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NEW BABIES!

CAROLINE EVANS CAUTHEN

Born 11/6/19, 7 lbs 4 oz

Parents: Ben & Lauren Cauthen

Grandparents: Henry & Robin Cauthen

Great-Grands: Vera Clark & Janet Cauthen

HUCK BROWN HAMMOCK

Born 11/9/19, 6.7 lbs, 18 3/4" long

Parents: Gabe & Brittny Hammock

Grandparents: Kenny & Janet Hammock



WALC Leaders

11/17 Horne

11/24 Harrison

12/1 Robinson

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— *for international missions* —

We would like to give you the opportunity to give gifts in memory or in honor of friends and family by making your gift to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**. We will publish a list that will be inserted in the **December 15th** order of worship bulletin. Submit the form below along with your donation. Drop in the offering plate, by the church office, or by mail. The office cannot accept phone calls. **Deadline for publication is SUNDAY, December 8th.**

In Memory of _____

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Given By _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

DO NOT COMBINE MEMORY/HONOR on the SAME FORM.

Your donation does not have to be in memory or honor of someone to contribute to Lottie Moon.

We do need to receive your offering by Dec 31st to count toward this year's goal.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

All activities cancelled for the 27th. | The office will be closed both on the 28th and 29th.

COMMUNITY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | FBC Moultrie | Nov 17 | 6pm

The members and staff of First Baptist Church of Moultrie would like to thank our Senior Pastor

~ Rev. Wayne Woods ~

for his dedication to our congregation and for his many years of leadership and service to our church and community.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Sunday, December 8th from 2-5pm
Come when you can to wish him and Mrs. June well in retirement!

We love you both and will miss you!

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FROM MY HEART TO YOURS

My precious FBC Moultrie Family,

There will be only a few more opportunities for me to communicate my heart to you, but I feel and I hope that you already know it well. I can assure you that it has been one of the greatest joys of my life to serve as your pastor these past ten and a half years! I have loved being able to tell others about where I serve and the very special folks that I serve with. I want you to know that I will always be grateful to the Lord and to you for the privilege and blessing of serving Him with you.

That being said, I want to be sure to remind you of some things that I believe are critically important moving forward, especially since I believe the next 10 years in the life of FBC Moultrie can be the greatest you have ever experienced! "You are the salt of the earth and You are the light of the world," He declared. "Now GO into ALL THE WORLD and make a tasteful difference. Bring My light into the midst of overwhelming darkness." Our calling is not to stand on the other side of the chasm that divides us and curse the darkness of this fallen world. Our mandate is to find ways to build bridges across that divide to bring His life and His light and His love to a dying, dark, love-starved world. We'll have to continue to be willing to do "whatever it takes" to reach people where they are, as they are. We will have to exchange our "comfort" zone for the place of sacrificial service. It will require from us more faith and prayer and courage and flexibility than ever before.

My heart's desire has always been that FBC Moultrie would be a church of IRRESTIBLE INFLUENCE, a church that is truly making the kind of Kingdom impact we are created and called and equipped to make: a church that is passionately committed to Jesus Christ and the faithful proclamation of His Gospel; a church filled with members whose lifestyle is both winsome and pure; a church of radical love and selfless deeds that catches the attention of a watching world and stirs within their hearts a longing to want to know the Source of such a love.

While spending a few days away with my life-long sweetheart in the beautiful north Georgia mountains, I finished reading a new book by David Platt entitled *Something Needs to Change: A Call to Make Your Life Count in a World of Urgent Need*. In the book, David reveals what the Lord is speaking to his heart during a week-long trek through the mountains of Nepal, coming to the realization that some radical changes are needed in the hearts and lives of all of us as Followers of Christ if we truly desire to make our lives count for the Gospel. His Bible reading during the week from the Gospel of Luke focuses on the necessity for all of us to understand both the cost and the reward of following Jesus, being willing to go wherever He sends us, whenever He sends us, to spread the hope only found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the multitudes all around us, both across the street and around the world, who are currently headed to an eternity separated from Him because we have talked much more about our calling than we have lived it out!

Reflecting on Luke 12:48, he prays, "O God, please help me do whatever you want me to do with all you've given me." Jesus is telling us to live for the only treasure that really lasts! It's not so much a call to sacrifice as it is a call to satisfaction, true soul satisfaction. From Luke 14 comes the thought, "Dear Lord, please keep me from shaping my Christianity to suit my convenience!" People and places in the world not yet reached with the Gospel are

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unreached for a reason. They're difficult to reach. They are dangerous to reach. If we are following Jesus, then inevitably He's going to lead us to people who don't yet know Him and His amazing love and grace, people with urgent physical and spiritual needs, and inevitably, that's going to be costly for us. Finally, from reading Luke 15, come the words, "There's really only one thing worse than being lost. What's worse is being lost when no one is trying to find you." My prayer for the church that I so dearly love is that our chief objective as we move forward into His glorious future for us is that we will become known as a church that is willing to do whatever it takes with all He has given us to find those who need Him!

Please forgive the length of my thoughts, but it's especially hard right now for me to say all that is in my heart for you. Suffice it to say, during this month where we focus on "thanksgiving," I have so very much to be thankful for: my amazing bride of over 44 years; two wonderful children and their wonderful families, with 4 grandchildren we love with all our hearts; and a lifetime filled with overflowing blessings, especially the blessing of serving as your pastor for these past 10+ years! I love each and every one of you and will always thank the Lord for each of you!

Only by His grace,
PW

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Lucy Watson by Baptism
Haden Lee Mathis by Baptism

Christmas Décor Going Up Nov 25th Week

Call Lisa Norris to help ~ 229-891-7555



CONNECT GROUP CHRISTMAS

In lieu of an evening worship service on Dec 15th, we are encouraging all Connect Groups to plan parties that evening. Please let the church office know about your party plans!