



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Young AT Heart

OF FIRST BAPTIST SPARTANBURG

OCTOBER 2026

Dear Friends,

Change is a natural part of life. Some changes bring excitement and new opportunities, while others may bring uncertainty, loss, or even fear. Yet, through every season of change, one truth remains constant: **God is faithful.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, ***"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."*** God is present in every season of our lives. When circumstances change, He does not change. Hebrews 13:8 assures us, ***"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."***

Sometimes God uses change to move us into a new season of service, growth, or ministry. At other times, He uses change to teach us to trust Him more deeply. We may not always understand why things are changing, but we can trust the One who holds our future.

The past few weeks, my family has experienced change all around us as our oldest daughter Anna moved to college and our son, Jacob got married to our precious daughter-in-law Abbe. These changes are accompanied with many different emotions but all for a purpose laid out by the Lord.

As we face a new season, let us not focus only on what we are leaving behind. Instead, let us look for what God may be doing ahead of us. Isaiah 43:19 says, ***"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth."***

Whatever season you may be entering, remember that you never enter it alone. **The God who was faithful in yesterday will be faithful today and will remain faithful tomorrow.** Embrace the changes with faith, knowing that God is still working and His purposes for your life are not finished.

In Christ,
Brian

P.S. As we think about change, I want to personally thank Sam Summey for her faithful service as our Young at Heart president for the past two years and let us pray for our new officers for Young At Heart that will begin serving this month – Rick Pennington, President and Becky Walters, Vice-President.

THANKS FOR THE HARVEST

I was pleasantly surprised and honored when “Sam” and Byron asked me to consider being the YAH Vice-President two years ago. It’s hard to believe how quickly time has passed. Now that Sam has passed me “the torch”, I get to “fall”ow in some wonderful footsteps from her and past presidents with your prayers and encouragement.

In the fall one remembers many things: cooler temperatures, deeper blue skies, clearer starry nights, rich colors, pumpkins, ripe apples, the smell of pies baking, kitchen spices, gathering crops, family reunions, fallen leaves blowing in the wind, etc. Old-timers used to call the fall “lay-by time” when all the crops were harvested, and it was time to rest. Exodus 23:16 reads *“Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.”*

In the meantime, as Christians, we are exhorted to bring in harvest from the field. It is a discipline *“that produces a harvest of righteousness and peace.”* (Hebrews 12:11). As Pastor Mike reminds us each week, we need to have open hands and open hearts towards whomever we come in contact in order to spread the gospel message.

“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”
(Galatians 6:9)

“Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”
(Mathew 9:38)

May your baskets be overflowing with His blessings,

Rick



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.

Please park in the Dean Street parking lot and meet at the front door of the church at 10:00 AM. Bus departs from Main Street at 10:30 AM.

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

Registration and payment due October 5.
You may pay at October's YAH Fellowship.

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.

Monday, October 5 (1st Monday of month)

6:00 PM | **Dining Hall** | Buffet | Cost \$9

Special Guest: Pine Ridge Boys

Call 864.699.4236 to register by Wednesday, September 30.

Monday, November 9

12 Noon | **Dave Edwards' Farm** | Buffet | Cost \$10

Pay at event with check to FBS or correct change.

805 West Road, Sptbg | Off Zimmerman Lake Rd.

Special Guest: King James Boys

Call 864.699.4236 to register by Wednesday, November 3.

Ministry Connect | FBS 864.583.7245

Pastoral & Senior Adult Team 864.699.4211

Seniors' Prayer Warriors Team 864.699.4332

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

October Women on Mission

Wednesday, October 21 | 9:30 AM | Hangar

Special Guest: Shawn Parker of Celebrate Recovery and Hope Ministries

October ROTO (Senior Ladies Without Spouses)

ROTO will not meet in October but will join with YAH at Dave Edwards' Farm on November 9.

Our Christmas ROTO will meet on December 1.

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.

Sanctuary of Prayer (Drop In Experience)

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

Crafty Connection

Tuesdays | 9:30 AM | Room 203 | Main Building

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.

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.

FBS Events

There are lots of events, life groups, and bible study opportunities you can find on our events page at 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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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Barry Fowler
Bill Stewart

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Don Strickland
Glynda Hines
Susan Stack
Leigh Roberts
Dianne Smith

3

Steven Anderson
Dexter Hunt
Jeff Fields
Reid Petty
Joyce Floyd

4

Paulette Blackwell
Harriet Baughman
Yancy Eubanks
Steve Martin
Connie Billings

5

Mike Manning
Danny Elkins
Tara Roberts
Barry Huey

6

Faye Howard
Rick Smith
Rodney Forsberg
Mark Whitener

7

Byron Hames
Beth Clary
Anna Jo West
Jerry Fogg
Frankie Yarbrough
Barry Burke
Melanie Clark

8

Ken Page
Denise Cozzoli
Jeff Hartman
Joyce Dorsey

9

John Vernon
Val Ford

10

Marsha Goodwin
Mary Clarkson
Donna Dunagin
Lynne Gibbs
Terri Manning
Donnie Gates
Pam Hudson
Jeff Miller
Bruce Schoonover

11

Melody Bailey
Wayne Gwinn
Gail Padgett
Paula Ross

12

Bonnie Tubb
Vilma Allen
Ron Gardner
Donnie Hinson
David Charity
William Burton
Jeannette Kirby
Robin Miller

13

Lisa Oliphant
Pat Connolly
Barry Kimbrell

14

Carol Crocker
Gail Powell
Vance Hunter

15

Chris Foster
Don Faehnrich
Anne Purser
Rich Graham
Dan Whitten

16

June Davis
Kelly Wood
Foster Chapman

17

Margaret Palmer
Michelle Hall
Tommy Allison
Margaret Suits

18

Wayne Gallman
Pam Hilton
Michael Thomas
Kathy Vangsnes
Carolyn Dillard
Bess Johannes
Bruton Redding
Ann Rogers
Randy Allen
Robin Simpkins

19

Beth Earle
Mark Gauthier
Randy Mahaffey

20

David Hatchette
Chuck Wallington
Rhonda Kirkland
Booker Harmon

21

Janet Dillard
David Purser

22

Eric Snow
Jan McCallister
Johnny Huckabee
Tanya Brown
Sandi Caton

23

Linda Boudreaux

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Sandy Griffin
Aaron Harrison

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Rosana Laborde
Betty Abernathy
William Ramborger
David Moody

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Rick Dizbon
James Weeks
Hal Hall
Robin Bales
Billy Willis

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Wayne Floyd
Becky Morris
Delores Bishop
George Stojanovic

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Rick Jones
David Hershberger
Lyn Young
Dan Adams
Renae Welchel
Mike Scruggs

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Joni Robinson
Kathi Long
Bob Morgan
Sedalia Hunt
Jerri Thompson
Stan Adams
Rick Perrine

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Jane Everette
Jan Coffin
Susan Jeffords
Dianne White
Susan Anderson

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Robby Gossett
Leslie McCaslin
Teresa Roberts
Bette Hodges

