

INFORMER

October 4, 2026

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WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Early Worship	Sunday	8:30 am
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 am
Worship	Sunday	10:30 am
Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday
8:00 am Deacons' Meeting
10:30 am Combined Worship Service
11:30 am Cookout

Monday, October 5

TopAgers leave for Caraway
6:00 pm Ladies Evening Missions Circle

Tuesday, October 6

11:30 am Marjorie Spence Circle Group
6:00 pm Apple Festival Meeting

Friday, October 9

2:30 pm Dominoes

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am Baptist on Missions

Sunday, October 11

11:30 am Bonus Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 am - 2:00 pm OneBlood Blood Drive
10:30 am TopAgers

Commonly Called

By Scott Hagaman, Pastor

In the Bible, the word "call" is often used in the most mundane ways, much like the word "call" is typically used in English. Human beings "call" to each other, to God, to animals, etc. However, in Scripture, God's call is unique, special, and powerful. By calling, God makes everything, including all of humanity. To call means to create and to name. God called forth life and declared it good. In the New Testament, the word call speaks especially to the act of God calling people to himself. Jesus called the disciples to follow him—to repentance, to salvation, to the Kingdom of God. The fellowship of Jesus' followers are the "called-out ones."

That idea is the root of the Greek word ecclesia, which we translate as church. As a people, we are called by God in Christ. First, there is the general calling to salvation. Second, there are secondary callings to go and do according to the Lord who calls us. In other words, we are all called. Yes, some of us are called to full-time, ordained ministry, such as pastors, missionaries, and evangelists. But also, every other follower of Christ is called to serve the Lord as well. In September, our Wednesday evening adult Bible study has focused on the topic "Commonly Called," exploring the major biblical theme of call. In October, my preaching will focus on the same theme. As we explore the idea of being "Commonly Called, be prayful and expectant of how God is calling you. What is your calling? What is God calling you to? What is God calling you to do? "To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith..." (2

Thessalonians 1:11)

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Thank you,
Pastor!

Take time this month to let the Ministerial Team know how much they mean to us here at FBC.

Contact us at:

704-732-1101 Email: fbc@fbclincolnton.org Website: fbclincolnton.org

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Weekly Attendance 9/27

8:30 am	77
10:30 am	161
Total	238

Sunday School	181
Nursing Home	11
Total	192

Contribution Information 9/27

Weekly Undesignated Contribution Requirement	\$16,538.46
Actual Undesignated Contributions	\$13,306.00
<i>Weekly Deficit</i>	<i>\$4,148.00</i>
YTD Undesignated Contribution Requirement	\$860,461.46
YTD Actual Contributions	\$878,458.08
<i>YTD Surplus</i>	<i>\$18,458.08</i>
NC State Missions	\$2,960.00 YTD: \$7,530.00
Memorials	\$750.00
Foreign Missions	\$138.00
Backpack	\$100.00
Property & Operations	\$100.00
Upward	\$100.00

Weekly Volunteers**10/4**

DOW: Neal Alexander
Security: Tim Ward

10/11

DOW: Rodney Ballard
Security: Richard Greene

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to James Carter and family in the loss of his cousin, Jerry Dysart, and to Bill Coram and family in the loss of his sister, Candy Coram.

**NC Missions Offering**

During the month of September, we will collect donations for the NC Missions Offering. Our goal is \$12,000. Received: \$7,530.00

Appalachian Backpacks

Backpacks are located on tables in the main hallway and ready for pick-up. Be sure to follow the instructions (place bag number on the signup sheet with your name, phone number, and email.) Deadline is October 25. Thank you!

Weekly Greeters**10/4 & 10/11**

Door 1: Jeff & Melanie Emory
Door 2: Jean Waters & Debbie Hepner
Door 3: Scott & Diana Carpenter
Door 4: Randy & Gretchen Monteleone

10/18 & 10/25

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Door 2: Harry Brogden
Door 3: Ken & Linda Harill Rudisill
Door 4: Sherry Schuman

October 13 Top Agers Meeting

We will meet as usual in the FLC Dining at 10:30 AM on that Tuesday. Please call the Church office at 704 732 1101 to reserve your spot. October will continue our tradition with our great fellowship and the program by none other than Willy D. We are so thankful that he could make room for us on his worldwide tour. I know that you do not want to miss this repeat performance!

