

THE SPIRE

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Congratulations TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



SUNDAY, MAY 1
Graduate
Recognition Service
is at 11:00 A.M.



Will Bagby – Darlington



Brewer Blalock – Model



Vaughn Brinson – Darlington



Ella Burgess – Model



Katelyn Clark – RHS



Griffin Girard – RHS



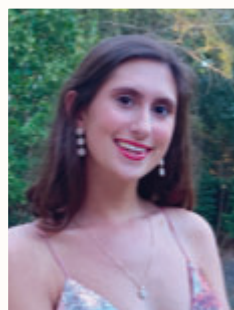
Wells Hernandez – RHS



Carter Lewis – RHS



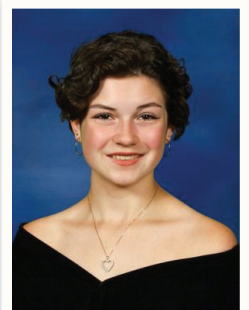
Briggs Poyner – Model



Emma Sklar – Darlington



Sarah Tunnell – Darlington



Carrie Twente – RHS



— 2022 —
COLLEGE GRADUATES

We honor you!

Beth Bratton – Master of Science in Special
Education, Jacksonville State University

William Douglas – Masters Degree in Business
Analytics, Wake Forest University

Anna Kate Johnson – Doctor of Physical Therapy,
University of North Georgia

Kallan Elizabeth Kinsey – BS in Business
Administration, University of Tennessee

Abigail Sklar – BA in Political Science,
Boston University

Hillary Tunnell – BS in Interior Architecture,
University of Tennessee

Anna Poche' Waguespack – BS in Business
Administration, Georgia Institute of Technology

Olivia Dian Wilson – BA in Ecology
University of Georgia

FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

My service with you as your interim pastor will end on Sunday, April 24. About one year ago, on the Sunday after Easter, my ministry began here. It has been a wonderful year.

Thank you for your warm welcome when we arrived, and for your enduring friendship which means so much to us now. We love you and we thank God for you.

The apostle Paul wrote to his beloved friends in the church at Philippi: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of*

you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-6)

As most of you know, I have accepted an invitation from the First Baptist Church of Griffin, GA to serve as their Minister of Pastoral Care. For a month, I have been serving there during the week, and we

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WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Contact Melissa Wood, Director, at 706.295.1150 or 706.346.6516 or mwood@fbcrome.org to set up a time to visit the Preschool. Go to the website for more information about what a typical day entails. Come join us for learning, worship and fun at our Weekday Preschool!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS SCHEDULE

Look out for the Wonderful Wednesdays summer schedule coming soon on our social media so you can mark your calendars.

VBS

VBS is June 20-23rd, register through links on our church website or Family Ministry social media pages, or reach out to Kristen directly for the registration link. Also reach out if you are able to volunteer during VBS week!

YOUTH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!
PASSPORT 2022

JUNE 26 - JULY 1 AT

Greensboro College in Greensboro, NC

\$100 deposits to reserve spots are due now through May 1.

\$425 per participant.

PASSPORT
Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

MEET MYRA H

JUNE 25TH, RIDGE FERRY PARK

We will gather for a morning visit with Myra H in her new home. Built in 1932, Myra H washed ashore during the flood of 1940s and has now found a protected home at Ridge Ferry Park.

Bob Harris, one of the primary volunteers who worked to restore the Myra H will introduce us to her lively history.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO THE MURRAYS

April 24 will be the final Sunday as Interim Pastor for Dr. Ron Murray, who has served at First Baptist for almost a year. We have appreciated Ron preaching gifts and ministry to us and we wish Freddie and Ron the very best as Ron begins a new position at his home church in Griffin.

DR. JOEL SNIDER PREACHING IN MAY

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Joel Snider back to the pulpit for the first four Sundays in May. Many of you will remember Dr. Snider, who served as pastor at FBC for more than 20 years.

