

WEDNESDAY
FAMILY GAME NIGHT
An Event for All Ages
May 16, 6:00 PM

Tuesday
May 8, at 11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall
Program:
God Bless America with
Major David Moore, Retired USMC
 Deadline to RSVP: Friday, May 4, noon

Brotherhood Supper
 Brotherhood Supper
 Monday, May 21
 7:00 PM

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
Wednesdays, 5:15 PM
Fellowship Hall

May 2	Ham
May 9	Taco Bar
May 16	Fernanda's Pizza
May 23	Sandwiches & Chicken Salad
May 30	Covered Dish

May 9, 2018 6:00
MISSIONS
 Recognition Night

VBS
June 10-14
Registration begins
May 13!

VBS
Volunteer Workshop
Sunday, May 20
4:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 6
Musical Celebration
6:00 PM
Sanctuary

May
 Monthly Ministry Donation Items:
MISSION: MCDUFFIE
Paint Rollers, Broom Handles,
Paint Trays, Paint Brushes
 Please bring your items and place them in the blue box in the atrium.

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Graduate Sunday
May 6, 2018

Recognition of Graduates: 10:45 AM, Sanctuary

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
"Honor her for all she has done."
 Proverbs 31:31

Sunday, May 13, 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Chest of JOASH

Lord's Supper will be observed.

REV. BEN TARVER

We are excited for our graduates! Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 6. High school graduates, there is a special High School Graduate Breakfast for you at 8:00 AM that morning.

Please have the following to the church office or my email ASAP:

- High School Graduate Breakfast RSVP (household plus four guests)
- Photos (digital preferred)
- Senior Profile

For church member college, grad school, and doctorate graduates, please contact church office with info and please send a graduate headshot picture for Graduate Sunday service. Send any info or photos to btarver@fbcthomson.org. Again, congratulations to all our graduates and families!

Mission:McDuffie provides church youth, college students, and adults an opportunity to serve the community in the name of Jesus! Mission:McDuffie takes place June 3-7. Service projects include painting, yard cleanup, and light construction in the morning then fellowship opportunities in the evening. Youth enjoy working together from different churches. Plus, teens gain community service experience that schools, scholarships and jobs are looking for more and more. Christian service experience not only helps youth grow towards Jesus now, but serves them well later in life! Participation Form online at www.missionmcduffie.com or at the church office. Cost is only \$25 (T-shirt, evening meals, and replenish supplies) Registration forms are due to church office by Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day).

This year's upcoming VBS is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. VBS takes place June 10-14 from 6-8:30 PM then we will have a special Family Night on Friday, June 15. Registration starts on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13**. A VBS Donations Wish List is going to be posted at the beginning of May in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. These donations are greatly needed and greatly appreciated if anyone feels led to give! VBS is open for all children (Completed K/4 through 6th grade). Pass the word and invite families with kids to join us!

Summer is quickly approaching and there are many things going on for children and youth. Missions Night is May 9 for families and children in the Fellowship Hall. Family Night is May 16 at the church. Then, beginning May 23, Kid Venture (completed K/4 through 6th) will kick off with a Fishing Night at the Poston Farm, and the Youth will be going to Stars & Strikes! These Wednesday night activities will give kids a chance to interact with each other, invite friends, and spend time with great adult leaders doing fun summer activities!

- May 9 Missions Recognition in the Fellowship Hall
- May 16 Family Game Night (Fellowship Hall and Gym)
- May 23 Kid Venture: Fishing Night (5:00-7:30 PM, no cost, dinner included)
- May 23 Youth to Stars & Strikes (5:00-7:30 PM; \$14 for 1 hour of bowling and 1 hour of unlimited arcade)
- May 30 Kid Venture: Putt Putt Fun Center (\$10 for putt putt, 2 slices of pizza and a drink)
- May 30 Youth Scavenger Hunt (Meet at Warehouse, 5:30-7:30 PM)

There are many great opportunities for families and children this summer. Join the fun and invite a friend!

God bless,

Ben

REV. DAVID LAMBERT, LEAD PASTOR

National Day of Prayer Breakfast – May 3

The Bible is clear that one of the duties of a Christian is to pray for their government and their nation (1 Timothy 2:1-2; Jeremiah 29:7). We will join with our fellow believers across the country in a time of prayer at 7 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will offer a light breakfast and time of fellowship, followed by a brief service of Scripture and prayer. Please make plans to lift up our country to the throne of God with one heart and one voice.

