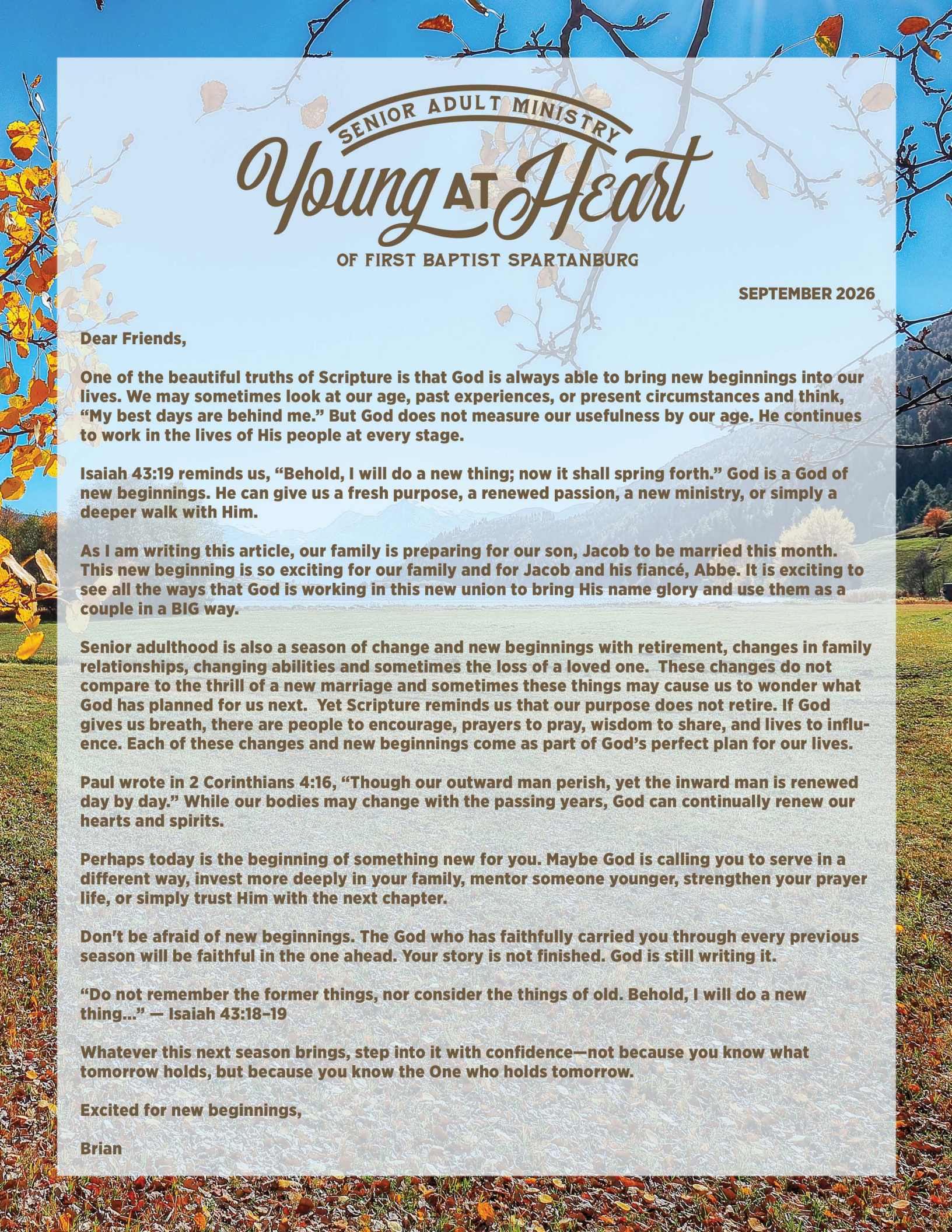




SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Young AT Heart

OF FIRST BAPTIST SPARTANBURG

SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Friends,

One of the beautiful truths of Scripture is that God is always able to bring new beginnings into our lives. We may sometimes look at our age, past experiences, or present circumstances and think, "My best days are behind me." But God does not measure our usefulness by our age. He continues to work in the lives of His people at every stage.

Isaiah 43:19 reminds us, "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth." God is a God of new beginnings. He can give us a fresh purpose, a renewed passion, a new ministry, or simply a deeper walk with Him.

