



Remi Hinson and Carter Hinceman play the chimes at Worship Camp.

THE INTERIM



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From the Pastor...

World Communion Sunday is October 1, 2023. It's the day Christians around the World unite at the Lord's Table. It reminds us that at the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that the Church would be united as one body (John 17:20). It also reminds us that Jesus instructed us to love one another, so the world can see Jesus's love through us (John 13:34-35).

Christmas and Easter are our highest attended Sundays, but I think World Communion Sunday should be up there as well. It's a world-wide event that I wouldn't want to miss. It moves me just to think about millions of Christians all coming to the Lord's table on the same day.

This year's World Communion Sunday will have an added dimension at First Baptist Church. Our children will be leading much of our service. Since school started, our kids have been experiencing a new Worship and Arts Camp on Sundays and Wednesdays. They have especially focused on the meaning of World Communion Sunday.

I know you will want to be present to observe communion with Christians around the world and also be here to support our children as they share their talents with us. Our kids will lead in our prayers, litanies and scripture reading. They will turn our hearts toward God through song.

On top of this, the children will reveal an original piece of art that captures their learning about World Communion. The highlight of our service will be the children serving communion to our congregation. They have learned about Jesus' sacrifice of his body and blood and will help us remember as well.

I look forward to sharing this special day with you all, but especially with our children who have worked so hard to learn so they might lead. Please make plans to join Christians around the world by participating in World Communion at First Baptist Church. It will be a meaningful time.



Schedule

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

5:00 p.m. First Fellowship

Monday, September 25

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Camp

6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission

6:00 p.m. Adult Study: The Commands of Jesus

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, September 28

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 1

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Vote on Deacon Ministry Team

Monday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Camp

6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission

6:00 p.m. Adult Study: The Commands of Jesus

7:00 pm Choir

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 4

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate
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Happy Birthday

October 2

Mia Acosta

James Foushee

Jimmy Webb

Rebecca West

October 3

Carol Hunter

October 4

George McLeod

October 5

Nelson Granade

October 7

Rose Leonard

October 9

Hazel Crouch

Mary Alice Lowrance

October 13

Teresa Earp

Wilma McNeil

October 14

Nan Johnson

Vonnie Jordan

October 15

Jennie Payne

October 16

Carolyn Saddler

Matthew Waugh

October 18

Jeff Church

October 19

Crystal Beale

Nancy Hughes

Phil Johnston

October 22

Shirley Brendle

Jan Petree

Beth Webb

October 23

Rex Card

Lisa Houston

James McNeil

Benjamin Harper

October 25

Judy Horney

October 27

Ginny Devine

October 28

Pam Potter

October 30

Sam Buckner

Jody Parlier

Spiritual Statistics

	9/10	9/17
In Person	127	126
Live Stream	20	19
Sunday School	67	88

Financial Statistics

	September Year-to-Date	
Giving Goal	75,343.00	941,793.00
Budget Receipts	43,750.00	859,017.00
Goals Not Met	(31,593.00)	(82,776.00)
Alms	1,112.00	14,584.00
Designated	7,886.00	75,894.00

An Extended Presence

By Carson Foushee - www.cbfblog.com

One of the blessings of our work as field personnel with CBF is the partnerships we have with congregations across the Fellowship. This is especially true of the Encourager Churches with which we have covenantal partnerships of support. First Baptist Church Dalton, Ga, is one such congregation. A month before the pandemic began, we signed a covenant with the hopes of hosting teams to serve in Japan in the coming years, but travel restrictions made such work impossible for three years. This made the visit this spring from three ministers from the church more exciting.

Over the course of the time together, we had the opportunity to introduce these pastors to Japanese culture and several local and national ministry partners. Our city of Kanazawa boasts a rich cultural heritage that allowed us the chance to share in a tea ceremony, make culinary favorites and try traditional fabric dying. The city also has a long Shinto and Buddhist history, creating questions about the religious environment in Japan, especially in relation to the Church and its impact.

FBC Dalton's presence also provided a chance to create new relationships and deepen roots with partners. Our home is a short walk from a historic Christian junior and senior high school campus and even though we led an English club at the school system's junior college several years ago, we are not closely connected with the campus near our home.

FBC Dalton's desire to bring a youth mission team next year created the chance to meet with the school principal and English teacher to dream about how to create fruitful student exchange and events. It also introduced other ways Laura and I can continue to connect going forward. The visit gave me a good reason to reach out to a Japan Baptist Convention Church in Tokyo that works alongside internationals to not only connect our American friends to them, but also learn more about a ministry that I've been called to in my city.

Some of these were expected results for a visioning trip, but it was other interactions that arose simply because a group of Americans were traveling together that were most surprising. On the way to and from a professional baseball game by train, we had conversations about faith with other riders that I rarely have with strangers in Japan. A socially restrictive bubble was seemingly burst when curious passengers inquired about the Western group's presence in Japan. These created openings to share about their purpose in Japan, what they had learned in their short visit and also foundational beliefs in the Christian faith. I was even able to get the contact information of one person and stay in touch after the group's departure.

FBC Dalton's visit helped us deepen our presence within the ministries we engage on regularly as well as extend our presence in our community and beyond. They helped us to consider how we can better equip partners to share Christ's love in communities locally and across Japan. We are grateful for this special relationship with this Encourager Church. We look forward to hosting them and other partners in the years ahead as we prepare our hearts for both the expected and unexpected encounters that God will create as we join God on mission.





Announcements

Deacon Ministry Team Nominees

The following church members have agreed to serve on the Deacon Ministry Team if elected. The congregation will vote by ballot on Sunday, October 1. The three with the most votes will begin to serve January 2024.

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Kim Allen | Vicki Marsh |
| Lynn Barker | Andrew Mullins |
| Don Daniel | Mike Plyler |
| David Deal | David Potter |
| Art Fincannon | Harry Tsumas |
| Nancy Rogers Hughes | Katie Welborn |
| Nan Johnson | Donna Wike |
| Emily Leonard | Andrea Williams |

Wednesday Evening Menus

Cost of the meal is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child. No reservation is needed.

September 27
breakfast for dinner

October 3
Chef Jody's Choice

FBC Women of Faith Come Hear Juana Mikels Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Make plans to attend a meaningful evening complete with a delicious meal, good music, inspirational message, and wonderful fellowship with other ladies.

After knowing something was missing in her marriage, Juana goes in search of happiness. She leaves behind her husband, home, and friends. Juana became a Christ follower during her two year separation. Her marriage was reconciled, with her husband coming to faith in Christ seven years later.

Tickets are \$20.00 and are sold before and after the Sunday worship service.

First Fellowship

Sunday, September 24
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Introduce a friend to our congregation by inviting them to this event! Together we will enjoy a cookout and fellowship on the front lawn. Don't forget to bring a chair.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29, 2023
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

All children are invited to our Trunk or Treat for some fall fun! Sign ups to decorate your trunk will open soon. We will begin collecting candy on Sunday, October 1. Be sure to pick an extra bag.

