

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

10/1 Jeremiah 11-13; Hebrews 1
10/2 Jeremiah 14-16; Hebrews 2
10/3 Jeremiah 17-18; Psalms 35; Hebrews 3
10/4 Jeremiah 19-22; Hebrews 4
10/5 Jeremiah 23-24; Hebrews 5; Psalms 110
10/6 Psalms 75; Jeremiah 25-26; Hebrews 6
10/7 Jeremiah 27-29; Hebrews 7
10/8 Psalms 87; Jeremiah 30-31; Hebrews 8
10/9 Jeremiah 32-33; Hebrews 9
10/10 Jeremiah 34-35; Hebrews 10
10/11 Jeremiah 36-37; Hebrews 11
10/12 Jeremiah 38-40; Hebrews 12
10/13 Jeremiah 41-43; Hebrews 13
10/14 Jeremiah 44-45; Psalms 13; Jeremiah 46-47
10/15 Psalms 123; Jeremiah 48-49
10/16 Jeremiah 50-51; Psalms 137

10/17 Jeremiah 52; Psalms 74;
Lamentations 1
10/18 Lamentations 2; Psalms 77
10/19 Lamentations 3; Psalms 140
10/20 Lamentations 4-5; Psalms 85
10/21 Daniel 1-2; Psalms 136
10/22 Daniel 3-4; James 1
10/23 Daniel 5-6; James 2
10/24 Daniel 7-8; James 3
10/25 Daniel 9-10; James 4
10/26 Daniel 11-12; James 5
10/27 Ezekiel 1-3; Galatians 1
10/28 Ezekiel 4-7; Galatians 2
10/29 Ezekiel 8-10; Galatians 3
10/30 Ezekiel 11-12; Galatians 4
10/31 Ezekiel 13-15; Galatians 5

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FREE EVENT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE PRESENTS FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 29

5:30-8:30PM

Join us for a evening of free
fun, food, and festivities!

Event Highlights

HOT DOGS
POP CORN
COTTON CANDY
INFLATABLES
GAMES
TONS OF CANDY
AND MORE

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Church Events

- **Oct 5th - Homecoming**
Potluck Lunch Following Worship;
Bring Your Favorite Side and
Dessert-Meats Provided
- **Oct 11th @ 8a - Cars & Coffee**
- **Oct 12th 6:30p- Quarterly
Ministry Meeting**
- **Oct 13th @ 6:30-8:30p -
Ladies' Ministry Meeting;**
*Dinner Provided, Collecting White
Low Crew Socks for the Womens'
Prison Ministry*
- **Oct 16th 10:30a - Bags of
Hope Packing**
- **Oct 18th 10:30a - Bags of
Hope Distribution**
- **Oct 20th 6:30-8:30p - Men's
Ministry Meeting; Dinner
Provided, Speaker David Lackey**
- **Oct 26th 6:30p - 2026 Budget
Discussion & Vote**
- **Oct 29th 5:30p - Fall Festival &
Trunk or Treat**



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

We loaded the last few boxes. Then the three of us paused. Remembering, savoring, and praying as we edged up to that moment. We knew it was coming, that moment when all that was left was to leave.

My brothers drove away, and, as it turned out, I was the last Weathers in the now empty house. Until this day, for fifty-six years, no one else had lived in that brick townhome. No other family but ours. No other mother but ours. No one else but us.

But no more. I took one last look and then, on August 15, around 7:45 AM, I pulled the door closed for the final time and locked it behind me.

This thing called "home"

It's an odd thing, isn't it? This thing called "home."

Long ago my brothers and I launched our lives from that brick house in Winston-Salem. In fact, I had not officially lived there for 45 years. But still that colonial façade and that inviting brick stoop and that quaint neighborhood tugged with that inexplicable feeling. That feeling of "home."

Maybe it's because we "grew up" there, and the home where you are raised tends to always be that place you call "home."

Asked to define it, to articulate it, we can't. But we all know what it is and how it feels. We seek a home, to make a home, to have a home. If we lack it, we pine for it. When we are away, we miss it so much we call it a "sickness," fully aware that the only cure is to return to it—to go home.

And still--- why? Why is the idea of home, the yearning for home, so embedded in human experience?

We were made for another home

In his book Mere Christianity, C.S Lewis said, "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

And "home" is that kind of desire. Even when we build the best home here that we can, we still know, deep inside, that we were made for another home. And the Bible agrees.

The idea of a home is thickly woven into Scripture. It begins right away, with the Garden of Eden, and Adam and Eve are expelled from the only home they knew. For them, "home" was synonymous with creation itself, and that reality is the backdrop for everything else the Bible says about home. In other words, the desire for a "home" is a reminder that all creation belongs to God. The earth, in fact, is our mutual home, given to us by our loving Father (Heb. 3:4). Every individual home or family home on this earth is like a room in the Father's house of creation.

Not there yet

But most clearly, the Bible teaches that the home we have here is a mere reflection of the home we have in heaven. And since creation is fallen, we are constantly reminded that, after all, we are not home yet.

Our home here pales in comparison to the home we yearn for, our heavenly home. Here we have suffering and heartache, but in our eternal home God wipes away all pain and suffering (Rev. 21:4). When this home is gone, and we end our earthly journey, we inherit that eternal home that God has prepared for us (2 Cor. 5:1-21, John 14:1-6).

So, to yearn for home is to yearn for heaven. And our physical homes and families help fill the gap with loving family relationships and a place where we know we belong. But even so, our homes and families do not provide all that we need.

We also need a spiritual home. We were made to have a relationship with God, and to enjoy fellowship with Him and with one another. Home, then, is where He is, and where the people who are in relationship with Him reside.

God wired us for relationships, and to have a home is to be with the people we know and love. That's why a loving church family is a spiritual home away from our heavenly home.

And that's why we call it Homecoming

And this month, on October 5, we will celebrate Homecoming. "Homecoming" is an annual event for our church family to acknowledge that we are a spiritual family, and to celebrate the legacy of members past and present.

We celebrate our heritage and history, we welcome back returning members, and we remember those who are now in their eternal home.

But Homecoming is not just an annual event or something that we do as a tradition. It's not merely a chance to review our church history and to have a big lunch together (although both of those are great!). At Homecoming we acknowledge a spiritual bond that we share, and we celebrate our spiritual home away from our heavenly home.

This is where we are "growing up" in Christ together (Col. 1:28), where we are encouraging and strengthening each other, and where we are cultivating a community of believers in Christ (Heb. 10:24-25).

So, be here October 5 for Homecoming. Maybe you haven't been in a while, or maybe you're here every Sunday and love to linger when the music ends. No matter. Plan to be here.

Because, for now, we are your home away from home.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Bob



ROMANS 15:7
"ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, THEN, JUST AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU, IN ORDER TO BRING PRAISE TO GOD."



NEW TO THE FAMILY



GREG & CHRISTY BLAND
JOINED SEPTEMBER 21



KALI NAGLE
JOINED AUGUST 31

FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT



Mark your calendar; tell your friends!

What's it all about? Our main focus: presenting the Gospel through TRUNK OR TREAT and loving on our community through personal contact via many fun activities and free dinner.

The Fall Festival Committee is already busy planning and preparing. Contact the festival team at church signups in the worship center. This is a BIG event; we will need LOTS of volunteers. Looking forward to talking with you about how you can serve. Of course, please begin to pray for this event and for all those who will be coming and be impacted by the Gospel.

Judy Hughes, Fall Festival Leader
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DEACON OF THE WEEK

10/5-10/11	10/12-10/18	10/19-10/25	10/26-11/1
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