As I am writing this article, our family is preparing for our son, Jacob to be married this month. This new beginning is so exciting for our family and for Jacob and his fiancé, Abbe. It is exciting to see all the ways that God is working in this new union to bring His name glory and use them as a couple in a BIG way.

Senior adulthood is also a season of change and new beginnings with retirement, changes in family relationships, changing abilities and sometimes the loss of a loved one. These changes do not compare to the thrill of a new marriage and sometimes these things may cause us to wonder what God has planned for us next. Yet Scripture reminds us that our purpose does not retire. If God gives us breath, there are people to encourage, prayers to pray, wisdom to share, and lives to influence. Each of these changes and new beginnings come as part of God's perfect plan for our lives.

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:16, "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." While our bodies may change with the passing years, God can continually renew our hearts and spirits.

Perhaps today is the beginning of something new for you. Maybe God is calling you to serve in a different way, invest more deeply in your family, mentor someone younger, strengthen your prayer life, or simply trust Him with the next chapter.

Don't be afraid of new beginnings. The God who has faithfully carried you through every previous season will be faithful in the one ahead. Your story is not finished. God is still writing it.

"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing..." — Isaiah 43:18-19

Whatever this next season brings, step into it with confidence—not because you know what tomorrow holds, but because you know the One who holds tomorrow.

Excited for new beginnings,

Brian



THANKS TO ALL

**"I THANK MY GOD UPON EVERY
REMEMBRANCE OF YOU."
PHILIPPIANS 1:3 NKJV**

**Here we are
at the beginning of
September and at the end of the
month, I will be closing out my
two years as president of
YAH. I will be passing the torch
to Rick Pennington as your**

**new president and praying that you will give him the
support and encouragement you have given me. It
has been my honor, joy, and pleasure to serve in this
position and I am so very grateful for all the support
and encouragement you have shown me over these
past two years! I have certainly enjoyed our YAH for
many years now, and I also serve on the Host team
which I will continue to do. And I want to give a BIG
Thank You to all the teams who make this ministry
work efficiently and do such a great job every month!
THANK YOU!!!**

**Also, a BIG Thank You to Brian and Greg for all your
support and encouragement, and just for all you do
each and every day for all of us Senior Citizens!**

**I just want to encourage everyone who is able to
keep attending our meetings for fellowship and
enjoyment and keep serving where you can.**

**We as
senior citizens
have so much to offer
so let's keep the faith, stand
strong and courageous, and be a good
witness for Jesus! We give Him all the glory!**

**I want to leave you with this scripture I have
memorized and want to recall often and hopefully try
to put into practice all the time. This passage is good
for all of us to focus on and memorize. 😊**

**"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.
Let all that you do be done with love."
1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NKJV)**

**Again, thank you so much for all your prayers,
support and encouragement! You're the BEST!!!**

**Love, Prayers, and Blessings,
"Sam" Summey 😊**

YAH ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS

Important Trip Information

Register and pay online at www.fbs.org/yah or call 864.596.4110. Forms for 2026 are in the church office

Upcoming 2026 Trips: Trip fees are only available for refunds when someone takes your place and pays the fees or the venue cancels the event and gives the church credit or a refund.

October 12-15 | Pigeon Forge, TN Celebrators Conference

A time of worship, laughter, and spiritual renewal in the heart of the Great Smokey Mountains. Your registration covers conference admission, accommodations, and wonderful meals.

RATES: Single \$699 Double \$469 Triple \$399 Quad \$369. Conference and meals only \$210.

Please call office for late registration availability. Final payment is due now.

November

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing
Charlotte/Billy Graham Library (TBD)
More details will follow soon.

December 7 | SeniorSalt

Impact Carol Sing at the Cove with Mark Christian and Friends. Celebrate the birth of our Savior by singing our favorite Christmas carols and hearing an inspiring devotional message from God's Word. Bus will leave Dean St. parking lot by 8:00 AM. Return ETA 3:30 PM. Cost: \$65 Bus or \$54 Driving

YAH FELLOWSHIPS

Please remember to call by the deadline with reservations and seating preferences. Arrive early for 6:00 PM buffet and for valet assistance.

