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Brick Family Night Thursday, October 9

Join us for Dinner in the
Christian Life Center (the
gym) begins at 6 PM.

ALL MEMBERS are
welcome and especially
encouraged to attend the
Family Night Service in
the Sanctuary at 7 PM.

*We look forward to this
special opportunity to
meet members of the
BRICK Ministry and
especially those families
they have helped during
their stay at FMBC.
See you there!*

BRICK

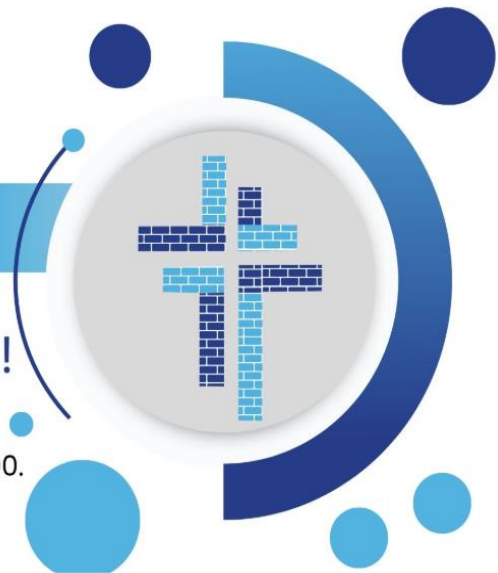
Building Restoration In
Christ's Kingdom

October 5-11, 2025

Join us for worship!

Sunday evening at 7:30.

Monday - Thursday evenings at 7:00.



Foreman Memorial Baptist Church will be welcoming members of **BRICK Ministries** of Jackson, South Carolina to our campus during the week of October 5-11, 2025 (Moving in will occur October 1-4). They are a self-sustaining group of about 80 workers who need a place to stay in the evenings, and a place to serve meals and provide facilities to the workers. They welcome anyone from FMBC who can help daily maintain the facilities they need to use during the time they are here (and some have already signed up to help—thank you!) including their **shower trailers**, our **church restrooms**, **serving food**, and **packing coolers**. A few of our FMBC members have volunteered to manage garbage removal as well. Sign-up lists are on the table next to the sanctuary foyer.

We are thankful for Pastor Richard Barnard for scheduling this activity before he retired in April, and to Pastor Brian Henderson and others for all the preparations that go into an effort such as this to help those Aiken neighbors who need their help.

Your prayers are welcome for all concerned including BRICK Ministries, members of FMBC who are helping in any way, for our own community members we may have the opportunity to reach out to during the week, those BRICK will be helping, and the nightly services. Thanks to our Lord Jesus for being the One who inspires and leads us to help those in need.

We invite all to come to the services at FMBC during the week: The first one is **Sunday evening** (their first day at FMBC) at **7:30**; then **nightly at 7:00** Monday through Thursday. **We are all especially encouraged to come to the meal prepared by BRICK at the Christian Life Center at 6:00 pm, then all come to the special Family Night Service that Thursday night, October 9. Members please plan to attend this service.**

The Crown of Joy: A Tribute to the Thessalonian Church

“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy.” — 1 Thessalonians 2:19–20 (NKJV)

A Church That Became Paul’s Crown

The words of Paul in this passage are among the most affectionate found in the New Testament. To the Thessalonian believers, he does not write as a distant apostle or an authoritative teacher alone, but as a spiritual father whose heart swells with pride and love for his children in the faith. For Paul, the Thessalonian church was not simply another mission outpost; they were his **hope, joy, and crown of rejoicing**.

The crown Paul speaks of here is not made of gold or precious stones, but of lives transformed by the gospel. The Thessalonian believers themselves were the proof that his labor was not in vain. Their steadfast faith, in spite of persecution, became the very prize Paul longed to present before Christ at His return.

A Testimony of Hope

Hope is a forward-looking confidence, rooted not in human effort but in God’s promises. The Thessalonian church embodied this hope. In the midst of trials, they looked beyond present sufferings to the glory of Christ’s coming. Paul found his hope intertwined with theirs—knowing that on that final day, he would rejoice to see them standing faithful before the Lord. Their perseverance testified that the gospel is not bound by opposition but flourishes even in hardship.

A Source of Joy

Joy, unlike fleeting happiness, is anchored in the eternal. Paul’s joy was not dependent on his personal comfort or success, but on the faithfulness of the Thessalonian believers. Their growth in Christ and their love for one another lifted his heart. To him, they were not a burden but a blessing, not a disappointment but a delight. Even in his chains, the thought of them brought him songs of praise. The Thessalonian church teaches us that the truest joy for any servant of Christ is seeing others walking in the truth (3 John 1:4).