WELCOME DEBRA PROCTOR

Debra Proctor has been hired as our new Financial Administrator. Debra will provide accounting support to the church in the areas of payroll, accounts payable, posting contributions, budget preparation and more. Debra has more than 25 years of experience in accounting and office administration which includes Berry College, Floyd Medical Center and the City of Rome. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Debra if you are in the office.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please continue to pray for this Committee: Janice Davis, chair; John Bennett; Frank Clements; Jennifer Collins; Jennie Cook; Tara Inman; Bobby Jones; Bobby Keith; Mary Rolan; Heather Shores

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday April 27th

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

Prayers and Reflections, our noontime gatherings, will be held each Wednesday in May.

Join with us in the Fellowship Hall for a simple lunch and a brief devotion by one of our ministers.

This time frame offers a perfect opportunity for those who take a break for lunch.



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ADULTS

FORMING DISCIPLES

Please help the Adult Faith Formations Committee plan for the year ahead.

What topics interest you for small group study?

What are the best times and days for you to meet with a small group?

Do you prefer in-person study or virtual study?

The committee has prepared a survey and needs to hear from you.

The survey is available several ways:

1. Follow this link on the church website, <https://bit.ly/3NGLn1B>
2. Visit the church website where you will find the link
3. Scan the QR code with the camera on your phone
4. Pick up a printed copy in the church office



GREAT DATE NIGHT— CONVERSATIONS TO ENRICH MARRIAGES

The third and final Great Date Night for this spring is Saturday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and make reservations for childcare through Kristen Pope by Monday, April 25.

AUBREY GEORGIAN'S LIFE VERSE

“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

Isaiah 12:3

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 24, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold Smith by Helen and children.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Nell Coffman by Karen Jordan.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 1, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joanne Owens by her Family.

CHRIS COOK'S LIFE VERSE

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

seeking His heart | *Being His* hands

April 23 - May 6

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 23

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, April 24

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

Monday, April 25

Women's Bible Study, DR

10:00 am

Tuesday, April 26

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Room 302

5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 27 (Final Wednesday Family Night)

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

8:30 am

First Choice Meal, FH

5:00-6:00 pm

Churns Bible Study, Rm. 302

5:30 pm

Youth Connection, YR

5:45-6:30 pm

Prayer Time/Devotion/Church Conference, FH

6:00 pm

Children's Choirs and Kids J.A.M.

6:00-7:00 pm

Youth Fun & Games

6:30-7:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:45 pm

Youth Small Groups, YR

7:00-8:30 pm

Thursday, April 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

8:30 am

Bridges Out of Poverty Classes, Comm. Rm. & DR

6:00 pm

Friday, April 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

8:30 am

Saturday, April 30

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Great Date Night: Reserved Childcare, Drop-off

5:45 pm

Conversation, Date Time

6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, May 1

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)

9:00 am

Bible Study (all ages)

9:45 am

Worship - Comcast Channel 44

11:00 am

Graduate Recognition Service

Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel

Monday, May 2

Women's Bible Study, DR

10:00 am

Tuesday, May 3

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Rm. 302

5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 4

Prayers & Reflections, FH

12:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

5:30 pm

Thursday, May 5

Bridges Out of Poverty Classes, Comm. Rm. & DR

6:00 pm

Friday, May 6

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.

11:00 am

THIS WEEK: APRIL 24

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Redemption Impact"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-21

ANTHEM: "My Eternal King"...Jane Marshall

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

FIRST CHOICE MENU

APRIL 27

Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies

Children's Menu

Fish Sticks with Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

NEXT WEEK: MAY 1

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Forget About Your Passion"

PREACHER: Dr. Joel Snider

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:24-26

ANTHEM: Rise, Shine!...Marques L.A. Garrett and
Tom Trenney
Because He Lives...arr. Joel Raney

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 4 AT NOON IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

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have been coming to be with you on the weekends. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve both congregations.

I like the way in which Paul viewed the Philippian Christians as partners in the gospel. And, that is the way that I see your role and mine as you serve the Lord here and as we will continue to serve the Lord in Griffin. We are partners in the gospel.

Our relationship with you will not end on April 24. We want to stay in touch with you. You can count on our prayers for you and our love for you.

Move forward together as the Body of Christ in Rome. Keep your confidence in God's promise that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

God bless you all!

In Christ,



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