AUGUST 2017 | VOL. 53 | ISSUE 12 REV. STEVE HOGG, PASTOR

THE MESSENGER

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

Wednesday, August 09

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Q & A Session for Budget/Nominating reports	*in "The APEX"*

Sunday, August 13

5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Leadership Rally	*Worship Center*
6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social	*Worship Center*

Friday, August 18 - Sunday, August 20

Throughout The Day	Rock The House	*Various Locations*

Sunday, August 20

9:10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Baptisms in Both Services	*Worship Center*
5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Dinner with the Pastor	*Room 225*

Wednesday, August 23

4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper Resumes	*FBC Campus*
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	All Wednesday Night Programs Kickoff	*FBC Campus*

Sunday, August 27

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	SEBO Kickoff Waterslide	*FBC Campus*
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Access ACS Class	*Room 210*

ROCK THE HOUSE

Friday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, August 20 at 11:50 a.m.

All rising Middle School and High School students are invited to join us.

It is almost time for "Rock The House", our annual in-town discipleship weekend that all students enjoy! This is a time for students to become recharged and ready to begin a new school year with strength in the Lord. With lots of excitement, fellowship, and learning, students always have a great time! Students are housed by gender and age throughout different host homes and come together for times of worship here at FBC. For more information or to sign up, visit fbcrh.us/fbc-rth.

COST Before August 6: $40 (includes t-shirt)
COST After August 6: $50 (t-shirt not guaranteed)

Deacon Nominees

first baptist Rock Hill

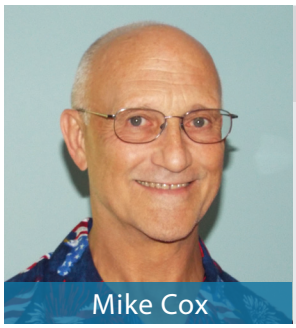
The church will vote on the nominees by secret ballot during the August 6 Worship Services.

Darren Bryan

Wife : Megan **Date of Birth :** 10/05/1978
Years as FBC member : 8 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** No

Current positions at FBC: Welcome Committee (parking lot), Assistant Sunday School Teacher, Building Grounds Committee, Men's Ministry

Previous positions at FBC: Welcome Committee (parking lot), Assistant Sunday School Teacher, Building Grounds Committee, Men's Ministry

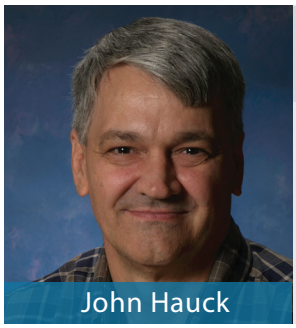


Mike Cox

Wife : Roberta **Date of Birth :** 07/01/1950
Years as FBC member : 47 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** Yes

Current positions at FBC: Usher

Previous positions at FBC: Outreach Leader, Usher and Children's Church Leader, Deacon



John Hauck

Wife : Patty **Date of Birth :** 06/28/1955
Years as FBC member : 1 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** No

Current positions at FBC: Substitute teacher for Bobby Baker's Sunday School class

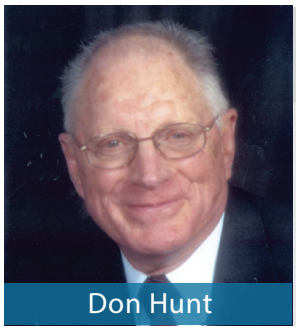
Previous positions at other churches: Deacon, Teacher, Delivered Food for the Needy, Helped to Maintain Church Grounds, Visited Shut-ins, Called on New Church Members and Visitors

Bill Hegwood

Wife : Carol **Date of Birth :** 04/09/1960
Years as FBC member : 48 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** Yes

Current positions at FBC: Adult Sunday School Teacher, Adult Worship Choir Member

Previous positions at FBC: Long Range Planning Committee, Memorial Garden Committee, RA Director, Small Group Leader on 3 Giving Campaigns, Deacon



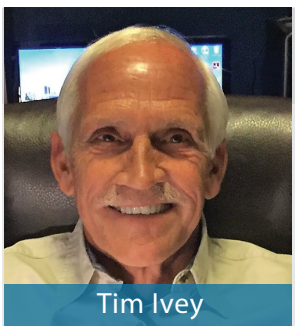
Don Hunt

Date of Birth : 08/07/1933
Years as FBC member : 13 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** Yes