MON, September 14

6:00 PM | **DINING HALL** | Buffet | Cost \$9

Special Guest: Upstate Brass

Call 864.699.4236 to register by WED, September 9.

MON, October 5

6:00 PM | **DINING HALL** | Buffet | Cost \$9

Special Guest: Pine Ridge Boys

Call 864.699.4236 to register by WED, September 30.

MINISTRY CONNECT | FBS 864.583.7245
Pastoral & Senior Adult Team 864.699.4211
Seniors' Prayer Warriors Team 864.699.4332

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary of Prayer (Drop In Experience)

TUESDAYS | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | FBS Sanctuary

September Women on Mission

WED, September 16 | 9:30 AM | Hangar

Special Guest: Melanie Watt of Hope Ranch

September ROTO (Senior Ladies Without Spouses)

TUES, September 29 | 12:30 PM | Hangar

Special Guest: Games with Greg

Call 864.699.4211 to register by WED, September 23

The Bridge (www.fbs.org/bridge)

There are many ways to volunteer! Visit our website to see a list of opportunities. Call 864.699.4450 or email at lsizemore@fbs.org with any questions.

Crafty Connections

TUESDAYS | 9:30AM | Hangar Snack Room

Divorce Care

WEDNESDAYS | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Room 200 |

Main Building. Register at www.divorcecare.org, www.fbs.org/groups, or call 864.699.4211.

GriefShare

SUNDAYS | 3:30-5:00 PM | Room 203 | Main Building

Register at www.griefshare.org, www.fbs.org/groups, or call 864.699.4211.

Bible Study Opportunities

WOMEN: Multiple options at www.fbs.org/women

MEN: A Better Man | SATURDAYS | 7:00 AM

Register at www.fbs.org/men

FBS Event Page

www.fbs.org/events or scan the QR code.



FBS CONNECT | www.fbs.org
www.fbs.org/yah
www.facebook.com/FBSseniors

RESERVATIONS | YAH Fellowships 864.699.4236 | YAH Activities or Trips 864.596.4110

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1

Karen Kingsmore
Carolyn Lawson
Beverly Bell
Otis McMillan
Teresa Laye
Marie Duncan
Phyllis Fox

2

None

3

Elaine Bond
Joanna McAfee

4

Ben Waddell
Jim Barrett
Robin Fields

5

David Bishop

6

Jim Drake
Billy Davis

7

None

8

Sam Davis
Debra Zimmerman
Phyllis Bowie
Bill Humphries

9

Crystal Weathers
Martha Drake

10

Dean Poteat
Judy McAbee
Eddie Schrieffer

11

Randy Welchel
Linda Hazel
Phyllis Lewis
Gerry Johnson
Dennis Easler

12

Gerri Gilliam

13

Judy Brogden
Dianne Easler
Earl Smith

14

Sylvia Robinson
Joel Sellers
Norma Jean Lagerholm

15

Jan Fortune
Al Clark
Debbie Wright
Kim Wyatt
Jo Templeton
Joanne Carter

16

Lee Young
Rosemary Kirby
Carmen Herbas
David Thompson
Larry Holloway

17

Andy Price

18

Jimmy Hunt

19

Susie Elkins
Jack Dunker
Joel Willard
Philip Pacelli
Novalene Gowdy
Rhobie Nowlin

20

Amy Almond
Mickey Sobeski
Truman Brown

21

Sherry Burnett
Sophia Clayton
Glenn Bramhall
Jim Mitchell
Gwen Weaver

22

Sandy Cornwell
Jim Kade
Patti Stewart
Henry Ross

23

Phil Bailey
Janice Padgett
Debra Slonim
Anne Dover
Sally Hughes
David Atherton
Bill Willis
Tim Lambka

24

Deiga Bennett
Susan Cotton

25

Don Ezell
Linda Downs
William Cash

26

Carla Rosenberger
Mike West
Curtis Powell
Jerry Barnette
Brett Suits
Debbie Traylor
Ruth Brown

27

Chip Lanford
Jim Gardner
Gayle Stone
Gary Ward
Frances Paslay
Patrice Faulkenberry

28

Alan Maness
Ina West
Borgia Burton
Ken Kirby

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Joey Shetley
Robert Seay
Bill Jeffords
Debbie McIntyre
Don Carter

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Mary Smith
Eddie Tallon
Rich Bannon

