



# Commissioning of the Pastor Search Committee

A special time will be set aside during worship on July 18 to commission the Pastor Search Committee. Please continue to remember these people who are serving on the committee:

Janice Davis, Chair

John Bennett

Frank Clements

Jennifer Collins

Jennie Cook

Tara Inman

**Bobby Jones** 

**Bobby Keith** 

Mary Rolan

**Heather Shores** 

## FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

#### THE VALUE OF AN ANCHOR

Anchors are nautical devices that prevent drift from a desired location, and they provide stability to boats and ships during harsh storms, protecting them from being tossed around at sea.

In the Bible, an anchor is used as a symbol of our hope in Jesus that gives us stability and steadfastness in life. In ancient days, the anchor was used in artwork and engravings as a symbol of Christianity. Anchors appear in the Roman catacombs on the tombs of Christians, showing the Christians' steadfast hope in eternal life.

The Bible refers to an anchor only in the New Testament, such as in Mark 6:53 where Jesus and his disciples anchored their boat on Lake Gennesaret, and in Acts 27 where anchors were used during Paul's voyage to Rome. (Acts 27:13,17,29-30,40)

The Bible also refers to an anchor as a metaphor or symbol of our hope in Jesus Christ who gives us stability and steadfastness in life. In

Hebrews 6:19 we read, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Instead of an anchor that reaches down into the sea, the Christian's anchor reaches up into Heaven securing us to the promises of God, and our eternal relationship with Him.

People who do not know the Lord are adrift in life's storms, with no anchor and no hope. But, if you are follower of Christ, you have an anchor for the stormy seasons of your life when fear, worry, or doubt assail you. Your faith in God anchors you to a secure, safe place in Him.

In all of the circumstances of your life, remember that your hope in Christ is an anchor for your soul, firm and secure.

In Him,





## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

#### THREE YEAR CLASS - SPACE AVAILABLE

It's not too late to register! We have spaces available in our Three Year Class. Children may attend three or four days per week. Contact us at 706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org for more information.



#### WILL BAGBY'S LIFE VERSE

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."

Psalm 143:10

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

#### THANKS TO ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS

A HUGE thanks to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a success this year. From group leaders to decorators to train builders, so many of you used your skills & talents to pour love into the kids who attended. Could not have done it without you!

#### PASSPORTKIDS CAMP

On Saturday, July 17th, 21 campers and 4 chaperones depart for Passport *kids* Camp in Eatonton, GA. We covet your prayers as our FBC kids consider what it means for their life to be part of God's story.

#### **MOVIE NIGHT**

On Wednesday, July 28th, FBC kids and their families are invited to come watch Hotel Transylvania 4 at Mount Berry Square Theaters. Time is TBD, so watch out for more information!

### YOUTH NEWS

#### ATLANTA BRAVES GAME

Sunday, August 1st from Noon-7:00 p.m. Limited tickets available - registration open now! \$25 + meal money

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### MEALS & MORE

Meals are provided each Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, 202 East 3rd Avenue. FBC volunteers on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Please contact Bill Davies for more details or to volunteer.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### TOGETHER, WE RETURN!

Mark your calendars for our big celebration on Sunday, August 15th.

Summer vacations will have come to an end. Students will have returned to school. And we will reunite for a big day of celebration.

The morning will begin at 8:30 with Chef Greg's Big Breakfast Buffet, family photos, introduction of Bible Study teachers and the opportunity to find your place in Bible Study and Worship.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

#### **HOLD THE DATE!**

The Women's Epiphany Retreat will be held January 7-9, 2022 at the Benedictine Retreat Center in Cullman, Alabama. More information will follow about deposits, but for now, please put the date on your calendar as we return to our retreat tradition.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

#### ORGAN UPDATE

Plans are for the organ builder to arrive back to the sanctuary the week of July 25 to begin the installation of pipes. Work should be completed by the second week in August.

## SENIOR ADULTS

#### SENIOR ADULT COMMITTEE NEWS

The Senior Adult Committee has planned some fun events in the next few months (and one for June of 2022!)

Put these events on your calendar:

- Senior Adult Luncheon at noon, Tuesday, August 24.
- Tour of Truist Park (home of the Atlanta Braves) in October. (Details coming soon!)
- Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 9.
- The Colorado Rockies, a trip featuring National Parks and Historic Trains June 3-11, 2022. An itinerary and a chance to register for the trip will be available on the church website or a link can be sent by email on August 2. Brochrues will be in the office. An information meeting is Wednesday, August 25, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dining Room, but you do not have to wait until then to register. Contact Keith for details.



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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME: Sharon and Tom Monroe

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, July 18, are given to the glory of God by the Jo Huffman fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil Mann Harrison by Lindsey Sybil Mann Field and Ashley Harrison Mann Pittman.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, July 25, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claire Adams on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary by Gene Adams.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 25, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Earl Rolan by Mary Rolan and Family.

#### JAN HARDEMAN'S LIFE VERSE

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:17

## GIVING TO GOD

#### Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$1,423,636.51 Support Received \$1,417,314.11

2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,159,490.48

Seeking His heart | Being His hands

#### Saturday, July 17

Minister on Call

Passportkids Campers/Chaperones depart

for Rock Eagle 9:30 am

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

#### Sunday, July 18

Missions Committee Mtg., DR 8:30 am Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 8:30 am Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am Commissioning of the Pastor Search Committee Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel

#### Tuesday, July 20

Budget Preparation Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm Youth Diving Into The Word, Kunczewski Pool 6:00 pm

#### Thursday, July 22

MARK YOUR CALENDA

Getting Ahead Team (Bridges Out of Poverty),

Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm Youth Bowling for Bragging Rights 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, July 24

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

#### Sunday, July 25

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel

#### Tuesday, July 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC 3:00-6:00 pm

#### Wednesday, July 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am

#### Thursday, July 29

8:00 am FBC Serves Community Kitchen Getting Ahead Team (Bridges Out of Poverty),

Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

#### Friday, July 30

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am

### THIS WEEK: JULY 18

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

SERMON: "Tear Down a Wall, Build a Bridge"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray
SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2:11-22

ANTHEM: The Majesty and Glory of Your Name...

Tom Fettke/Linda Lee Johnson

**COMMISSIONING OF PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE** 

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## **ESPIRE**

SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

#### AUGUST 1

Youth Atlanta Braves Game Trip

#### AUGUST 8

Deacon Ordination

#### AUGUST 15

Together, We Return (Children/Youth Promote)

#### AUGUST 24

Senior Adult Luncheon

### NEXT WEEK: JULY 25

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "God is Able"
PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray
SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 3:14-21

ANTHEM: Shelter in the Storm...arr. Joel Raney

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mary Donahue

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