Current positions at FBC: Sunday School Director for the 75+ Class, Joy Choir

Previous positions at FBC: Deacon, Sunday School Director for 12 years, Joy Choir

Previous positions at other churches: Deacon, Sunday School Director, Adult Choir



Tim Ivey

Wife : Debbie **Date of Birth :** 03/16/1953
Years as FBC member : 2 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** No

Current positions at FBC: Adult Bible Study Teacher

Previous positions at FBC: Co-directed Prayer Empowering Weekend

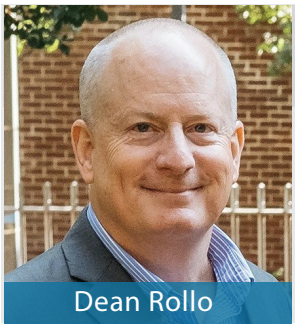
Previous positions at other churches: Bible Study Teacher, Deacon, Union County Baptist Association Evangelism Council, Prayer Ministry, Worship Counselor

Jeremy Lea

Wife : Marleida **Date of Birth :** 07/25/1971
Years as FBC member : 2 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** No

Current positions at FBC: B45 Sunday School Teacher

Previous positions at other churches: Sunday School Teacher, Songleader, Lay Pastor



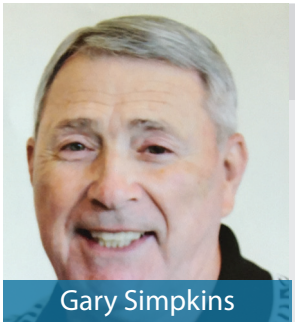
Dean Rollo

Wife : Sherry **Date of Birth :** 07/23/1961
Years as FBC member : 16 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** Yes

Current positions at FBC: Stewardship Committee, Sunday School Teacher

Previous positions at FBC: Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Pastor Search Committee

Previous positions at other churches: Deacon Chairman, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Staff Relations, Pastor Search Committee



Gary Simpkins

Wife : Tessa **Date of Birth :** 02/15/1944
Years as FBC member : 60 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** Yes

Current positions at FBC: Usher

Previous positions at FBC: Deacon, Usher

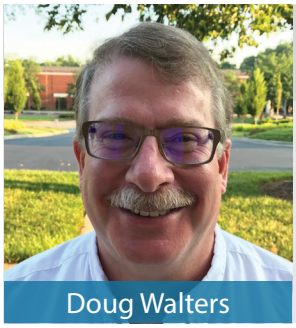
Previous positions at other churches: RA Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Department Director, Nominating Committee, Baptismal Committee, Usher

Roger Troutman

Wife : Kathy **Date of Birth :** 06/22/1952
Years as FBC member : 39 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** Yes

Current positions at FBC: Welcome Team Ministry

Previous positions at FBC: Stewardship Committee, Nominating Committee, Singles Class Director, Usher, Co-Director of Capital Campaign, Deacon Ministry Team Chairman



Doug Walters

Wife : Pam **Date of Birth :** 07/19/1961
Years as FBC member : 29 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** Yes

Current positions at FBC: Adult Sunday School Teacher

Previous positions at FBC: Deacon, Sunday School Class Director, Preschool Sunday School Teacher, Royal Ambassador Leader, Sunbeams Board, Youth Ministry Helper, Men's Ministry Leader, Choir, Associate Pastor Search Committee

Tyler White

Wife : Terri **Date of Birth :** 02/16/1983
Years as FBC member : 9 **Ever Served as an FBC Deacon? :** No

Current positions at FBC: Middle School Boys Sunday School Teacher, SEBO Leader

Previous positions at FBC: Middle School Boys Sunday School Teacher, SEBO Leader

Our Impact Missions Conference is a chance for you to hear more from missionaries who are sharing the gospel around the world. We will have over 21 missionaries joining us. They serve in Upstate New York, Southeast Asia, Central America, Africa, Rock Hill, and Alaska just to name a few places. They bring with them stories of how the life-changing message of Jesus has impacted people from all walks of life.

