

Announcements

September’s Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

The Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) invites you to join in giving to the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering. **First Baptist’s goal is to raise \$1,500.** Help us reach and exceed this goal by designating an offering to “Alma Hunt Offering” on your check memo line or online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Alma Hunt).

Barn Dinner Theatre Event

Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Chatham Heights is putting together a trip to The Barn Dinner Theatre to see an 80’s Musical “Be Kind, Rewind: Home for the Holidays.” Dinner is a southern buffet, and the cost is \$68.00 plus tax and tip. **If interested please contact Audrey King at 276-340-3509. Today is the last day to sign up.**

Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) Meeting

This Tuesday, September 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Please note the earlier and different meeting day **this Tuesday.** Linda Dorr, past governor of District Two of Altrusa International, will be the speaker.

2026 CBF Virginia General Assembly

Melrose Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA

Tuesday, September 22nd from 9-3 p.m.

The General Assembly is a time for worship, learning, and connection as we celebrate God’s work among us and imagine new ways to join in it. Register by September 14th at: <https://cbfva.org/events/general-assembly-2026/>

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch- The Pumpkins are coming!

The pumpkins will be arriving on Saturday, October 3rd. Each year Grace Network sponsors the Pumpkin Patch on FBC’s property next to the church. We have in the past signed up for a time to help sell the pumpkins. If you are willing to work a time slot please contact the church office and let us know what days and times would work for you so we can let Grace Network know. In the past we have worked the 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. time slot and divided it into 2 shifts, needing 4 people.

Patrick Henry Food Pantry

A church wide mission project will continue again this school year for Patrick Henry Elementary School. The school provides food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. Please place all items in the box labeled Patrick Henry Food Pantry in the Missions Room 103.

Single Serve Cereal	Applesauce	Pancake Mix (eggless)
Instant Oatmeal	Dried Fruit	Mac & Cheese
Granola Bars	Crackers	Soup
Canned/Packet meats	Juice/Shelf Milk	Canned Pasta w/Sauce

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are #yourcitychurch in Martinsville...

Coming together with many Christian traditions to worship, learn, and grow together as followers of Jesus.

Serving God in our church, our community, and the world by investing our energy and resources to living like Jesus called us to live — in service to God and neighbor.

Growing and changing our ministries to include more variety in our vision so as to meet the needs of our community.

Open Invitation

Our congregation wishes to partner with you and your family on a shared journey of faith. Whatever your background, we would love to explore with you how to join with us as we minister to this community together.

If you are interested in wanting to know more about following Jesus, how to join this church as an active participant, or if you'd like to recommit yourself to this church and its ministry, contact us at info.fbcmartinsville.com, (276) 632-6336, mike@fbcmartinsville.com or his cell (276) 340-7550.

Our doors are always open. Come see what God is doing and serve among us as we worship in Christ’s name.



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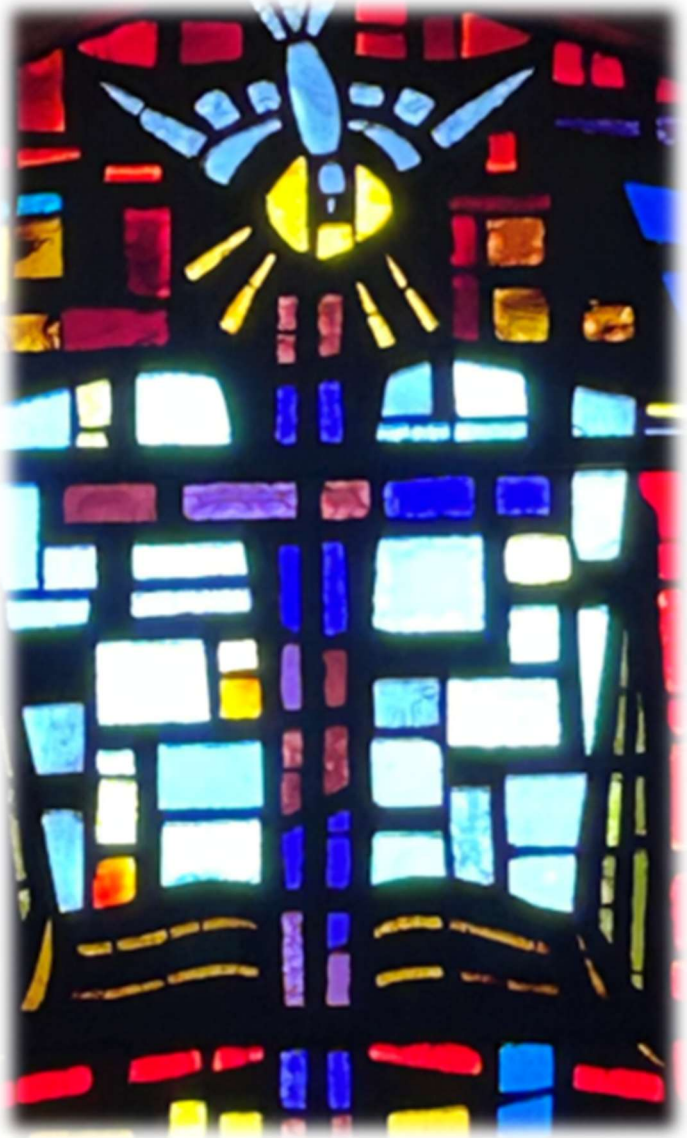
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Season After Pentecost

*Hymn 562 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* DIX

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night:
Day - spring from on high, be near, Day – star, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the dawn till your glories shine on me;
joyless is the day’s return till your mercy’s beams I see;
as they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief:
more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day!

*Hymn 658 *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?* MAITLAND

Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free?
No, there’s a cross for everyone, and there’s a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I’ll bear, till death shall set me free,
and then go home my crown to wear, for there’s a crown for me.

O precious cross! O glorious crown! O resurrection day!–when
Christ the Lord from heaven comes down and bears my soul away.

*Song of Response

 Hymn 576 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus–
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me–
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow–
no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?–
no turning back, no turning back.