Mother's Day – May 13

Join us for a special day of worship and celebration on May 13, as we recognize and thank all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and women who have influenced our lives. I hope that you will bring the special women in your life to worship with you at either the 8:15 or 10:45 service that day. I am looking forward to a great day together in praise, celebration, prayer and the Word!

Chest of Joash Sunday – May 20

Thanks be to God for the generosity of His people! I am so excited to report that our debt on the Ferguson Property will be under \$30,000 by the time you read this! When you consider that we purchased the property for \$185,000 in 2012, we have reason to rejoice that we are on the verge of retiring this debt in only six years!

To help us achieve that goal, we will receive a special offering in the worship service on May 20. Using 2 Chronicles 24 as our model, the church had our own "Chest of Joash" built in 2009 to use in raising the funds necessary for the sanctuary renovation. It was used again in 2011 to complete the retirement of the debt on the Family Ministries Center (Gym/Atrium/Fellowship Hall). Once again, **we will use the Chest of Joash to receive the gifts of God's people to complete our obligation on the purchase of the Ferguson Property. This will prepare us for the next steps in discerning God's will for this addition to the campus. I ask you to pray for wisdom in pursuing His vision and for generosity among our church in this offering. May I challenge you to make a sacrificial gift, over and above the tithe, to this effort for the Glory and Kingdom of God?**

We will observe the **Lord's Supper** together that morning as well. **I can't imagine a better day to give sacrificially for God's work in and through us than a service where we remember the great sacrificial gift God made for us!**

We will also have an opportunity that morning to recognize and thank Mrs. Alice Gary for her six years of service as our Cornerstone Preschool Director. Alice has lead our preschool with great love and care for the children, their families and her staff. She has worked tirelessly and creatively to ensure our preschool program glorifies God, communicates the Gospel and welcomes everyone.

I am also excited to be able to present to the church our new Cornerstone Preschool Director, Mrs. Kori Langham. Kori and her husband Russell are members of FBC Thomson, and they have two sons, Cal and Cam. We have already grown to love them tremendously and now look forward to working with **Kori as she continues our preschool's legacy of Christ like compassion, creativity and character-building.** She brings great experience, training and her own unique gifts to the position. We will have an opportunity to welcome Kori into her new position on the morning of May 20 as well.

As you can see, May will be an exciting month as we prepare for "The Best Summer Ever!" I hope to see you worshipping, growing and serving with us in the months to come!

David

DR. MATT WARD

The Summer Season Begins

This is a month I need to cede space to the ministries that have a lot going on in May. We have an excellent summer schedule for all ages on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. Keep the calendar in this newsletter posted on your fridge, **and you won't miss anything!**

A big thanks to everyone who helped with our First Responder's BBQ. It was very well received (of course). We will do something like this again, and we will tweak it again until we find something that works for our first responders both on- and off-duty. In the meantime, keep praying for all of those folks and their families!

Invitation! We close out our music year with a special celebration on Sunday night, May 6. It will officially start at 6:00 PM so the kids have a little time to get **settled. You'll hear from the kids, the teens, and the handbells**—it will be fun and easygoing and uplifting!

Capital Improvements Updates

It seems that every month involves another major project. As I said last month, **it's worth it! However, these projects aren't getting cheaper. Would you please consider giving a bit extra and designating it to the Capital Improvements Fund so we can keep making progress? Once all of the bills have been paid, that fund will be a lot lower than now.**



Beginning May 20, the Faith @ Home Center will offer a packet of resources to help families have the Best Summer Ever! Each packet will include games, travel ideas, fun and intentional ways to celebrate July 4th, discussion starters and more! PLUS summer calendars for our Youth and Children ministries.

On May 29, Pastor David Lambert will preach a sermon on how we can have the Best Summer Ever! Pastor Lambert will also preach a series, *Summer in the Psalms*, as well as **messages from Proverbs on Graduate Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day and for July 4th.**

Our prayer is that you and your family will indeed have the Best Summer Ever!

	We Came	Morning Worship	Sunday School	Sunday Evening	We Gave
<i>Last Month</i>	March 25	287	234	87	\$12,399.00
	April 1	490	219	n/a	\$20,591.00
	April 8	231	208	n/a	\$21,129.00
	April 15	267	234	92	\$17,107.00
	April 22	271	209	226	\$10,994.00
<i>End-of-March Final Finances</i>	BUDGET		NON-BUDGET		
	Required	\$206,806.44	Cap. Improvements	YTD \$2,611.00	
	Received	\$190,255.45	Ferguson Property	MTD \$1,884.00	
	Disbursed	\$213,215.57	Go & Tell Mission Fund	YTD \$11,788.01	