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**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day**

**MISSION
McDUFFIE**



Hearts to God & Hands to Man

June 6-9

MONUMENTAL
CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23; 6:00-8:30 PM

Family Night June 24; 6:00-8:30 PM

Register online at fbcthomson.org

Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

As I write this article, the gym is set for us to worship the next two Sundays because we have no A/C in the sanctuary and it's just plain ole hot outside! I'm so thankful for the gym and its A/C, for those who work to set it up and get materials and equipment moved, and for the way it forces us to be creative about things like Lord's Supper and Baptism. And it will make it that much easier to set up in the gym for Worship on July 3rd—because, "thanks be to God!" we have our new organ (and it is fully paid-for!!!) and finally, a year later, we are refinishing the floor in the pulpit and choir loft! But that's May and July...I'm here to talk about June.

Let me start off the summer by officially welcoming to our staff Laura Wall as our Director of Preschool Ministries. She has been a teacher in our preschool for several years (and a preschool parent) and brings excitement and ideas for how to serve families, teach students, and grow the program. She begins this month to prepare the Cornerstone Preschool for another fantastic year of educating minds, shaping hearts, and engaging families on our church campus. Pray for the upcoming year, the teachers, and for the children we hope to reach. We are looking to hire several new teachers, so pray about that and pass the word along to those you think might be interested. Anyone who wants to apply can contact Laura through the church office.


Of course, Mission:McDuffie and VBS are the two "big rocks" in our ministry bucket this summer. You can read more about those in Ben's article. But we have other exciting things this month—Father's Day is our VBS kick-off day. I hope you'll not only bring the kids and grandkids to begin our VBS week, but that you'll come with dad, granddad, uncle, brother, and friend to celebrate the men in our lives and our church.

While the youth and children have a wide variety of fun and creative Wednesday night events, I'm so excited to share Season 2 of The Chosen, the worldwide phenomenon of a TV series about the life of Jesus and His disciples. It is the first multi-season TV series on the life of Jesus and the largest crowd-funded project in history! There is no Hollywood involvement, and the show is written, directed, and produced by evangelical Christians with a heart for sharing the Gospel and a desire to be biblically faithful, even as they must take some artistic license to help tell the story of Jesus in a creative way on the screen. We will watch the episodes together in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM and then spend the rest of the hour discussing it. Of course, you can also watch both seasons FREE through The Chosen App or online at www.thechosen.tv. But even if you do, I hope you'll still join us on Wednesdays to re-watch and discuss! It's also a great way to introduce a friend to the story of Christ and the Gospel.

Finally, I want to return to May and July one more time. Last week, at the Thomson City Council meeting, the council approved the transfer of Borders Street and the portion of Church Street bounded by our property to First Baptist Thomson. We are finishing up the legal details, but I'm so thankful for the dedication and hard work of those who for the past 18 months kept this idea alive. We look forward to creative uses of these roadways for ministry and for increasing the safety of everyone on our campus.

And remember that in the July Quarterly Church Conference, we will vote on the proposed amendment to the church's constitution to update the Beliefs and Values statement to reflect the church's vision adopted in 2019 and the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the SBC in 2001 and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board in 2021.

I look forward to seeing you this summer in worship, involved in ministry, and fellowshiping together! I'm beyond thankful to be your pastor!



Dr. Matt Ward

Thanking God for Our Facility

The reaction to our interlude waiting for the new sanctuary air conditioner to be installed has been enjoyable. Some of you got a kick out of the fans. Some of you admitted that you like it warmer in the sanctuary than we tend to keep it. Everyone (who has talked to me) has said that a little discomfort or inconvenience would never prevent you from worshiping with your church family. I thank God for that. I also thank God for a facility where we can move our worship gathering when we have to. The gym is not the sanctuary, but it's safe, it's cool, and we can be in there together. Lord willing, we will be back in the sanctuary at the beginning of June! I thank everyone for your patience and graciousness. (And I pray that no one else loses an AC anytime soon.)

And remember that we will be doing this again at the end of June! On July 3, we will be worshipping in the gym again because our sanctuary platform will be refinished the week prior, and it takes time to cure properly. Well, now I know what we're getting into!

Freedom Blast on July 2

It's a ways off, but I wanted to put this on your calendar. Thomson will be hosting their Freedom Blast on July 2, and I volunteered us as a church to participate. If watermelons are affordable, we will do watermelons again. If they aren't, we will come up with something else creative and fun. But as always, we will need your help. Yes, it's hot, and yes, it's work, but it helps our community associate friendly faces with our church. And every chance we have to represent Jesus in our community is a good chance.

Blood Drive on June 9

They've changed the times for this drive — 11:30 to 3:30. If you can spare any time to give blood, please do. I get notified the day I'm eligible to give blood again because they need blood.

A Thank You to Our Ministry Leaders

The end of the school year is always a good time to reflect. We have a lot of church members who are committed to leading our ministries, for adults and children, Sundays and Wednesdays. "Church" doesn't happen without them. I thank God for them, and I hope you do too.

It's also a good time to look ahead. You all rejoice to see so many children coming to worship on Sundays (as we should!) — but more kids means we need more ministry leaders for kids, more adults who are willing to invest in those kids. Maybe that's you! And these kids have parents who also need to be invested with the love of Jesus. What are you willing to do to help build these families into strong parts of First Baptist Church?

I truly hope you will say "thank you" to all of our church members who have made our ministries so great for those who are a part of them. But know that the best "thank you" you can give is to say that you want to help.

Growth is a necessary part of life, but it takes energy, commitment, flexibility, and selflessness. Let's be about those things as a church family.