A Crown of Rejoicing

In the ancient world, crowns were awarded to victors in athletic contests. Paul saw the Thessalonian believers as his victory crown—not through his own strength, but through God’s grace at work in them. On the day of Christ’s return, Paul anticipated wearing them as a crown of rejoicing, presenting them as evidence of a faithful ministry. His reward would not be earthly recognition, but the eternal glory of seeing souls saved and sanctified.

Glory and Joy in the Presence of Christ

Paul concludes with the powerful affirmation: “For you are our glory and joy.” The Thessalonian church was a living testimony to the transforming power of the gospel, the glory of God revealed in redeemed lives. Their faithfulness magnified Christ, and in them Paul saw the beauty of God’s workmanship. What greater honor could a pastor or missionary ask than to see those they have served shining as trophies of grace?

Lessons for the Church Today

The Thessalonian church reminds us of what every congregation is called to be:

- **A people of hope**—living with eyes fixed on Christ’s return.
- **A source of joy**—encouraging those who labor for the Lord by steadfast faith.
- **A crown of rejoicing**—demonstrating that the gospel bears fruit in every generation.

When believers live faithfully for Christ, they become the living crown of those who minister to them. Pastors, teachers, and faithful witnesses find their greatest reward not in accolades or titles, but in seeing lives transformed for the glory of God.

Conclusion

The Thessalonian church stands as a shining example of a congregation that brought joy to the heart of an apostle and glory to the name of Christ. Paul’s words in 1 Thessalonians 2:19–20 remain a timeless tribute, reminding us that the true measure of a church is not its size, wealth, or influence, but its **faithfulness to Christ and the joy it brings to those who shepherd it**.

Indeed, the Thessalonian believers were Paul’s **hope, joy, and crown of rejoicing**—and they continue to inspire the church of Christ today. Let us at Foreman Memorial Baptist Church be this kind of church.

Pastor Eddie Idefonso

Fall Bulletin Board

BIBLE READING PLAN OCTOBER

- ☐ 1. Numbers 20:1-29
- ☐ 2. Numbers 21:1-35
- ☐ 3. Numbers 22:1-41
- ☐ 4. Numbers 23:1-30
- ☐ 5. Numbers 24:1-25
- ☐ 6. Numbers 25:1-18
- ☐ 7. Numbers 26:1-27
- ☐ 8. Numbers 26:28-65
- ☐ 9. Numbers 27:1-23
- ☐ 10. Numbers 28:1-31
- ☐ 11. Numbers 29:1-19
- ☐ 12. Numbers 29:20-40
- ☐ 13. Numbers 30:1-16
- ☐ 14. Numbers 31:1-30
- ☐ 15. Numbers 31:31-54
- ☐ 16. Numbers 32:1-19
- ☐ 17. Numbers 32:20-42
- ☐ 18. Numbers 33:1-56
- ☐ 19. Numbers 34:1-29
- ☐ 20. Numbers 35:1-34
- ☐ 21. Numbers 36:1-13
- ☐ 22. Deuteronomy 1:1-21
- ☐ 23. Deuteronomy 1:22-46
- ☐ 24. Deuteronomy 2:1-23
- ☐ 25. Deuteronomy 2:24-37
- ☐ 26. Deuteronomy 3:1-29
- ☐ 27. Deuteronomy 4:1-24
- ☐ 28. Deuteronomy 4:25-49
- ☐ 29. Deuteronomy 5:1-33
- ☐ 30. Deuteronomy 6:1-25
- ☐ 31. Deuteronomy 7:1-26

Shoebox News & Needs

We are collecting **white washcloths, toothbrushes & toothbrush covers for either boys or girls, and hair ribbons for girls** during October for the Operation Christian Child Shoebox Ministry.

Please put the **FMBC Shoebox Packing Party, Sunday, November 2 at 12:00 Noon**, on your calendar! **Lunch will be provided.**
All shoeboxes need to be turned in by November 9.

King's Kids Club & YouthZone **Every Wednesday at 6 pm**

All children ages 5K through Grade 12 are invited. **YouthZone** now meets in the Staff House across Pine Street from the Main church building. **Kings Kids Club** now meets in the front of the **East Building (next to the sanctuary entrance)** facing Smith Avenue.

**** There will be no meetings on Wednesday, October 8 due to activities of the BRICK Ministry; please come to the 7:00 Service. ****

Ladies' Bible Studies

Please join us for Thursday morning Bible Studies every week at 10:30 in the Golden Circle Classroom on the Pine Street side of the sanctuary. All ladies welcome!

**** This study will be in the Berea Pals Sunday School room at the front of the East Building, on Thursday, October 9 due to activities of the BRICK Ministry. ****

Adults on Mission

Adults on Mission will meet **Monday, October 13 at 10:00 AM**. Everyone is welcome to come and join in learning about, and praying for, Southern Baptist missions. Meet in the Golden Circle classroom next to the sanctuary.