ONEBLOOD BLOOD DONATION BUS

On Tuesday, October 13, the OneBlood Donation Bus will be in our parking lot from 9am-2pm ready for donations. If you are able, please feel free to donate during these times; **call the office to schedule your appointment.**

**FBC & 2026 Apple Festival, Saturday, October 17th**

This year, our Church will be helping with the Apple Festival in the Kid's Orchard section. We are also collecting 8 oz. water bottles. Sign-up sheets are available, contact Denise at 434-242-5564 or denisegirvin@yahoo.com for more info. We will also be raffling off a Family Movie and Game Night basket at the Apple Festival. Donations are needed.

**Church Council**

Our next Church Council meeting is coming up on October 18 at 11:30 am. Please call the church at 704-732-1101 to sign up by October 14.

AED First Aid Training

This class will be on Wednesday, October 21 in the FLC Dining Hall at 6pm. We will be highlighting where the first aid kits are, and what's in them.

Marriage Conference

November 21st from 9a-3:30p at Burkemont Baptist in Morganton. This is led by Dr. Gary Chapman. The cost is \$50/couple, but we have scholarships available. Please see Andrea Greene if interested.

Support Our Education Fund

The new school year has begun, and the Scholarship Committee would like to invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Education Fund.

Would you be willing to read a story to children?

Our Weekday Children's Ministry would love to share a visit to our media center to enjoy story time with you. The children will be in the 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes. This will be happening on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the new media center located in the Family Life Center. We can help you choose a book to read to the children if you like, or you may have a favorite you'd like to share. Please call the church office, 704-732-1101.

Picture Search

Do you have any pictures of our Church events, missions, outings, etc.? Please email them to fbc@fbclincolnton.org.



First Baptist Lincolnton

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join Us
 When : October 31st
 Time : 6:00-8:00 PM
 Location: 201 Robin Road Lincolnton

Candy Collection
 Goal: 25,000
 Collected: 5,000

Prayer List

Family

Jada Aldridge
Janet Bridges
James Broyhill
Patrick Campbell
Sandy Cline
Debbie Cooley
Candy Coram
Ann Digh
Tom Dyson
Donald Ekback
Dale Gray
Carolyn Greene
Erin Ford
Mike & Martha Goins
Harold Greene
Trevor Hatley
Randy Livingston
Kasey Messer
JoAnna Morgan
Ernie Motz
Kim Noles
Rita Price
Rodney Robinson
Brad Shumat
Andrew Smith
Greg Smith
Grayson West
Cynthia White
Erica Williams
Ken Wright

Church Members

Judy Abernathy	Collins Leaders
Linda Baxter	Sylvia Linker
Donna Beasley	Ana Luna
Richard Beasley	Fred Martin
Sharon Bondurant	William McCollough
Mary Bridges	Jerry Payseur
Derrick Canipe	Sara Peek
Kathie Canipe	Brenda Robinson
Kenan Chronister	Ruth Schrum
Joe Crews	Wayne Schrum
Shelby Coffey	Linda Segrest
Duane Digh	Debbie Sipe
Dwight Drum	Pat Stamey
Margaret Ekback	Jim Thackston
Jane Free	Hilda Ward
Vicky Gilbert	Sandra Ward
Janice Grossman	Jim Watson
Doug Hancock	Debbie Whisenant
Bob Hodges	Teresa Wilkie
Trudy Hoffman	
Ayda Johnson	
Jessie Johnson	
Mark Johnson	
Bill Lankford	

Friends

Lana Bollinger
Carla Brandon
Patrick Campbell
Jeanne Corwin
Anthony Davis
Wanda Edwards
Dr. Walter Hart
Tim Hurt
Yulia Kuznetsov
Jase McDowell
Laura Minick
Dr. Debra Morris
Paul Mundy
Candace Orr
Jerry Ostrander
Dr. Ivan Park
Cassie Parker
Jean Purvis
Josh Ruiz
Sis Shull
Jeff Stepp
Dr. Phyllis Tallent
Neil & Crystal Taylor
Billie Watson
Rhett White

Assisted Living/Homebound

Homebound

Linda Buff
Kathy Masterson
James Elkins
Alden/Linda Segrest

TerraBella Lincolnton

Elaine Campbell
Ann Harrill
Kay Wilson

Abernethy Laurels

Tana Boggs
Wendell Boggs
Phyllis Castelloe
Raleigh Castelloe (Memory Unit)
Ray Parker/Mary Lou Parker

