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## THE FIRST WORD

September 2018

### Miss Feazell...Friend, Teacher, and Mentor

♪ During my time at First Baptist Church there was a single constant – Joann Feazell – starting as a youngster and continuing through early college. My memories began in “Cherub Choir” where I doubt that we acted that angelic, even if we may have sounded that way in our performances. I do remember that during each practice we learned something new about music: a quarter note, a rest symbol, what forte means, and that piano has a musical meaning other than characterizing a keyboard instrument. Since we were kids, Ms. Feazell knew that we liked sweets, but how could she have kept control of us after our sugar rush from the pixy sticks and the syrup filled wax bottles?

Each year’s big spring time concert with all the choirs filling the sanctuary was quite a sight, but even more so, wonderful sounds to behold! Who else collected the great composer statues given out then?

Growing both musically and spiritually through the instruction of Ms. Feazell, she had us coming back week after week on Sunday afternoon rehearsals, followed by leading the music in the Sunday evening service. Looking back, how could she make rehearsals the place you wanted to be?

Of course, for those of us involved in the Youth Choir tours, we practiced all summer long with intense rehearsals and a home town performance before heading out of town. I personally had the opportunity to travel outside the US on Choir Tour three times – Canada, Mexico, and the Bahamas. Ms. Feazell’s frequent “travelogues” taught us about parts of our country that most of us would have never otherwise

seen. Performances in all kinds of places and situations – choir lofts in big churches, small intimate sanctuaries, ecumenical services, missions, an outdoor stage – we would sing pretty much anywhere. Remember Chloraseptic? After staying in the homes of the various

churches’ congregation members, we got back on the bus heading to your next destination and Ms. Feazell would remind us of the sacrifices many of these families made to provide shelter and food for us.

As choir director, music teacher, and organist, Ms. Feazell was always the leader that kept us engaged. I was truly blessed, as I suspect is the case of many others, to have cherished memories from being a part of her music programs and to have lived our lives following her moral guidance.

Doug Dickey

♪ Joanne Feazell was a tremendous influence in my life. I was invited to choir at FBC by a friend at school. Ms. Feazell was so encouraging, kind, and welcoming that I felt right at home. Soon after, my family began to attend church at First Baptist. Ms. Feazell inspired me to seek excellence as she demanded we use our gifts and talents for God’s glory. She will forever be someone who influences my walk with Christ.

Jennifer Wilson Rouse

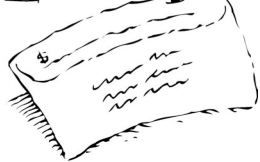
♪ Miss Feazell was a dedicated Minister of Music, willing to go above and beyond her stated duties, always willing to inspire by her actions. She worked hard on engendering team spirit for all ages, always giving praise for a job well done, setting high expectations, helping others set and achieve goals, respecting individuality, while always keeping a sense of humor. An awesome lady and friend.

Linda Pruner

♪ God has blessed so many people through the life and music ministry of Joann Feazell. It would not surprise me if even God still calls her Miss Feazell.

Dennis Cross

## Offering Envelopes



The finance office will be ordering the boxed offering envelopes for giving in 2019. If you wish to have your name removed from the list to receive a box, please contact the church office.

*Thank You!*

*We appreciate your prayers, guidance, cards, hugs, kind words, memorial gifts, and presence at the service. Thanks, also, to those who prepared food or served on the kitchen crew for the delicious family dinner! What a wonderful church family you are!*

*Again, thank you!*

*Phil Kistner, Lana Stubbs, Craig Kistner, Carolyn Fletcher-Helton, and Families*



Bereavement Fund

We have had several inquiries from First Baptist members wanting to help defray the cost of serving meals to our church family members who have experienced a death in their family. This is truly a wonderful ministry we offer to our members. Many of you are unable to prepare a dish or be here to help serve the family. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Bereavement Fund of First Baptist Church, simply mark your envelope or check "Bereavement," and it will be used to help our families who have suffered a loss.



## Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

When you make an offering to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are being obedient to God's call to give and to serve. Working

together with other Virginia Baptists, you are living in God's presence and enabling others to experience the transformational life changes that come only through experiencing God's presence. Examples of ministries funded are *training Christian women in a Muslim environment* and *responding to area disasters such as tornadoes*. Our goal this year is for every member to give.

## SEPTEMBER FIRST MONDAY



On Monday, September 10, we will travel to The Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC. We will experience "The Journey of Faith" tour and exhibits, the Graham Family Homeplace, Ruth's Attic Bookstore, Graham Brothers Dairy Bar, and the Memorial Prayer Garden. Admission is free, but you will want to purchase lunch in the Dairy Bar (sandwiches and salads). The bus will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. Please contact the church office to sign up.

## October First Monday

On Monday, October 1, we will travel to Hickory Tree to the farm of Charlie and Nell Campbell (home place of Nell) for a picnic in their barn. The church will supply the meat and beverages, and we are asking those going to bring a covered dish of their choice. Please call the church office to sign up no later than September 28. Let us know what dish you are bringing. The bus will leave the church at 11 a.m.



