



# THE CORNERSTONE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH THOMSON

*Loving God, Loving People,  
Making Disciples of Jesus*

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HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY

## Church Picnic June 28

Join us on June 28 immediately following worship for a picnic (indoors)!

Bring a side dish or dessert to share

## Summer Dates

*Youth Camp*



May 31- June 5

*VBS*



July 13-17

*Kids Camp*



July 18-20

# Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

As summer schedules fill with vacations, camps, and family gatherings, I want to encourage you not to lose sight of the importance of worshipping together each Sunday. Every time we open God's Word, sing His praises, pray together, and encourage one another, God is at work shaping us more into the image of Christ. So if you are in town this summer, we hope you will make worship a priority and be with your church family each week.

On June 7th, we will observe the Lord's Supper—a vital way we remember and proclaim the Gospel story that Jesus lived the perfect life we failed to live and died the death we deserved so we might be forgiven and made children of God. While there is nothing in the bread and cup themselves that saves us, we should never underestimate the power of this ordinance to remind us of God's grace, refocus our hearts on Christ, and strengthen our walk with Him.

Father's Day comes on June 21st. While Mother's Day usually arrives with flowers, heartfelt cards, and packed restaurants, Father's Day often feels a little more like, "Here's a new tie—thanks for everything, Dad!" But we are grateful for the fathers, grandfathers, and faithful men God has placed in our lives. On that Sunday, I will be sharing a message from Micah, focusing on what God requires of us and especially the calling of husbands and fathers to serve as spiritual leaders in their homes.

We will wrap up the month with our annual July 4th Picnic in the Fellowship Hall on the 28th. Watch the Order of Worship for sign-ups and ways you can help. As our nation approaches its 250th birthday, we look forward not only to a time of fellowship and celebration, but also to a meaningful opportunity to thank God for His blessings and pray for spiritual renewal in our nation.

Speaking of which, I continue to be overwhelmed with gratitude for what God is doing in the life of First Baptist Church. Throughout May we got to celebrate moms, graduates, our preschoolers, and our Wednesday night children's ministry. Through your faithful generosity to the budget, the Go and Tell Fund, and the *For All Generations* Vision Fund, ministry is thriving, lives are being changed, and the renovation of our Atrium and Education Building is now well underway.

Recently, I received a note along with a generous gift to the Vision Fund that beautifully captures what this project is really about. I will omit the name, but here is part of what was written: *"Dear First Baptist Family, I am so grateful that many of our families invested in a vibrant and meaningful environment for youth when I was growing up in Thomson. I found a solid foundation for my relationship with God and my walk with Him throughout my life. I am eternally grateful! As a result, I would like to contribute this money to be used toward the foundation being laid for the next generations as they walk through your doors. May they find the same vibrant and meaningful environments that I experienced, built for their generations. And most of all, may they find their own relationship with God and their own precious walk with Him throughout their lives."*

What a beautiful reminder that what we do today is about far more than buildings—it is about people and discipleship for generations to come. Thank you for your prayers, service, faithfulness, and generosity. Let's continue moving forward together, trusting God to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20) as we worship faithfully, serve joyfully, give generously, and invest in the next generation for the glory of Christ.

David

# Dr. Matt Ward

## Building Work Progress!

Stay tuned to the church's Facebook and weekly e-newsletter for pictures of progress (photos in the printed newsletter are too small to appreciate). We have two sets of projects happening adjacently — the big project that we



have a capital campaign for, and some smaller projects that the Property and Space Committee is doing to help the rest of the building adapt. For example, we're adding some sound insulation in a wall next to where a children's class is temporarily moving. 😊

## Relocation Summary

The preschool Sunday School classes and all Children's Church groups are **staying** on the preschool hallway. They are just moving down the hall. The elementary Sunday School classes are **moving** to the rooms connected to the gym. We already have a safety team member stationed at these locations, and the kids have used those spaces for other ministries, so we are confident in this temporary plan.

Cornerstone Coffee and Donuts will stay in the Fellowship Hall for the time being. Everybody has liked the extra space to spread out and sit down. Work on the Atrium is progressing nicely, so this will not be the setup for much longer.

## Wednesday Night Supper — No Permanent Reservations

Here's a big change for Wednesday Nights. During the summer, there will be no permanent reservations for supper. You will have to sign up for each week separately. How to sign up:

- On the connect card on Sunday morning
- On the website — a button near the top of the page
- On Realm in "Registration Events"
- Call or email the office

We will take reservations through Monday afternoon.

We've been having a good bit of no-shows, and that traditionally gets worse during the summer. Because we use volunteers to make Wednesday night meals happen, having accurate numbers is incredibly important for their preparation and budget.

## Do You Use Realm?

Related to the previous topic, it's time for me to ask everyone if you use Realm. Realm is our membership app. Realm is where we keep our rosters for Sunday School classes and committees and the like. It's also where we track giving and spending. You don't have to have a Realm account to give online or pay for Wednesday night supper online, but if you do, you can easily track your own giving and payments.

If you have questions about using Realm, getting a Realm account, or resetting your Realm account, **ask me**. I think this tool is incredibly useful, and I would love for all of our members to be comfortable with it. I use the web client, but there's a phone app that does almost everything I can do on the computer.

*Matt*

# Rev. Ben Tarver

What an exciting season in the life of our church family! We are so thankful for our graduates and their families. Graduate Sunday was a special time of celebration, encouragement, and prayer as we recognized this important milestone and prayed for the next chapter of life ahead for each graduate. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day meaningful through your support and kindness.