These are missionaries who are supported by the weekly offerings at First Baptist Church as well as through the World Missions Offering that is taken throughout the year. Make plans to join us throughout the week of September 6-10 to hear their stories and to find out how you can join in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:00 p.m. – Missionaries at Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m. – Missionaries meet with RA's and GA's

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11:30 a.m. – Senior Adult luncheon (Worship Center)

6:30 p.m. – Sunday School Fellowships

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:30 p.m. – Banquet (Ticketed Event in the Worship Center)

6:30 p.m. – Worship/ Interviews with Missionaries

7:30 p.m. – Missionaries at displays

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. – Men's Event, Followed by Lunch
(Ticketed Event in "The APEX")

Guys of all ages are invited to join a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event in the Rock followed by lunch. Childcare is available for children four & under.

9:00 a.m. – Women's Event, Followed by Lunch
(Ticketed Event in the Worship Center)

Ladies of all ages are invited to learn more about the mission field from women missionaries. There will be short presentations from the missionaries and lunch will be served. Childcare is available for children four & under.

6:30 p.m. – Sunday School Fellowships

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:10 a.m. – Worship Service (Mission Commitment Service)

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service (Mission Commitment Service)

Tickets for the Friday night banquet and the Saturday morning men's and women's events will go on sale on Sunday, August 13. Tickets may be purchased for $1 at the back of the Worship Center on Sundays or in the Church Office during the week. **For more information and full list of events, visit fbcrh.us/fbc-impact.**

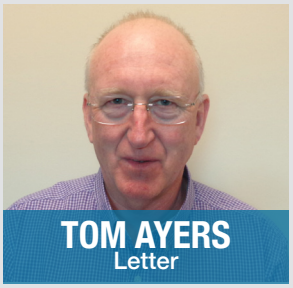
PRAYER EVENT : MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Friday, August 11 - Saturday, August 12 (Praying From Home)

To prepare for our upcoming IMPACT conference, we will have a 24-hour prayer event beginning Friday, August 11 at 8:00 a.m. where you will pray from your home. Sign up for a 30-minute time slot and you'll receive a prayer guide to help you pray for our conference, leadership team, missionaries, and more.

You may sign up for the prayer event at the back of Worship Center today, or online at fbcrh.us/impact2017-pe.

WELCOME TO THE "FAMILY OF FAITH"



By Baptism: 23 By Letter: 45
By Statement: 23 = **TOTAL: 91**

If you are interested in being baptized, please call Kathrine in the Church Office at 803-327-7181 or email her at kathrinef@fbcrockhill.org

CHURCH BUDGET & NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The proposed budget for the new church year and the list of nominees for committees and officers will be distributed on August 6 after worship. The Stewardship and Nominating Committees have worked during the summer to finalize these reports and both committees will be available on Wednesday night, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. during a called business meeting in "The APEX" to discuss their reports for the new church year. The church will vote on each report by secret ballot on **SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13**.

EQUIPPING U

A New Cycle of Wednesday Night Classes Start August 23.

Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven
by David Jeremiah
Led by Marian Ayers
Room 210 at 4:00 p.m.

Spiritual Gifts
Led by Pastor Steve Polk
Room 208 at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Focus
Led by Jeremy Lea
Room 315 at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Ministry Class
Led by Mike Matthews
Room 316 at 6:30 p.m.

Gideon
(Women's Study)
Led by Monieca Hogg
Room 319 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor's Class
Led by Pastor Steve Hogg
Room 210 at 6:30 p.m.

Class Name TBA
Led by Steve Claiborne
Room 320 at 6:30 p.m.

Praise Team
Led by Joe Easley
Room 227A at 6:30 p.m.

NAMI Class
Led by Judy Raipuppius
Room 323 at 6:30 p.m.

Genesis for ASL
(For the Hearing Impaired)
Led by Emily Walker
Room 322 at 6:30 p.m.

CARE GROUPS

New Path
(Divorce Care Support Group)
Led by Charlotte Elliot
Room 302/304 at 6:30 p.m.

Grief Share
(For Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones)
Led by Bud Hedstrom
Room 317 at 6:30 p.m.

Sufficient Grace
(Women's Support Group)
Led by Kathy Troutman
Room 318 at 6:30 p.m.
(Meets Once a Month)

Eagles Nest
(Empty Nesters Group)
Led by Terri Hood
Church Office at 7:30 p.m.

For more info and a full description of each class offered, visit www.fbcrockhill.org/equipping-u.

