
www.firstbaptistquitman.com**