

# REV. DAVID LAMBERT, LEAD PASTOR

I don't know about you, but I'm having the "Best Summer Ever!" For starters, I had the remarkable honor to lead my daughter and 28 other children to faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord!!! There is no greater event in someone's life than to give their life to Christ and become a child of God! The second greatest event is when you have the opportunity to lead someone to trust in Jesus!

And there are many other great things to rejoice over this summer: Mission: McDuffie, the Honduras mission trip, paying off the Ferguson building, VBS, and SMACKamp this week. All of these events and achievements have been "above and beyond" our expectations and we are thankful for the Lord's moving and for His people's commitment to serve, pray, give and go!

Now, I would like to give you a few updates and some information on some ongoing and upcoming items:

**Childcare Coordinator:** Last Sunday we showed our love and appreciation to Ms. Gaye Sturgis for her 22 years working in our nursery and 12 years as our childcare coordinator. We also welcomed Mrs. Karen Shields, a member of our church, as our new childcare coordinator. Karen is married to Bill Shields and she has three daughters: Katie May, Kerie Norris, and Kori Langham (our Cornerstone Preschool Director), and four grandchildren. Karen has a wealth of experience in childcare, including working in church nurseries, and she has been a volunteer in our nursery most recently. She loves children and has a heart for ensuring families feel safe, secure and welcome when they leave their little ones in our care. We are excited to have Karen on our team!

**Ferguson Fund:** As I mentioned above, we are so thankful for the faithful generosity of God's people in giving toward the retirement of our Ferguson property debt. And while we have paid that debt, I want to encourage you to continue to prayerfully give to that fund. There is much work to do in ensuring our investment in that property reflects good stewardship, such as replacing the roof, removing the remaining equipment that came with the building, and more. We have a team (pastors, custodial staff, property and space, and others) working on some ideas for future ministry use that will be presented to the church in the near future.

**Doctoral Update:** I am so thankful for the church's generous and encouraging support during my doctoral work. I am now in the last leg of the journey: my final project. All of my classes have been preparing me for this task. I am currently in a research phase of my project, and about to begin a demographic study of our community and an internal assessment of our church. This fall I will begin working with a select team of 20 FBC members, from a cross section of our congregation, to develop a strategy of revitalization for our church. This will be presented to the deacons and then the congregation for approval or rejection, which completes my project. I will then have to write a report of my project. What can you do to help with this project and work toward our church becoming healthier, stronger and more vibrant? First, pray! Second, if you are asked to take a survey, please do so! You'll also have an opportunity to hear reports and give feedback through lessoning sessions. I'm looking forward to completing this project, not just for my sake, but for our church's!

**Christmas Backpacks** (formerly known as Backpacks of Hope): Last year, Georgia Baptists provided 38,241 backpacks to children and teens in Appalachia and Southwest Georgia! Georgia continues to be a leader in state donations. Your support makes Christmas Backpacks possible. We are now receiving backpacks for children and teens. Please donate in the blue box in the atrium. Visit <https://gabaptist.org/backpacks> for more information on items you can donate!

That's a lot to throw your way this month, but I hope you'll keep these matters in prayer. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please call, email or see me at the church!

Glad to be your pastor,

David

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For a copy of the Sunday sermons, call Kathy Hendrix in the church office, at 706-595-4252. You can also listen to us on WTHO (101.7 FM) at 11:00 AM for a live Sunday Morning Worship Service, read our Wordpress Blogs, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS...

July 1: Church Family Picnic immediately following worship.  
Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

July 3: Freedom Blast 7-10 PM— Come help hand out watermelon at the FBC tent and watch the fireworks with us!

July 4: The church office will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

## SUNDAY NIGHTS In July

July 1:  
No Evening Activities

July 8:  
Sunday School Night

July 15:  
Quarterly Church Conference, Honduras Share Night

July 22:  
Youth & West Virginia Share Night

July 29:  
Movie Night: *I Can Only Imagine* (adults)

★ *Veggie Tales: Pirates Who Don't Do Anything* (kids)

# REV. BEN TARVER

Please be in prayer for our Baltimore mission team as we lead a backyard Bible club and canvass the area for a new SBC church plant: In The Light Ministries. Pastor Andy Rodriguez and his church members will join us. In the evenings, we will enjoy some popular sights in Baltimore, and see a fireworks show on July 4th. Pray for the churches in this area, especially In The Light Ministries, and their pastor Andy, and that our group may be safe as we plant seeds of the Good News of Jesus.

Children's Church will transition to the chapel on Sunday, August 5. This will provide a larger location and more functionality for our teachers. This also keeps younger children and sibling groups close together off the same hallway so parents can pick up in the same location. Parents, I would recommend parking immediately outside the chapel or preschool ramp entrance on Sunday mornings.

The launch of our regular Fall schedule is quickly approaching. Wednesdays, starting August 8, 6-7 PM:

- Mission Friends for K3 through Kindergarten (3rd floor)
- TeamKID for 1st-6th grade (gym)
- The youth and other volunteers will have a special time on August 8 serving dinner for the Thomson football team at 6:00 PM in the THS Cafeteria, followed by a devotion with the team.
- Elevate for 7th-12th grade begins on Wednesday, August 15, in the Warehouse.

Sundays, starting August 12, 5:30-6:45 PM:

- Children's Choirs: P2K (Preschool) choir (Room 309) and Praise Crew for 1st-6th grade (rooms 304 and 306.)
- Consumed Youth Choir (4:30-5:30 PM) in the Warehouse.

