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OCTOBER 23

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



**Camellia City
Festival**

DOWNTOWN THOMSON

**OCTOBER 22
10 AM-5 PM**

Contact Matt to help at our
pumpkin decorating booth.

Are You Listening?

**Saturday, October 29
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

FBC Women's Conference



Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

One of our church's missional marks that help us assess how we are thinking, being, and acting like Jesus is Cooperation. This is an important word for Baptists. We have even named our mechanism for pooling financial resources for the work of missions and ministry the Cooperative Program. The idea is that we can do much more together than we can separately. This month I want to share a few thoughts and updates about our cooperation with fellow Baptist churches on the local, state, and national level.

The Kilpatrick Baptist Association: The KBA was formed 108 years ago here at First Baptist church as a way for local Baptist churches to coordinate our Great Commission efforts. Today the KBA is made up of 33 Baptist churches in five counties: McDuffie, Warren, Columbia, Glascock, and Jefferson. Our Associational Mission Strategist, Rev. Tim Bachelor, leads our association in missions, strengthening our churches, and encouraging and equipping pastors. I want to encourage you to attend this year's ***KBA Annual Meeting on October 25 from 6-8:30 PM at FBC Warren-ton.*** You will learn more about our association and how to be a part of upcoming mission trips, disaster relief ministries, and more. You'll also learn where some of your tithe and Go and Tell offerings go.


The Georgia Baptist Mission Board: Our church has recently seen the GBMB in action with our One Day Fun Day which is funded by the Mission: Georgia Offering, and the "No Sweat" Evangelism Training with Brad Marchman. The GBMB exists to help Baptist churches across Georgia partner together for missions and ministry. The three priorities for the GBMB are: "Pastors are our heroes, Churches are our priority, Georgia is our mission field." I have the privilege of serving on the Executive Committee for the GBMB and get to see the inner workings of our state mission board. We are led by godly men and women who love Jesus and His churches and want to reach the lost. The 60% of our Cooperative Program (CP) giving is put to good use in our state. Through our Go and Tell Fund, we support the GA Baptist Children's Home and Disaster Relief efforts every month, in addition to the annual Mission: Georgia Offering and our regular CP giving. I want to encourage you to make plans to join me at Warren Baptist Church in Augusta **November 13-15 for the 200th Anniversary of the GBMB!** You'll be inspired by great preaching, moved by powerful worship, learn more about our mission board, see IMB missionaries commissioned, and celebrate what God has done these past 200 years through Georgia Baptists!

The Southern Baptist Convention: On a national level, our church freely associates with and gives to support the work of Southern Baptists to reach our neighbors and the nations with the Gospel. 40% of our CP gifts help keep missionaries in North America and around the world on the field, fund our 6 seminaries, and fund the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. Some of you have wondered how the recent investigation into the SBC by the US Department of Justice affects us. In short, we are an autonomous local church, and are not dictated by any other Southern Baptist Church, nor can we dictate what any other church does or does not do. The DOJ is investigating instances of sexual misconduct in Southern Baptist churches that were ignored by a small number of leaders in the Convention. We can all agree this is shameful and as James said, "these things should not be so." However, because of our polity as autonomous local churches loosely affiliated for cooperative missions, I don't believe that the DOJ's investigation really affects us. The SBC Executive Committee has already conducted their own investigation into these matters with an outside firm, made their report this past June, and made resolutions to clarify our stance on biblical sexual ethics, supporting those who have suffered any form of abuse, and reprimanding those who stand in the way of justice. I will say more about this at our **Quarterly Church Conference October 16** and answer any questions you have. God is doing good work through Southern Baptists. Let us continue to pray for, give to, and be involved in the work of Baptists locally, in our state, and in our nation.

David

Dr. Matt Ward

Lots of Outreach Opportunities Coming Soon!

1. “National Faith and Blue Weekend” on **October 9**. We are hosting a community event for the police on October 9. First, officers will join us in our morning service. Then, they will have a community-wide picnic in our park after the service. We want everyone to stay and be a part of it, in particular being good hosts for everyone from our community who comes to be a part of it!
2. Camelia City Festival on **October 22**. Like last year, our church will host a children’s event, and like last year, we need church members to volunteer to help us make it happen. This year, we’re going to try a fun crayon-shavings decoration. Should be easy to make happen; we just need your smiling face!
3. Fall Women’s Conference on **October 29** (9:00-12:00). This year, our conference will include special guest Chelsea Patat on the super-important topic, *Is God Speaking to Me?* All women are invited. There is no cost, and everyone will receive a free book. Register on our website or by scanning this QR code.
4. Fall Family Movie Night on **November 5**. This is a big change from what we normally do this time of year. We are **not** hosting a Trunk or Treat this year. A number of other churches/organizations are doing that, and we have been quite distressed by the behavior of a number of adults in our community who seem intent on ruining the spirit of the event. Instead, we are going to wait until the weekend *after* Halloween and have a fun evening with some games, popcorn, and an outdoor movie! It’s still going to be open to our community, and we think this format will help us make a clearer gospel impact on everyone who comes.