Rev. Ben Tarver

Graduations are happening, the school year is ending, and summer is around the corner! Please find all of the kid and youth event announcements and schedules in the Order of Worship, church Facebook page and church website. The summer is always a fun time with a variety of fellowship and fun events!

Mission:McDuffie is coming soon, June 5-9! The event kicks off with a Youth Worship Night on Sunday at First United Methodist Church's Family Life Center from 6:00-8:00 PM with pizza, fellowship, and worship. Mission:McDuffie will be a combination of groups doing yard cleanup/light construction, backyard Bible VBS over by the Boys and Girls Club, and a flag football camp at Sweetwater. Workdays start Monday morning (June 6) with volunteers meeting at the Ferguson Building behind the church at 7:45 AM. Groups will be out working from 8:00 AM until noon.

The evening fellowship events include Slip N Slide Night on Monday, a Pool Party at the Thomson Family Y on Tuesday, and an Open Gym Night on Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM. All of the evening events include dinner. Please be in prayer for safety and that work through Mission:McDuffie will change the lives of homeowners and the children that come to the other locations. Register online at missionmcduffie.com and pay at the church office (only \$25).

I am very excited for our Monumental VBS coming June 19-23, 6:00-8:30 PM! On this faith-filled adventure out west, children will celebrate the greatness of God! VBS is for completed K/4 through 6th grade. Go to www.fbcthomson.org, scroll down and click the VBS button to register!

Be in prayer for the youth's upcoming Centrifuge Camp at Traveler's Rest, SC, July 10-15. This is an incredible camp with a beautiful lake and wooded areas. They have outdoor facilities, mud obstacle course, ziplines over water, and a chapel for Bible study and worship. They have an incredible staff that will be with our group throughout the week. Please contact me if you know someone who would like to go, there are a few spots open.

Ben

Last Month

| We Came | Morning Worship | Sunday School | Wednesday | We Gave |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| May 1 | 320 | 187 | 69 | \$19,724.22 |
| May 8 | 387 | 191 | 74 | \$22,405.99 |
| May 15 | 240 | 186 | 90 | \$12,736.00 |
| BUDGET | | NON-BUDGET | | |
| Required | \$295,606.68 | Cap. Improvements | YTD \$6,834.00 | |
| Received | \$271,026.35 | Ferguson Property | YTD \$1,470.00 | |
| Disbursed | \$257,662.62 | Go & Tell Mission Fund | YTD \$9,294.00 | |

End-of-April Final Finances



Church Office Closed
Monday, May 30

\$5.50 ADULTS — \$3.00 UNDER AGE 12
PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON MONDAYS

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

*Wednesdays, 5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall*

June 1

Baked Chicken

June 15

Sub Sandwiches

June 29

Salad Bar

(Chicken for Kids)

Family Night June 24

6-8:30 PM

Everyone is invited!



KidVENTURE K4-6th Grade

June 1: Canvas Painting 6-7 PM

\$10, RSVP Required

June 8: No Evening Activities

June 15: Putt-Putt 5:00-8:45 PM

\$10, RSVP Required

June 22: VBS 6-8:30 PM

June 29: Water Slide Night 6-7 PM



July 3

Church Picnic (Inside!)
Immediately Following Morning
Worship



YOUTH 7th-12th Grade

June 1:

June 8: Mission:McDuffie

June 15:

June 22: VBS

June 29: Games and Waterslide

**Safety Team Meeting
June 16
7:00-8:00 PM**

**We are always looking for
more people to join our
team!**

June
Ministry Donation:

Toys and Fun Stuff
Toys, gadgets, stuffed animals, balls, etc
for Operation Christmas Child Boxes
Also, Journals, devotionals, nail polish, etc
for Women's Baskets.





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| SUN | 9:00 | Cornerstone Cafe |
| | 9:30 | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 | Morning Worship |
| MON | 9:00 | Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM) |
| | 9:00 | Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM) |
| | 10:00 | Stretch & Flex, Gym |
| | 7:00 | Evening Walking Group, Indoor Walking Track |
| TUE | 9:00 | Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM) |
| | 9:00 | Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM) |
| | 1:30 | Church Staff Meeting, 402 |
| | 7:00 | Evening Walking Group, Indoor Walking Track |
| WED | 9:00 | Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM) |
| | 9:00 | Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM) |
| | 10:00 | Stretch & Flex, Gym |
| | 5:00 | Family Night Supper, FH |
| | 5:30 | Open Warehouse |
| | 6:00 | <i>Disciples Pathway</i> (Adults, Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:00 | TinyKID (Ages 3-K), Chapel |
| | 6:00 | TeamKID (Grades 1-6), Gym |
| | 6:00 | Elevate (Grades 7-12), WH |
| | 7:15 | Adult Choir Rehearsal, S |
| THU | 6:30 | <i>Stand in the Gap</i> Prayer Group, Parlor |
| | 9:00 | Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM) |
| | 9:00 | Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM) |
| | 7:00 | Evening Walking Group, Indoor Walking Track |
| FRI | 9:00 | Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM) |
| | 9:00 | Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM) |
| | 10:00 | Stretch & Flex, Gym |

June 5
6-8:00 PM Mission:McDuffie Kick Off, FUMC

June 6-9
Mission:McDuffie

Wednesday, June 8
No Evening Activities (Mission:McDuffie Week)

Thursday, June 9
11:30-3:30 Blood Drive

Monday, June 13
6:00 PM Property and Space Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 14
6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting
7:00 PM **Deacon's Meeting**

Thursday, June 16
7:00 PM Safety Team Meeting

Sunday, June 19
Father's Day

June 19-23
6-8:30 PM VBS

Wednesday, June 22
No Evening Activities (VBS Week)

Friday, June 24
6-8:30 PM Family Night