*Ben*

## Baltimore Mission Team

Vera Krall	Hannah Neville	Ryker Krome
Karen Krome	Jamie Petrie	Aaron Land
Mike Lloyd	Micah Ward	Travis Padgett
Sandy Lloyd	Corbyn Dent	Jacob Petrie
Debbie Petrie	Gabe Edwards	Faith Simons
Ben Tarver	Kelly Gary	Connor Thomas
Christy Tarver	Sarah Gary	Sarah Ward
Elizabeth Hammond	Haley Harrison	Caleb Tarver
Connor Land	Hunter Harrison	Ellie Ruth Tarver
Allison Murphy	Ben Howell III	Maeleigh Tarver

	We Came	Morning Worship	Sunday School	Sunday Evening	We Gave
<i>Last Month</i>	<b>May 27</b>	271	223	N/A	\$8,838.28
	<b>June 3</b>	270	230	N/A	\$23,011.40
	<b>June 10</b>	228	189	N/A	\$14,972.00
	<b>June 17</b>	248	181	N/A	\$12,727.00
<i>End-of-May Final Finances</i>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>NON-BUDGET</b>			
	<b>Required</b>	\$361,911.27	<b>Cap. Improvements</b>	YTD \$5,459.00	
	<b>Received</b>	\$342,770.40	<b>Ferguson Property</b>	MTD \$30,467.00	
	<b>Disbursed</b>	\$347,252.82	<b>Go &amp; Tell Mission Fund</b>	YTD \$15,751.01	

## Passion Atlanta

Passion Conference Atlanta  
January 2-4, 2019

The Passion Conference is for college students (ages 18-25) and features today's top Christian speakers and musical artists. It will be a weekend of worship and spiritual growth for our college ministry.

Deposit of \$50.00 due to church office by July 20.

## Wonderfully Stitched

Attention all teenage, college and young adult ladies! Our church is hosting our Wonderfully Stitched event again this year on July 21. This event provides back-to-school clothes and school supplies to high school girls in our community.

Please help us by donating gently used clothes, accessories or school supplies. High need items are sneakers, Juniors sized clothing and book bags for teenage girls.

Drop off box located in Atrium



## KidVenture



July's KidVenture  
Schedule:

July 4: No Activities  
July 11: Lego Night (6 PM)  
July 18: Bowling Night (5-7:30 PM)  
July 25: Missions Night (6 PM)

Register online at fbcthomson.org!

## MidSummer Nights



July's  
Midsummer Nights  
Schedule:

July 4: No Activities  
July 11: House Hoppin' @ Millouris (6PM)  
July 18: Tubing in Helen (TBA)  
July 25: Putt-Putt Night (5-8:30 PM)

See Ben for more details.

## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesdays, 5:15 PM  
Fellowship Hall

July 4  
No Family Night Supper  
July 11  
Grill Night  
July 18  
Sandwiches  
July 25  
Kent's Chicken Fingers

\$5.50 adults - \$3.00 under age 12  
Please make your reservations by Noon on Mondays

## Green Jackets Game



Augusta Green Jackets Christmas in July  
July 16

Game Time: 7:05 PM  
Tickets: \$8.00 per person

Join us for a night of fellowship as we enjoy a Green Jackets game. Sign up in the church office.

## Movie Night

Movie Night  
Sunday, July 29  
5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall



Showing:  
Adults:  
*I Can Only Imagine*  
AND  
Kids:  
*Pirates Who Don't Do Anything*

## July



Monthly Ministry  
Donation Item:

BOOK BAGS  
Empty-any age,  
grade, & gender

Please bring your items and place them in the blue box in the atrium.

# DR. MATT WARD

## Opportunities for Ministry in July

Freedom Blast on July 3! Of course, we encourage all of our McDuffie County residents to come and support our local community for this great time sponsored by our Chamber. But we are always looking for a few more people to help hand out free watermelon. The event is 7:00-10:00 PM, and we need folks there early to set up and late to clean up. Can you help?

Sunday School Night on July 8! We encourage all of our Sunday School classes to get together for fun and fellowship, and we certainly should do that at least once per season. To make it easier (and more strongly encouraged), we are setting aside Sunday July 8 as a fellowship night for our Sunday School. Have a great time!

Blood Drive on August 1! I know it's August, but some of you need more than a few days to schedule your blood donations.



## Updates on What's Going On Now

SMACK (Camp)! We are in the midst of SMACKamp as I write this. They have more than 40 kids involved, and they've already learned all of the songs (this is Tuesday). Great helpers, great leaders, and goodness does it look fun! If you're reading this before Friday June 29, you need to come to the musical on Friday at 6:00!



Sanctuary Improvement Updates! I am personally very grateful for the support our church shows our committees and leaders, not just in verbal support but continuing to give generously to those problems that get expensive quickly. Here's where we are:

- Lights. The lighting system usually takes 3-4 weeks for delivery, then it will be a week for installation, so we are looking at early August before this project is likely done.
- Chairs. Because these chairs have special modifications, it is 8-12 weeks for manufacture and delivery, so I'm going to guess early September before they get here.

A Thank You on Giving! The past few weeks, we have put out the word that our Go and Tell Fund giving has lagged behind our goal. Well, you responded in amazing ways—we're now not just caught up, we're ahead! Thank God for our generous church family.

*Mark*