



"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."
Matthew 28:19

Dates to Remember

October

Men's Ministry - Oct. 6 at 6 pm

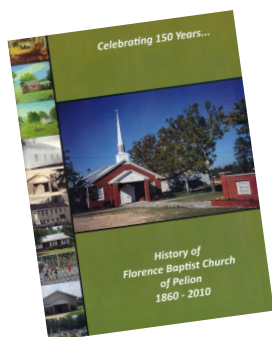
Church Council - Oct. 9 at 8 pm
 after Bible Study

Homecoming - Oct. 13

Family Night Supper - Oct 16 at
 6:30 pm followed by Bible Study
 and Business Meeting

Women on Mission - Oct. 20 at
 6 pm

Ladies Outreach at Amanda Ban-
 nister's - Oct. 23 at 10 am



Copies of the history of
 our church, "**Celebrating 150
 Years...**" which was published in
 2010, will be available on Home-
 coming Day in the history room
 in the Family Life Center.



Florence Baptist Church News

October 2019

Homecoming - October 13, 2019

We will be celebrating our annual Homecoming on the second Sunday in October—October 13th. Our special speaker this year will be former pastor, Rev. Dr. Byron Edens. We look forward to seeing him and his family. Plan to join us for Sunday School at 10 am and Morning Worship at 11:00.



Rev. Edens and his daugh-
 ter providing special music
 at Homecoming in October
 2012.

It will be a day full of fun and fellowship with our homecoming meal served in the Family Life Center after the Morning Worship Service. We invite all of our friends, neighbors, and former members to join us as we celebrate 159 years of serving our Lord in this community. Food will be supplied by our church members who always bring in abundance.

Be sure to visit our new History/Conference Room in the Family Life Center. We have begun collecting historical records, pictures, and other memorabilia pertaining to our church. If you have any items of our church's history that you would like to donate, see a member of the history committee. Committee members are Wilba Jean Black, Phyllis Edgell, Russ Stansell, Carolyn Williamson, Peggy Williamson, and Wanda Williamson.

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar!

Fall Festival - November 3rd from 4 to 6 p.m.

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal - November 24th after Morning Worship

Sunday School is for Everyone!

By Darlene Edgell

During the 2018-2019 church year, our average Sunday School attendance was 83. The lowest attendance was 68 on April 21 (Easter) and June 23 (day before VBS). The highest attendance was 103 on January 13. So far, the average for September is 82, so we are tracking about the same as last church year.

Classes are available for all ages and life event groups. Our youth and adult classes have higher attendance than our children's classes. Teachers prepare every week and sometimes have only 1-2 children. This is disappointing for the teachers, because childhood is an excellent time to begin teaching Bible stories.

Let's gear up for the new church year and try to increase our average attendance. All church families are encouraged to consider coming one hour earlier to participate in a Sunday School class, especially those with young children.

Below is a description of our classes:

Nursery: Babies and Toddlers

Preschool: Age 3 through 4K - Bible Studies for Life

Younger Children: 5K and 1st Grade - Scripture Press

Middle Children: 2nd and 3rd Grades - Explore the Bible

Older Children: 4th and 5th Grades - Explore the Bible

Youth: Grades 6 - 12 - Bible Studies for Life

College & Career: College students and single or married young adults - Small group studies

Life Connections: Single or married adults (Most have children/teenagers) - Bible Studies for Life

Walk in the Word: Adult men and women (No specific ages) - Explore the Bible

Women of Faith: Adult women (No specific ages) Small group studies designed for women

Senior Adults: Older men and women - Bible Studies for Life

News from the Ladies Outreach

by Phyllis Edgell



The Ladies Outreach met on September 19th. We will be holding our next meeting at 10 a.m. on October 23rd at the home Amanda Bannister.

Don't forget to fill your boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They will be due the 1st week of November. Postage will be \$ 9.00 per box. If you do not have your boxes yet, please see one of our ladies in the Outreach. We filled 75 boxes last year and would like to do the same this year.

Florence Baptist Softball Team Schedule

Our Men's Softball Team has been very successful this season! They have been undefeated for quite a while.