Janie Chapman SC State Missions Offering

The Janie Chapman Offering goal for FMBC was \$1,500; and we met our goal. Amount given as of 9/25/25: \$1,521.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Members' Health Concerns

Edna Hanna
Ronda Jett
John McKinney
Kay McKinney
Rex Nordeen
Yvonne Nordeen
Louise Parrish
Gloria Shaw

All Seniors & Caregivers

Friends/Family Health Concerns

Other Requests

Pastor Alex Finley & Family; *accepted*
Interim Pastor at FMBC, but will serve
as full-time pastor in Springfield SC;
We are thankful for his time at FMBC.
Daniel Braswell & Family-9 mo. deployment
Visitors & Families
Our Community & Other Area Churches
New Ellenton Christ Central
Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center
Aiken Baptist Association
Aiken Schools, Teachers & Students
Our Country, State & Local Leaders

Church Leaders/Ministries

Pastor Eddie & Elia Ildefonso
Members to vote Oct. 5, 12 noon to
call Pastor Eddie as full-time pastor.
Deacons, Trustees, Ministry Asst.
Sunday School Teachers/Leaders
All FMBC Committees
Adults on Mission
YouthZone
King's Kids Club
Ladies' Thursday Bible Studies
Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast
BRICK Ministry, October 5-11
(Moving in at FMBC October 1-4)

For more details, please go to our Website at www.foremanbaptist.com and click the [Prayer List](#) link.

FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2025

TITHES & OFFERINGS: \$10,607.00 (thru 9/21) **EAST BUILDING FUND TOTAL GIVEN:** \$39,908.00 (Goal \$50,000)

JANIE CHAPMAN OFFERING FOR SC MISSIONS: \$1,421.00 (thru 9/21)

Trunk or Treat Changes

Church Council decided that instead of our annual Trunk or Treat, FMBC may participate in the following local event. We will accept donations of individually wrapped candy to give out as well, or you may bring your vehicle and candy supply. Let Wendy know if you are willing to help.

Community-Wide Trunk or Treat

October 31, 2025 | 5:00-8:00 PM

Location: Evan's Park, New Ellenton, SC

Bring the whole family to our **Community-Wide Trunk or Treat!** Dress up in your favorite costumes and enjoy a safe, fun evening of trick-or-treating, games, and spooky surprises. It's a great way to celebrate Halloween with the New Ellenton community!



ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

Thank you for reading the FMBC News! We covet your prayers and support. Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who wishes to **subscribe** — the subscription is free. We always welcome and encourage new subscribers! To **unsubscribe** please either:

- Mail a request to 207 Smith Ave, New Ellenton SC 29809
- Send email to: fmbc.church@outlook.com
- Personal Message on Facebook.
- Call the church office at 803-652-2242 and leave a message.

Thank you!
Wendy Grigsby, Editor

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SUNDAYS: 9:45 AM Bible Study Classes ♦ 11 AM Worship Service ♦ 5 PM Worship Service
WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study; YouthZone Grades 6-12; King's Kids Grades K-5
THURSDAYS: 10:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study ♦ **SATURDAYS:** 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The BRICK Ministries Services will be listed only as "BRICK" on the nights they are scheduled.			1 <i>BRICK Move-in begins</i> 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	2 <i>BRICK Move-in continues</i> 10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study	3 <i>BRICK Move-in continues</i>	4 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast <i>BRICK Move-in done</i> <i>Atomic City Festival</i> <i>New Ellenton</i>
5 9:45 – S. Sch. 11 – Worship 12 – Special Mtg. 3-6 <i>BRICK registration</i> 7:30 – BRICK	6 7:00 – BRICK	7 7:00 – BRICK	8 <i>All regular FMBC Activities cancelled</i> 7:00 – BRICK	9 10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study-East Bldg. 6:00 – Dinner 7:00 – BRICK Family Night	10 <i>BRICK Move-out from CLC begins</i>	11 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast <i>BRICK Move-out from FMBC done</i>
12 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship 4 – Finance Comm. 5 – Worship	13 <i>Columbus Day Holiday</i> 10:00 AM Adults on Mission <i>Church Office Closed</i>	14 <i>Church Office Open 9-4</i>	15 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	16 10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study	17	18 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
19 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship 12 – Church Meeting 5 – Worship	20	21	22 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	23 10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study	24	25 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
26 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship 5 – Worship	27	28	29 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	30 10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study	31 <i>New Ellenton City Wide Trunk or Treat</i> 5-8 pm <i>Evans Field</i>	 Shoebox Packing Party Sunday, 11/2/25 at 12 Noon, and Lunch at CLC

Regular FMBC Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (1-2 Lunch break).