

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

When I was a kid, I had a baseball coach who insisted that we do things the same way every time. He didn't want to see us walking anywhere on the practice field—if we needed to go from one place to another we needed to hustle there. We went through our warmups together and went through the same progression of stretches with each other at every practice. We started with short tosses and then moved to long tosses until it was time to move on to the next exercise. He felt that if we were consistent on the practice field, we would be more consistent on the playing field.

In many ways, these days have been anything but consistent. From the middle of March until mid-September there have been varying reports that we have tried to follow to keep ourselves and each other safe. The more scientists have discovered and proven true, the more consistent we have been able to be in what we do and don't do that helps to stop the spread. At the same time, some of what we have always practiced in our life of faith together was not able to happen as it once was, and so that part of our faith practice became inconsistent. We might have stopped attending bible studies. We might have put off watching worship until it was more convenient. We might have chosen to take a break for a while.

It is our hope as ministers that as we begin to slowly return to in-person gatherings in the weeks ahead, that we will be able to regain some of the consistency that many of our church members need. There is still a long way to go until this is all behind us, and we will still offer everything virtually for the many of our church members who need to keep themselves more isolated, and it is our hope that we might all commit ourselves to being more consistent as we serve God through First Baptist Church.

Grace and Peace,



FAMILY MINISTRY

Hey FBC Families!
Wednesday nights for children will start back on September 16th! Please be sure to read/listen to all the information that will be sent out about how Wednesday nights will work, because it will look a little differently & we want you to be prepared!

Beginning in October, there will be short age-graded devotional videos for your kiddos to watch/listen to on Sunday mornings. Look out for those!

Make sure you sign up for our Remind texting! This will be my primary mode of communication since the coming months will be so flexible & text gets to you most quickly. If you did not receive an invitation to your child's Remind Class, please let me know.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

Beginning Wednesday, September 16
Featuring dinner prepared by Chef Greg

Each order will include an entrée, salad, and dessert for two adults for \$12 and ready for pick up between 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Simply place your order by Tuesday at noon, select the time of pick up, and drive through to pick up your meal.

Place your order by calling the church office or emailing Debbye Akins at dakins@fbcrome.org (include name and pick up time).

Menus:

September 16 - Baked Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Tiramisu

September 23 - Roast Pork Loin, Mixed Green Salad, Apple Cobbler

SENIOR ADULT VIRTUAL RETREAT

The CBF of Georgia is hosting a virtual retreat online September 27-28. We will begin on Sunday afternoon with a fellowship time, followed by worship featuring Katie Faison, Associate Pastor at Central Baptist in Newnan. A series of breakouts will be launched on Monday morning, September 28. Information on how to connect to the ZOOM fellowship time will be sent to participants a few days before the retreat dates. Registration is free and is now open at www.cbfga.org/senior-adults/. Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

DEACON ORDINATION

In worship September 13, the church will ordain Allison Brooks, Jordan Rowan-Fannin and Chris Jackson as new deacons. As you might imagine, the way we normally invite people to participate in the "laying-on-of-hands" will not be able to happen. As an alternative, a meaningful way you can participate in the service is by writing a separate note of blessing or affirmation to each of our new deacons. You may bring the notes by the church office during the week, mail them to the church or send them to Matt by email. The notes will be presented to the new deacons during the service. Please return the notes by Friday, September 11.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

JOIN HUGH PEACOCK ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M. ON WLAQ 1410 AS HE LEADS THE SCRAP IRON BROADCAST.

SUNDAY MORNING VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

If you are looking for a Virtual Bible Study Class, select the class you wish to attend. Please sign in with your name so that the host can welcome you to the group.

Most classes gather at 9:45, teaching begins at 10.

A contact person is also listed for each class.

Use the links provided, and choose to “sign in with video”

NOTE: YAC & JOURNEY CLASSES HAVE COMBINED & ARE UTILIZING BELOW LINK.

YAC—JASON SANKER

JOURNEY CLASS—ROBERT HORTMAN

<https://zoom.us/j/462711678>

BUILDERS CLASS—STEPHANIE LEWIS*

<https://zoom.us/j/979434301>

CHAPEL CLASS—JANIE SMITH*

<https://zoom.us/j/154349692>

CONUNDRUM CLASS—MIRIAM PETERSON*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006583282>

DEAN'S LIST—GARY BARTON*

<https://zoom.us/j/967363720>

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Betty Zane Morris.

Flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 20, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their Children and Grandchildren.

ACCESSING WORSHIP SERVICES

There are now three ways to access our worship service on Sundays at 11 a.m. through the church website at <https://fbcrome.com/live-worship/>, local Comcast Channel 44 or through Facebook Live (to use this “like” the church Facebook page.) Additionally, if you are not able to watch the service live, you can watch the service (and other previously recorded services) on the church website.

WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 13

SERMON TITLE: “Built Up In Love”

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Leanna Allen*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Cameron and Beth Miller on the birth of a son, Brody Miller, who was born on August 27. Grandparents are Joe and Cheryl Burch and great-grandmother is Jane Burch.

Patrick and Lynn Jones on the birth of a son, Shepherd Mark Jones, who was born on September 6. Grandparents are Bruce and Laurie Jones.

SYMPATHY TO

Tom Harper and Amy Burgess and family in the death of their mother, Burnese Harper, who passed away on August 28.

Melissa Wood and family in the death of her grandmother, Tempie Mackey, who passed away on August 31.

Jody Long and family in the death of his brother, Jamey Long, who passed away on September 7.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE WELCOME:

Jane Harris

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,616,831.45
Support Received	\$1,544,360.74

Meals & More, World Vision, CBF World Hunger	\$ 2,110.00
2019-2020 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,188,449.48

The church office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment with staff before coming to the church.

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT: <https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>