Here is the schedule for their games in October:

Oct. 7 at 6:30 against Lexington Church of God

Oct. 14 at 9:30 against Midtown Lexington Fellowship

Oct. 21 at 6:30 against 12 Springs



Youth News

by Amanda Bannister

On October 27th, the Youth will meet at the church for pizza and then travel to Steadman Baptist Church for their **Judgment House**. This year the drama is called "Why...Finding Purpose When Life Doesn't Make Sense." The drama is about two teen siblings faced with the death of their mother. One spends life looking for a reason for the tragedy; the other chooses to find purpose in the life beyond the tragedy. We will see how their choices effect their lives and their lives in eternity.



See You At The Pole was held on September 25 at Pelion High School and Pelion Middle School. We are proud of our Youth who participated.



Student/Teacher Prayer Partners

Silas Pennington -	Barry Fogle	Barry Fogle -	Brayden Gleaton	Tara Simmons— Emily Williamson
Brenda Eason -	Kailey Malatesta		Drew Boozer	Melanie Sox
Peggy Williamson -	Patience Bonnett	Heather Jackson -	Madison Dykes	Missy Malatesta -Angels Humphries
Vera Dunbar -	Jenna Parker		Ian Kell	Makenna Mcleod
Carolyn Williamson -	Bourbon Stansell	Nicole Shumpert -	Brax Brazell	Jaliyah Cook
Ken Carey -	Alex Pennington		Heather Jackson	Amanda Bannister -Amber Lucky
Jimmie Lucas -	McKenzie Sightler	Shawn Wade -	Austin Fogle	Maddi Stone
Nancy Geib -	Alexus Sightler	Wanda Williamson -	Paige Poole	Caroline Knarr
Wilba Jean Black -	Hunter Schwartz		Ceci Bannister	
Jim and Becky Evans -	Dana Boozer	Darlene Edgell -	Kelly Wade	Wanda Dunbar— Jane Windham
	Kayleigh Schwartz		Rylee Peters	Clayton Williamson
	Parker Sherlock		Layla Bonnett	
Russ Stansell -	Nicole Shumpert	Dana Boozer -	Kelsey Malatesta	Carri Lybarker— Thomas Keisler
Rita Stansell -	Seth Parker		Kinsley Malatesta	Tehya Keisler
	Hannah Parker	Angie Pennington -	Emily Windham	Tim Keisler
	Cale Chavis		Mallory Sherlock	
Chris Smith -	Macey McLaurin	Silas Pennington -	Josh Boozer	
	Ryan Mcleod	Kurt Geib -	Patrick Bannister	Elton Dunbar - Josh Smith
Jean Boone -	Kayla Seamon	Chris Lybarker -	Bryson Fogle	Addy Wade
Maudine Troutman -	Colton Gleaton		Savanna Pennington	
Deborah Windham -	Alexis Nix	Patrick Bannister -	Bennett Chavis	
Ronnie Troutman -	Shawn Tony		Aubrey Joy	
Kim Fogle -	Caroline Lybarker	Kelly Wade -	Charles Humphries	
	Lizzy Sox		Vivi Brazell	
	Anna Barnes		Dawn Humphries	



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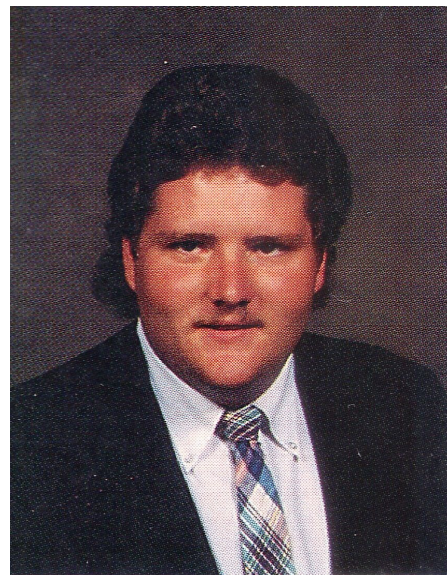
Call or text Peggy Williamson at 803 260-5624 to be added to our mailing list.

We're on the web:

www.fbcpelion.com



Rev. J. O. Reed, Jr.



Rev. David "Chief" Haskell

We have recently lost two precious people who were both workers in God's Kingdom here at Florence Baptist Church. Rev. J. O. Reed, Jr. served as Interim Pastor in 1991-92 and also in 1995. Brother Joe was always on the go and ready to help anyone in need. It was very evident that he cared about people and had a servant's heart. Rev. David Haskell served as Summer Youth Minister in 1987 to 1991. David had a personality that drew people to him. "Chief" was a true friend. His easy manner and his love for Jesus and music, which he used often in his ministry, made him very popular with young people and adults as well.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servants."