Summer ministry officially kicks off next Wednesday with our summer schedule featuring activities for youth, children, and adults. Our children and youth ministries will begin the summer with kickoff parties, and we are excited for all the fellowship and discipleship opportunities ahead. Be sure to pick up the summer magnet calendars for important dates, times, and event details.

Please also be praying for our youth as we return to Look Up Lodge from May 31–June 5. This trip has become a special tradition for our students, and we are thankful for the worship, teaching, fellowship, and outdoor fun that make it such a meaningful week each year. Pray for safety, good weather, and for the Lord to continue growing our students spiritually.

We also want to thank Laura Wall, our preschool teachers, preschool committee, and families for another wonderful year of Cornerstone Preschool. The Preschool Advancement Ceremony filled our sanctuary and was a wonderful reminder of the impact this ministry continues to have on our community.

Lastly, thank you to our Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, and volunteers for your flexibility during our construction and room transitions. While the temporary changes can be challenging, we are excited for the updated spaces that will help us better serve and reach future generations. Thank you for your patience and positive attitude during this season.

*Ben*

***Last Month***

We Came	Morning Worship (in person)	Morning Worship (online)	Sunday School	We Gave
May 3	305	362	335	\$24,312.75
May 10	389	258	267	\$17,604.00
May 17	275	313	222	\$15,441.19
BUDGET		NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS		
Required	\$339,847.00	Cap. Improvements	\$3,196.00	
Received	\$325,870.90	Vision Implementation	\$156,537.71	
Disbursed	\$326,669.04	Go & Tell Mission Fund	\$9,499.00	

***End-of-  
April  
Final  
Finances***

**VBS**  
**July 13-17**  
**6:00-8:45 PM**



**Register Now!**

*Ruth and Naomi's Tea*  
*A sweet time of fellowship for widows.*

Monday, June 15  
 1:30 in the afternoon  
 FBC Thomson Parlor

The tea is free but registration is required.  
 Please call the church office  
 to register: 706-595-4252

**TINYTOTS**

<b>JUNE 3</b> <b>WATER PLAY</b> <b>BRING A TOWEL</b> 	<b>JUNE 10</b> <b>CHALK AND POPSICLES</b> 
<b>JUNE 17</b> <b>PLAY-DOH NIGHT</b> 	<b>JUNE 24</b> <b>POPSICLES &amp; PLAYGROUND</b> 

**TINYKID**

<b>JUNE 3</b> <b>PAINT PARTY</b> <b>6-7PM</b> <b>\$15</b> <b>*RSVP REQUIRED</b> 	<b>JUNE 10</b> <b>POPSICLES &amp; PLAYGROUND</b> <b>6-7PM</b> 
<b>JUNE 17</b> <b>LEGO NIGHT</b> <b>6-7 PM</b> 	<b>JUNE 24</b> <b>PUTT PUTT</b> <b>5:30-8 PM</b> <b>\$12</b> <b>RSVP REQUIRED</b> 

**TEAMKID**

<b>JUNE 3</b> <b>PAINT PARTY</b> <b>6-7PM</b> <b>\$15</b> <b>RSVP REQUIRED</b> 	<b>JUNE 10</b> <b>FIELD GAMES IN THE PARK</b> <b>6-7PM</b> 
<b>JUNE 17</b> <b>WATER SLIDE AND GAMES</b> <b>6-7PM</b> <b>BRING A TOWEL</b> 	<b>JUNE 24</b> <b>PUTT-PUTT</b> <b>5:30-8PM</b> <b>\$12</b> <b>RSVP REQUIRED</b> 

**YOUTH**

<b>JUNE 3</b> 	<b>JUNE 10</b> <b>POOL PARTY</b> <b>4:30-8:30 PM</b> <b>DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT THE WAREHOUSE</b>
<b>JUNE 17</b> <b>WATERSLIDE AND GAMES</b> <b>6-9 PM</b> 	<b>JUNE 24</b> <b>WATER BALLOON GAMES</b> <b>6-7 PM</b> 

**Family Night Supper**  
 Wednesdays at 5:00; Fellowship Hall

**June 3**  
 Chicken Salad & Pimento Cheese  
 Chicken Strips for Kids

**June 10**  
 Pizza

**June 17**  
 Salad Bar

**June 24**  
 Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

**June Ministry Donations: VBS Supplies**




Scan the QR Code to purchase items from our Amazon Registry!  
 You can also donate Amazon or Walmart gift cards. Please bring gift cards to the church office.

**\$6.50 ADULTS - \$4.00 UNDER AGE 12**  
 PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON MONDAYS

CHURCH STAFF

# JUNE

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
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
	5:15	Firm Believers, Gym
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
	6:00	<i>Disciples Pathway</i> (Adults, Fellowship Hall)
		Elevate (7-10 Grade), Warehouse
		TeamKID (1-6 Grade), Gym
		TinyKID (K4-K5), Parlor
		TinyTots (2-3), Nursery
	7:15	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
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)
	5:15	Firm Believers, Gym
FRI	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
	10:00	Stretch & Flex, Gym

**May 31- June 5, 2026**

Youth Camp

**June 7, 2026**

Kids Campaign Banks Due Back  
Name Tag Sunday

**Lord's Supper in Worship**

**June 8, 2026**

6:00 PM Property and Space Committee Meeting

**June 9, 2026**

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

**June 11, 2026**

Blood Drive

**June 12, 2026**

12:00– 1:00 PM Joy FM here. Free Snow Cones!

**June 15, 2026**

**1:30 PM Ruth and Naomi's Tea**

**June 21, 2026**

**Father's Day**

**June 28, 2026**

12:00 PM Fourth of July Picnic