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Making Disciples of Jesus*

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VBS 2024

June 10-14

6:00-8:30 PM



Register
Now

June Wednesdays

Join us on Wednesday Nights this summer

5:00 PM: Family Supper

6:00 PM:

Adults: The Chosen Season 4

Kids and Youth: See inside for details!

Church Picnic

June 30, immediately following worship

Bring a side or dessert to share!

Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

Psalm 16:11 reminds us that God not only illuminates the way for our lives but also offers boundless joy in His presence and the hope of eternal fulfillment at His side:

You reveal the path of life to me;
in your presence is abundant joy;
at your right hand are eternal pleasures.

Summer always provides our church family with unique opportunities to gather in fellowship, worship, and service. As we come into the summer months, may we embrace the profound truth of the Psalms and allow them to guide our steps with assurance and hope. Join us each Sunday this summer as we spend time together studying these ancient Hebrew poems about God and how His Word guides us into lives of blessing.

As one way of encouraging us to not grow slack in our gathering together in these busy months, we are again doing the “**Pizza with the Pastors**” emphasis. ALL children are invited to a Sunday afternoon lunch with our pastors—me, Pastor Matt, and Pastor Ben—on **Sunday, August 4th**, to enjoy a pizza lunch and fun games. And every child who has been in worship this summer at least 6 out of the 10 Sundays, gets a special recognition and prize. We want every child to know their pastors love and care about them—so we want every child to enjoy the pizza lunch. But we also want to add a level of encouragement for kids (and their parents) to prioritize worship throughout the summer. I hope you and your family will do just that!

June brings some exciting opportunities on Sundays for us to worship together with our families and to invite people to come to worship with us. Celebrating the **Lord’s Supper** on June 9th, **Father’s Day** on June 16th, and our **July 4th Celebration and Picnic** on June 30th are great opportunities for worship and fellowship, and for reaching out to those God has placed in your life that need Him and the fellowship of His people. Bring someone with you to Sunday School and worship this month.

Be in prayer for our youth and children’s ministries this summer, especially as both groups go to their respective **camps** and for our **VBS**, one of the greatest evangelistic opportunities we have each year to reach children for Christ! I’m so thankful for our youth and children’s ministry leaders and volunteers, and for the direction and support that Ben Tarver and Aubrey Bentley provide their teams.

Finally, continue to pray for God’s leading for our Campus Master Plan vision and the capital campaign as it begins to organize and get started this summer. In early June, our Vision Implementation Team and Stewardship Committee will receive a vital report from InJoy Stewardship Solutions about the financial analysis of our church and projections that will help guide us in setting goals for this campaign. I look forward to sharing more with you very soon!

Thankful to be your pastor,



Dr. Matt Ward

Summer in the Psalms

I'm pretty excited about David's sermon series in the Psalms this summer. Yes, they're a priceless resource for helping us worship God Almighty, but as you're already seen, they're a priceless resource for helping us understand the world and our place in it. I hope to see you many times this summer!

Summer in Acts

I'm also really excited that many of our Sunday School classes will be studying the book of Acts this summer. We studied it in Sunday School back in 2016 and 2018, and we've all slept since then. There's no other book like it; the insight it gives us in knowing what God wants our church to be is irreplaceable.

Let me take a moment to plug a resource we have on our website. If you read my weekly Sunday School email, you might know about this already. I post notes on every Sunday School passage — you can find them on our website: fbcthomson.org/articles

If you click on the "More" menu, you can look by the book of the Bible. I write these with our group leaders in mind, but they're useful for anyone who wants to know more about the passage. Many of you have pointed out the limitations of the Lifeway quarterlies; well, my articles are intended to help that. Lifeway is limited by space and the fact that they're writing to the entire country.

End of the School Year

We celebrated a lot of "graduations" in May. The further we get from our own graduations, the harder it might be to remember just how important a milestone they are to the young people who experience them. Take some time this summer to pray for our young people who are preparing for a life change — like going into high school, or college, or full-time employment. We are their church family; that's what we do.

June Isn't Exactly Quiet

As always, we focus our summer calendar on the kids who are out of school. The big thing that happens in June to this end is Vacation Bible School. If history is any teacher, we need your prayers, your participation, and your promotion. This is a busy summer on a lot of levels, and some of our faithful volunteers have had to step away in order to care for other responsibilities. Will you step in? Talk to Christy.

Thinking about the Storm Damage

Big thanks to everybody who was concerned about the status of our church property after the big storm weekend. What happened to the Post Office could easily have happened to us, so we thank God that He spared us that particular damage, and we ask for God's mercy and provision for our neighbors who suffered damage. Remember that suffering storm damage or being spared damage does not necessarily reflect God's love or judgment — just look at the storm paths in Arkansas and Kentucky. We live in a country where tornadoes/derechos happen; it's a mercy we don't suffer more damage than we do. Pray for those who have been affected, support disaster relief, and volunteer to help where you can.