Carolina Care, Cherryville

Polly Waters*

The Greens

Pat Ballard

Upcoming Birthdays

September 30- Ansley Bridges, Teresa Greene, Cindy Sherrill
October 2- Scott Chapman, Obie Pigg
October 3- Lauren Putnam, Maddox Hovis, Jessica Lineberger
October 4- Skylar Wilson, Spencer Pendleton, Colton Gilbert, Kathie Canipe, Gaye Howard
October 5- Katy Cartner, Stacy Nantz, Mike Goodson, Carter Spitler
October 6- Philip Graham, Scott Zickefoose, Hunter White
October 7- Jenni White, Jill Tipton, Jon Burris
October 8- Joan Bangle, James McDonald
October 9- Doris Payseur
October 10- Joshua Carter
October 11- Jane Hester
October 12- SuAnn Gynn, Graham Willis
October 13- Jane Batts
October 14- Autumn Melton
October 15- Jessie Johnson, Mark Harmelink, Kaila Clippard
October 16- Sandi Turner, Ernie Ekback, Greyson Frady
October 17- Angela Simmons, Amanda Gynn
October 18- Scott Thomas, Linda Bartusch
October 19- Tim Johnson
October 20- Sully Hoffman
October 21- Carolyn Thackston, Jane Spangler, Carole Pendleton, Don McGinnis, Ruth Bryson, Richard Greene
October 22- Madison Hubner
October 23- Sandy Stark
October 24- Chris Loy, Ron Tapley, Kristen Willis, Mallory Barrett, Jackson Buice, Ashley Williams
October 25- Neal Alexander, Isabella Poole
October 26- Lessy Pendleton, Seth Owens, Carol Goulding, Jordan Spitler
October 27- Bill Helms, Kelly Johnson

2026 Read Through the Bible

September 30	Isaiah 64-66	Galatians 6
October 1	Jeremiah 1	Ephesians 1
October 2	Jeremiah 2	Ephesians 2
October 3	Jeremiah 3-4	Ephesians 3
October 4	Jeremiah 5-6	Ephesians 4
October 5	Jeremiah 7-8	Ephesians 5
October 6	Jeremiah 9-10	Ephesians 6
October 7	Jeremiah 11-12	Philippians 1
October 8	Jeremiah 13-14	Philippians 2
October 9	Jeremiah 15-17	Philippians 3
October 10	Jeremiah 18-19	Philippians 4
October 11	Jeremiah 20-21	Colossians 1
October 12	Jeremiah 22-23	Colossians 2
October 13	Jeremiah 24-25	Colossians 3
October 14	Jeremiah 26	Colossians 4
October 15	Jeremiah 27-28	I Thessalonians 1
October 16	Jeremiah 29-30	I Thessalonians 2
October 17	Jeremiah 31	I Thessalonians 3
October 18	Jeremiah 32	I Thessalonians 4
October 19	Jeremiah 33-34	I Thessalonians 5
October 20	Jeremiah 35-36	II Thessalonians 1
October 21	Jeremiah 37-38	II Thessalonians 2
October 22	Jeremiah 39-41	II Thessalonians 3
October 23	Jeremiah 42-43	I Timothy 1
October 24	Jeremiah 44-45	I Timothy 2
October 25	Jeremiah 46-47	I Timothy 3
October 26	Jeremiah 48	I Timothy 4
October 27	Jeremiah 49	I Timothy 5
October 28	Jeremiah 50	I Timothy 6
October 29	Jeremiah 51	II Timothy 1
October 30	Jeremiah 52	II Timothy 2
October 31	Lamentations 1	II Timothy 3
November 1	Lamentations 2	II Timothy 4
November 2	Lamentations 3	Titus 1
November 3	Lamentations 4	Titus 2
November 4	Lamentations 5	Titus 3
November 5	Ezekiel 1-2	Philemon
November 6	Ezekiel 3-5	Hebrews 1
November 7	Ezekiel 6-7	Hebrews 2
November 8	Ezekiel 8-10	Hebrews 3
November 9	Ezekiel 11-12	Hebrews 4
November 10	Ezekiel 13-14	Hebrews 5
November 11	Ezekiel 15-16	Hebrews 6
November 12	Ezekiel 17-18	Hebrews 7
November 13	Ezekiel 19-20	Hebrews 8
November 14	Ezekiel 21-22	Hebrews 9
November 15	Ezekiel 23-24	Hebrews 10
November 16	Ezekiel 24-26	Hebrews 11
November 17	Ezekiel 27-28	Hebrews 12