MUSIC CAMP

We had a fantastic week at Music Camp 2017. The musical this year was titled "Back To The Cross". It told the story of a time machine, abandoned long ago and nearly forgotten, that is discovered by the kids while attending the annual VBS program at Midway Community Church. A series of time-traveling escapades ensue, that takes our intrepid gang of time-jumpers on a wild ride, immersing them in strange times and cultures (including the totally tubular 1980s, the roaring '20s, the Wild, Wild West, and even the Garden of Gethsemane!)

The children had classes in Music, Choreography, Crafts, Recreation, and Bible Quizzing along with a great snack each day. We had over 100 children in attendance during the week from all over Rock Hill. The presentation on Friday night was the climax to a fun filled week of learning music, and Bible truths all leading to a point of discovery about the importance of the Cross and the message of the Gospel.

SUNBEAMS CAMP

Sunbeams Summer Camp was a fun-filled week learning about how God's love for us is BIG! (Romans 8:39) We had 59 children participating from ages 2-5. It was a good mix of FBC children, Sunbeams children, and those from the Rock Hill community. The children had a blast and their parents said the LONG afternoon naps were proof of how busy they were during the morning!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

I met Trevan on Monday. He was staying the week with Mrs. Charlotte, his great-grandma, and helping us build her a new wheelchair ramp. Tuesday, I invited Trevan to our afternoon Bible study. He told me that he was nervous because he didn't know anything about the Bible. I convinced him and afterwards, he looked at me and said that he loved the story and was so excited for Wednesday. On Wednesday, I asked Trevan about his faith during lunch. He told me that he hasn't gone to church in five years and that he didn't even have a Bible. That's when it hit me why God had really sent me to Tennessee to build a wheel chair ramp. David gave us a Bible at the beginning of the week and challenged us to find someone to give it away to. As we left Wednesday, Trevan's face lit up as I gave him my Bible and went over John 3:16.

Thursday, the last day I would see Traven, the first thing he told me is how much he loved his new Bible. As the day went by, David walked over to me and said you need to go and witness to Traven before you leave. I was scared at first, but I knew that this was the only chance I would have with Traven. We stepped aside into Mrs. Charlotte's garage and we explained the salvation bracelet and talked about sin and how God can wash your sins away. After we got done talking, I prayed with him. Mrs. Charlotte walked out and told me that the night before they both sat and read countless verses until midnight and that this was the most interested Traven had ever been about God.

Honestly coming on this trip I wasn't expecting to share the Word with anyone but I am thankful that God used me to reach Trevan.

- Reese Hinchman

AUGUST PRAYER CALENDER

1 Summer is almost over. Thank God for the good experiences you had this summer. Pray that everyone will see the fall as a time to renew our commitment to Jesus and First Baptist Church.

2 Proverbs 22:1 says: "A good name is to be more desired than great wealth." Ask the Lord to help you live in such a way that others respect you as a dedicated follower of Jesus. If a behavior or attitude hurts your reputation, ask the Lord to help you change.

3 Pray for our Pastor as he prepares to preach this Sunday.

4 Pray for the guests that our members are inviting to church this Sunday. Pray for the persons you know who don't go to church.

5 FBC ministry leaders will gather August 13 at 5:00 p.m. to hear about the ministry plans for this fall and to pray for God's blessings on our church. Pray that this will be a time of encouragement for each of them.

6 Steve Polk is meeting with the Sunday School volunteers today over lunch at the church. Thank God for those who work in our Sunday School classes and pray that God blesses them.

7 Our deacons have their monthly meeting tonight. Pray for them and their service to our church family.

8 The budget for a new year of ministry was distributed this past Sunday. Pray that God provides all the resources we need to fully fund our ministry plans and missions this coming year.

9 Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind" (Luke 10:27). Ask the Lord to help you grow in your love for Him.

10 Ask the Lord to bless our Impact Missions Conference scheduled for September 6-10.

11 Ask the Holy Spirit to move powerfully among the congregation this coming Sunday morning.

12 Pray for those who will teach Sunday School tomorrow at FBC.

13 In your mind, picture some other churches in our community and pray for them.

14 Students will return to school this Thursday in Rock Hill. Pray for safety in all our schools this year.

15 This coming Sunday night is Dinner with the Pastor. Pray that all the guests who signed up are able to attend and that the Lord leads them to join our Family of Faith.

16 Next week, we kick off all our regular Wednesday night activities. Pray that everything goes well and we have great participation.