Rev. Ben Tarver

Summer is officially here and with it, many exciting things to get ready for! First off, VBS is coming soon. Titled, "Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God," we know the underwater theme will be exciting for all of us. VBS takes a lot of hard work and preparation. I am very thankful for our director, my lovely wife, and all the other volunteers that make it possible! VBS is from 6:00-8:30 PM, June 10-14. Look for the VBS QR Code and scan with your phone to register today! And please be in prayer. We always have many children make decisions for Jesus. God does the greatest work at VBS to stir the hearts of children and draw them close to Him!

There are many youth and children events all summer! Check out the list of events for children on the box. You can also pick up a magnet from the church office that has all of the children's ministry events for the summer.

The youth events (completed 7th grade through 12th grade) for June include:

June 5 (6:00-8:00PM): Water Games/Water Slide at FBC Park

June 12: VBS Week (no regular youth event)

June 19 (5:30-8:30 PM): Pool Party (meet at WH; dinner included)

June 26 (6:00-7:30 PM): Scavenger Hunt (meet at WH)

Be in prayer for our Children's Ministry and the adult leaders and children going to CentriKid summer camp June 21-23. We will be heading to the Gardner-Webb Campus in North Carolina this year. Last year was a blast and we expect this year to be even better! Thank you to everyone that has given donations and assistance to help children go to camp.

We also have a new opportunity this summer for our Cornerstone Preschool. Current preschool students will have the opportunity to attend 3 different weeks of "preschool camp" this summer! We are excited for this new opportunity for the kids and to be able to connect with our preschool students and families throughout the summer.

As you can see, June is getting started in a busy BUT EXCITING WAY for our children and youth!

Ben

Last Month

We Came	Morning Worship (in person)	Morning Worship (online)	Sunday School	We Gave
April 28	312	187	237	\$19,195.00
May 5	273	215	196	\$20,739.00
May 12	343	191	241	\$13,886.86
May 19	249	205	203	\$17,396.00
May 26	234	209	194	\$13,581.00

BUDGET

Required	\$317,772.32
Received	\$283,372.41
Disbursed	\$293,093.97

NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS

Cap. Improvements	\$6,138.00
Ferguson Property	\$1,256.00
Go & Tell Mission Fund	\$9,216.56

*End-of-
April
Final
Finances*



Church Picnic

June 30

Join us on June 30 immediately following worship for a picnic (indoors)!

Bring a side dish or dessert to share

VBS

June 10-14
6:00-8:30 PM



Register Today!



centrikid

camps



Be in prayer for our kids and chaperones as they attend camp!

June 21-23

Pizza with the Pastors

August 4 after worship

For rising 1st- 6th graders (and their families!)

Attend 6 Sundays by August 4 to earn a prize!




COMPLETED 7- 12 GRADES

JUNE 5: WATERSLIDE & GAMES
JUNE 12: VBS
JUNE 19: POOL PARTY
JUNE 26: SCAVENGER HUNT

SEE BEN'S ARTICLE FOR DETAILS!



4 years old- 6 grade

June 5: Waterslide
June 12: VBS
June 19: Pool Party
June 26: Chick-fil-A Night

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

Family Night Supper

Wednesdays at 5:00
Fellowship Hall

June 5:
Sub Sandwiches

June 12:
(VBS) No Wednesday Night Activities

June 19:
Salad Bar and Corn Dogs

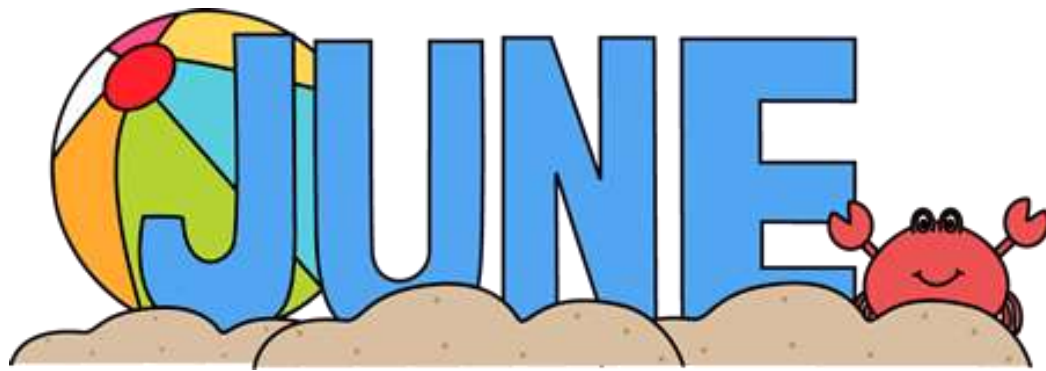
June 26:
Chick-fil-A

Monthly Ministry

June

school supplies





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 *Disciples Pathway* (Adults, Fellowship Hall)
 7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal, S

THU 6:30 *Stand in the Gap* Prayer Group, Parlor
 9:00 Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
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 5:15 Firm Believers, Gym

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 9:00 Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
 10:00 Stretch & Flex, Gym

June 1, 2024

10:00 AM: Basket Packing Party

June 2, 2024

Lord's Supper

June 10-14, 2024

6:00-8:30 PM VBS

June 16, 2024

Father's Day

June 18, 2024

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

June 21-23, 2024

Kids Camp

June 30, 2024

12:00 PM Church Picnic

4 years old- 6 grade

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