Congratulations to Haley Fuller Bright & Chad Bright who are expecting twins in December (or earlier). On October 1, the Shower Team will set up a basket in the church office where you may drop off gift cards or gifts for the Brights. Gift Cards to stores which carry diapers and other baby supplies are always appreciated. Since they want to wait until the babies are born to learn the genders, we do not know whether they will need pink or blue supplies. (Haley is Mark Fuller's daughter, Emily and Jarrett Fuller's sister, and Dewey's granddaughter.)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Rhythm and Roots is coming September 21-23! This is an opportunity for our youth to raise money parking cars. We need help. Last year we worked Friday afternoon till 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. till 9 p.m., and Sunday afternoon till 4 p.m. Please let Ben know if you can help!



FBC's bowling team is recruiting new members! If you are interested in bowling on Monday nights this fall, contact Tim Hiss at 423-878-4467 or Terri in the church office.

## JOANN FEAZELL CHOIR REUNION "A tribute in song and word" by former choir members

September 22 - 23, 2018

Be a part of the Sunday morning choir. Find more details and receive your parking pass by visiting our website at [www.fbcbristol.org](http://www.fbcbristol.org).

Weekend Schedule:

### Saturday

3:00	Dedication of Chapel to Miss Feazell (Dr. Bill Tuck)
4:00-5:30	Choir Rehearsal
4:30-8:00	Heavy hors d'oeuvres at Church (drop in)

### Sunday

8:30-10:00	Continental Breakfast and Jam Session
9:45-10:15	Choir Rehearsal
10:45	Choir in sanctuary and Prelude starts

\*If you cannot make the Saturday rehearsal, you can still join us on Sunday.



The news these days tends to shake our grounding in things once taken for granted. Extra helpings of faith, courage, and determination are required as is a close look at our moral underpinnings. Even though written before our current political climate, Jimmy Carter's *Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis* has much to offer today's readers with his reflections on disturbing societal trends both in religious and political realms as they have become more intertwined. Sustained by his lifelong faith, he assesses these issues in a balanced and courageous way.

In his latest book, *Faith*, Carter shares the lessons he's learned and explains the broader meaning of faith, the far-reaching effect it has on our lives, and its relationship to past, present, and future events in America and world.

Children will be drawn to this appealing picture book with a lesson in kindness, *What If Everybody Said That?*

## Ministry Team

The Ministry Team will be starting the process of filling positions on our teams and boards for the 2018-2020 term. If you are one that rotates off your team this year, we appreciate your service and hope you will want to fill a slot on another team or board. If you are rolling off and would like to remain on said team for another three year term, that is possible one time. If you are ending a two-term obligation, you must roll off. If you are a team chair, the Ministry Team must know if any of your members would like to stay on another term by August 30. If we are not contacted, we will assume we need to fill the vacancy. When you are contacted, we trust you will prayerfully consider and accept the opportunity to serve FBC in this capacity. If there is a team or board you are particularly interested in serving on, please contact any member of the Ministry Team, and we will make that happen. Thank you in advance for your participation.

### Ministry Team Members:

Sara Parker, Leroy Doran, Betty Jones, David Hicks, Nell Campbell, Michael Warren, Donna Hare, Joan Link, and Sandy Leonard



We have had a good response to the "4 by 3" small groups. You will be receiving a letter in the mail with your family assignments. Once you receive your family assignments please begin to make arrangements for your monthly get-together.



We are responsible for the Soup Kitchen in September, and a sign-up sheet is now available. We need two people each weekday at 9:15 a.m.

## *Our Staff*

Dr. Walter Draughon  
Rev. Ben Ondrak  
Mr. Eric D. Hicks  
Mrs. Angie Hicks  
Ms. Jackie Crum

Interim Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Music  
Assistant Minister of Music  
Pianist

Mrs. Tabetha Palumbo  
Mrs. Marcine Robinette  
Ms. Kay LaSpina  
Mr. Dennis Thomas  
Ms. Terri Thomas

Children's Director  
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### **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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### **August 2018**

#### **Financial Report**

#### **Monthly Information**

Budgeted Income	\$ 35,425.00
Actual Income	\$ 30,733.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 35,076.00
YTD Gain/(Loss)	\$ (4,343.00)

#### **Year-To-Date for 2018**

Budgeted Income	\$ 303,530.00
Actual Income	\$ 292,380.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 267,950.00
YTD Gain/(Loss)	\$ 24,430.00

#### **Account Balances**

General Fund	\$ 150,750.00
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#### **Ushers for the Month of September**

Head Usher: Brad Talbert (423) 878-0110

Drew & Amy Talbert

Davy & Rachel Wilson

Charles Roop

Tripp & Nic Crockett

#### **Greeters:**

Tarah & Dennis Kesterson

#### **Deacon of the Week for September**

September 2-Harry Scanlan

September 9-Gene Eller

September 16-Tim Hiss

September 23-Jennifer Rouse

September 30-Dennis Hare