Music Ministry News:

Hello FBC Haynesville! I hope that everyone has had a wonderful beginning to the fall season. I would like to start off by updating everyone on the things we have going on in both the College and Career and Worship Ministries! As many of you know, the College and Career group just returned from the Confluence Conference in McDonough, GA. The greatest encourage-



Andrew Robinson Music Minister

ment that I have coming out of this conference has been to see our group unite around the Gospel and form into a true community. Young people in the post-high school, pre-marriage stage of life often struggle to find a community of believers with whom they can grow closer to the Lord. This has been one of the greatest desires that my wife Emma and I have had for our class, and the Lord has really provided growth in that area!

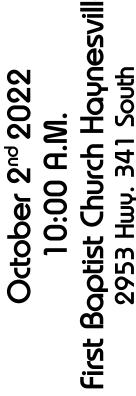
The Lord has also been working and moving tremendously in and through our Worship Ministry. Colossians 3:15-17 says, "15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed vou were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." This passage is at the heart of everything we do in our Worship Ministry. As believers, we are to be solely submitted to the rule of Christ (v.15), and during worship we are to allow the Words of Christ to dwell richly within us, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in our hearts to God (v.16). The call of this passage seems to be playing out not only within our Worship Ministry, but within our congregation as well!

To conclude, I would like to encourage us all to reflect on God's faithfulness. This Sunday, we are going to celebrate 198 years of God's blessing on this church. That's generation after generation after generation of the Lord turning hearts of stone into hearts of flesh, calling people into ministry to serve Him in other places, and using this local body of believers to serve and minister to Haynesville and the surrounding areas. What an occasion worthy of celebration, and I can't wait to celebrate with everyone this week!

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From the Pastor's Desk ...

Two years away from our Two Hundredth Anniversary. This coming Sunday we gather to celebrate 198 years of ministry. What a wonderful service we have planned. Blue Grass Gospel Band "The Baker Family", The Annual Memorial Service, remembering those whom the Lord has called from us to Heaven since last Homecoming, Recognition for former members, visitors and a special "Anniversary Bulletin" that someone will receive from our Greeters. Following the Celebration Service we will gather for lunch



David B. Fisher Senior Pastor

in the Family Life Center. (Barbeque, Brunswick Stew, Fried Chicken) The rest is up to you.

Now for the Rest of the story. We are coming out of a great busy summer. Attendance has been strong, averaging 200 in Sunday School. As we are entering another Season of the year, keep up your faithfulness in attendance and giving as we do the ministry God has called us to do. Please read all of the articles in the newsletter.

See you Sunday for Homecoming. Love you.

Pastor Fisher

Thoughts from the Associate Pastor

Approximately 72,318 days ago on October 2, something happened in the thriving community of Haynesville that has had a lasting effect upon people far and wide. A group of Christian people who felt that a Baptist church was needed to minister to the people of the area put in motion a choice that has shaped countless numbers of people in Houston County. The First Baptist Church of Haynesville was established in 1824 and is today the oldest Baptist



Winfred Huff Associate Pastor

church in the county. Pastors with their messages have come and gone; members have had their names added to the church roles and removed; the church has celebrated Homecoming for most of the 198 years, missing members who went home to be with the Lord the previous year; but one thing that has not changed—Jesus is still Lord and we worship Him in spirit and truth. On October 2, 2022, we will celebrate 198 years of God's faithfulness to the fellowship of the believers here at First Baptist. We invite each one of you to attend our services. We will do what most Baptist like to do—meet, greet, eat, and retreat. Join me for a day of celebration as we look to the future for what God has in store for the members of this illustrious church.

See you there! Brother Winfred



Why do we celebrate someone's birthday? We do it as a marker. That person has made it one trip around the sun. It is a time to reflect on accomplishments and ways the Lord has blessed that person. It is also a good way to self assess and redirect if needed. Our church is celebrating 198 years of believers gathering for the purpose of worshiping God in Haynesville. As we reflect on this it shows us that God will protect His church. The building has changed

many times but the people that make up our church have continued to be the body of Christ to our area for 198 years. There have been highs and lows along the way. There have been wars and peace. There has been life and death. But God has been faithful to see His church grow.

One of the ways He does this is by the older generation pouring into and raising the younger generation. Just like a family, the Lord provides spiritual grandparents and parents to lead and guide the next generation of believers.

To the youth of FBC Haynesville, here are a few ways for us to be a part of the next 198 years of our church history.

- 1) We must continue to be a people of the Word. God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. We must allow Him to guide us by His Word.
- 2) We must glean from the older members of our church family. There is a lot of wisdom and battles fought and overcome in our church. Take advantage of that. Allow others who are older and wiser to pour into you.

 3) We must understand that the church is not a building. The church is the people. We are not called to only praise and worship God at a church building. We are called to be the Church wherever we go. We must take the truth of the gospel and love for others outside of the walls and into our schools and communities. "Go and make disciples".
- 4) You must understand that the family is a gift from the Lord to His church. Be preparing now to be the husband or wife that the Lord is calling you to be. Boys, be preparing to become biblical men. Girls, be preparing to become biblical women. Once you are married, have children and raise them in the admonition of the Lord so that they can and will do the same. Don't let the current culture conform your idea of gender roles, marriage, and children.

These are a few lessons we can learn from our church's long history. Let us be just as faithful with our future as the saints before us were with theirs.

Youth Pastor, Matt Caporale

Faith & Blue Prayer Service and Fellowship Sunday October 9th @ 3PM Georgia State Patrol 450 Larry Walker Parkway Perry, GA 31069

Updates from the Senior Citizens Ministry...

Hello to ALL from the Senior Arena (Bro. Tubby and Lavonia):

Our Senior Citizen Ministry is going Great. We have monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm - with a meal, sometimes a Guest Speaker and always BINGO. Would love to have more of our 55 and over folks.

We just returned from a one day trip to



John Fowler Senior Adult Minister

Blue Ridge, GA and Merciers Apple Orchard. We had a wonderful and inspiring time at Pat's Kountry Kitchen.

The meal was delicious and the fellowship with Miss Pat and her crew was a blessing to all of us.

We are looking forward to some trips over the next couple of years - to the ARK, The Amish Country up in PA., and possibly to Branson, MO.

Looking forward to our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and meetings in November and December. (Third Thursday in each month).

Just a reminder that Homecoming is coming soon, Sunday, October 2nd. We will be celebrating our 198th Anniversary as a Church, (Oldest Southern Baptist Church in Houston County). The Baker Family from Missouri will be our guest for the morning Service at 10 a.m. No Sunday School nor Evening Service that day. Everyone is invited to our Homecoming meal in the Family Life Center after the morning service.

If you know of former members at Haynesville, please invite them to share that day with us. Don't forget our Church motto, "Haynesville First Baptist is a Praying Church". All of us should recommit ourselves to praying more and supporting all the ministries sponsored by our church body. Find your place and get active. The Lord loves you and we need your help and support.

Vonia and I love you and are praying for you.

God Bless, Bro Tubby

Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat



October 29th from 4 - 7pm Cake Walk, Games, Food & Fun for ALL!!