17 Pray for those in your family who do not know Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw them to Jesus. Ask the Lord to use you to win them to Christ.

18 Our youth will be together all weekend for "Rock the House." Pray that many of them are revived spiritually and that those who are lost will commit their lives to Jesus and be saved.

19 Pray for our church office staff and custodians.

20 Our senior adults have a luncheon tomorrow at the church. Thank God for their years of faithfulness.

21 Pray that God uses our September 13 quarterly Business Luncheon to draw some people from our community to our Lord and to our church.

22 Psalm 112:1 says: "How blessed is the man who fears the LORD." Tell the Lord how much reverence you have for Him. Ask the Lord to help you grow in fear and reverence for Him.

23 Pray for everyone who will be teaching classes at FBC tonight.

24 Pray that God draws more young families to our church.

25 Pray for all the musicians as they prepare to lead us in worship this Sunday.

26 Pray for the November 3-4 Men's Retreat. Ask God to create in our men excitement for Jesus and His word.

27 Ask the Lord to protect our church from anything and anyone who would cause dissension and conflict.

28 Pray for our Pastor as he prepares next Sunday's sermon.

29 Like most churches, we have many members who are backslidden and seldom attend worship or Sunday School. Pray, by name for those you know who are in this spiritual condition.

30 We will observe a common loaf Lord's Supper this Sunday morning. Pray that it is a moving time of worship.

31 Our Pastor is on a planning retreat today. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads him as he plans and seeks God's guidance.

The Messenger (0566-150) is published monthly by First Baptist Church, 481 Hood Center Drive, Rock Hill South Carolina 29730. Periodical postage paid at Rock Hill SC. Postmaster: Send address change to 481 Hood Center Drive, Rock Hill South Carolina 29730.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steve Hogg
Senior Pastor

Rev. Steve White
Worship & Music

Rev. Jamie Burdette
Sr. Adult & Missions

Rev. Will Beaty
Communications & Contemporary Worship

Rev. David Mitchell
Youth Ministry

Rev. Steve Polk
Assimilation & Spiritual Growth

Rev. Scott Blasingame
Elementary & Preteen Ministry

Program Staff

Holly Matthews
Director
Preschool Ministries

Scot McGuire
Orchestra Director

Administrative Staff

Terri A. Hood
Church Administrator

Tom Rinehart
Pastoral Staff Administrator

Tony Huffman
Facilities Manager

Matt Greer
Graphic Media & Publications Director

Contact Information

Office
803-327-7181

Website
www.fbcrockhill.org

Sunbeams
803-329-2892

SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 9 745
July 16 706
July 23 694

GIVING

BUDGET

Given July 2 - July 23.....$196,088.30
Given to Date.....$2,347,530.81
Budget Goal to Date.....$2,329,696.94

SIX IN 6 CAMPAIGN

Given July 2 - July 23.....$49,434,87
Given to Date.....$1,424,488.13
Total Commitments.....$1,818,405.44

STAFF NEWS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Bill Williams (12)
Shelley Hamilton (28)
Kim Cooke (28)
Sherry Rollo (30)
Debbie Curry (30)

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY:

Carla Crocker (12)

SYMPATHY

The Staff and Congregation of First Baptist Church extend deepest sympathy to the family of **Robert Greer**; and to **Telicia Ketchum** on the death of her mother, to **Chad Towell** on the death of is grandmother, to **Cathy Mabe** on the death of her father, Ira “Artie” Herndon; and to **Boni Howard** on the death of her uncle, Rev. Dr. Ross Freeman.

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to grandparents **Denny and Brenda Keeling** on the June 3 arrival of their grandson, Noah Giles.

Congratulations to **Jason and Katie Smith** on the July 4 arrival of their son, Greyson Thomas Smith.

Congratulations to grandparents **Chuck and Terri Hood** on the July 15th arrival of granddaughter Millen Jeanne Surratt, and the July 19th arrival of granddaughter Carson Gray Hood.

MEMORIALS

Don Ingram
Bob Greer (11)
Ruby Dunn
Alice Lawson

HONORARIUMS

Andy Lawson

ACCESS ACS CLASS

August 27 at 5 p.m. in Room 210

Come learn how to use ACCESS ACS on laptop or mobile devices and the ChurchLife App. Sign up online at fbcrh.us/acs-class.