That was a lot, so here’s a reminder of information I need from you:

- Can you help us run a church booth at the Camelia City Festival?

Community Chorus Rehearsals Start Soon!

Just a reminder that we have brought back the Christmas Community Chorus this year! We are not singing *The Messiah*, but rather a wide range of Christmas favorites that everyone will enjoy singing and hearing. It’s not too late to sign up to sing. Rehearsals start Monday, October 3, at 7:00 — please let me know if you are interested!

Let’s Emphasize the Go and Tell Mission Fund This October

At FBC, instead of taking up offerings for the different ministries important to our church, we focus on one: **The Go and Tell Mission Fund**. We have identified seven critical ministries: Manna, our local Kilpatrick Baptist Association, the Georgia Baptist Children’s Home, World Hunger, Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief, HOI, and Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries. Each of them receive a percentage of everything we receive to that fund. We have also set aside 1/3 of the fund for “FBC Missions”. This can include supplying emergency needs (like Ukraine, or the Kentucky floods), but it is designed for local mission work by church members. Does your Sunday School class have a mission idea but need help funding it? That’s what this is for. Please consider giving \$5/week to the Go and Tell Mission Fund.



Rev. Ben Tarver

Early bird registration for the **2022-2023 Upward Basketball** season is open! The cost right now until October 28 is \$55. You may register at the church office, open Mon – Fri from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or go online to <http://registration.upward.org/UPW82646>. Evaluations will be conducted on Nov 7 and Nov 10. Please pick up a flyer or notice the times online of what day and time to bring your child. All the practices and games will start mid-January of 2023. Join us for this exciting time of sharing Jesus while enjoying the game of basketball as a community!

The youth will be serving the **Thomson High School football team** and coaches dinner on **Wednesday, October 5**, after practice. I will give a devotional to the team before the meal. This is the third time we have been able to do this in the past several years, but the first time since the pandemic. I am thankful we get to return and do this as a ministry opportunity!

There is a **5th Quarter** for youth from 9:00 – 11:30 PM on Friday, October 23. Briarwood and Thomson BOTH have home games. This will be a wonderful time of food, games, prize giveaways, and hangout at the Warehouse and church park. Invite friends and enjoy a party after the game!

On Sunday, October 23, the youth are hosting a **Chili Cook Off & Dessert Auction Fundraiser** immediately following worship for upcoming youth trips, including the ski trip. There will be a contest with judges doing a blind taste test of the best chili recipe. A prize will be given to the winner! A silent auction for desserts will also be set up. Please contact the church office or me to sign up to bring chili or a dessert! I know we have some amazing cooks in this congregation so let me know if you can bring chili, a dessert OR BOTH for the fundraiser.

The **Cornerstone Preschool** needs substitute teachers. As we go into the fall and wintertime, we know that sickness creeps up – unfortunately the community is already seeing heightened illness. Subs help fill in the gaps when a teacher needs to miss from illness or another emergency. If you only have one or two days in the week where you are available, that's fine. Please contact the church office and the **Preschool Director, Laura Wall**, to let us know and we can get you set up on the sub list, thanks!



Last Month

We Came	Morning Worship	Sunday School	Wednesday	We Gave
August 28	339	199	101	\$10,257.00
September 4	275	170	98	\$25,642.00
September 11	315	209	93	\$15,293.00
September 18	334	205	101	\$14,762.00

End-of-August Final Finances

BUDGET		NON-BUDGET	
Required	\$591,213.36	Cap. Improvements	\$13,534.00
Received	\$566,531.03	Ferguson Property	\$4,015.00
Disbursed	\$538,689.44	Go & Tell Mission Fund	\$24,212.00

Backpack Packing Party

Come help us pack backpacks to send to West Virginia.

October
23
5:00 PM



\$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

October 5

Hamburgers

October 12

Baked Potato Bar

October 19

Baked Chicken

October 26

Soup and Salad



Early Registration Is Underway!

Open to kids grades K5-5.

Cost: \$55 thru October 28

\$70 after October 28

Optional Shorts \$15

Registration deadline is

November 10



Young at Heart

Tuesday
October 11
11:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Speaker:
Steve Foster

Deadline to RSVP Friday,
October 6 @ Noon.



Update:

YTD Goal: \$29,230.76

YTD Received: \$25,595.00

Our Go & Tell fund goes to
support people in our community,
state, nation, and world!



Cornerstone
Preschool Sunday
October 16, 2022

Join us in welcoming our
preschool families to worship!



Lord's Supper October 23

A benevolence offering
will be received.

Quarterly Church
Conference
Sunday, October 16
6:00 PM



October 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 Shelter Baskets.





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)
	10:00	Church Staff Meeting, 402
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)
FRI	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
	10:00	Stretch & Flex, Gym

Monday, October 3

7:00 PM Community Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 4

6:00 PM First Budget Planning Meeting

Thursday, October 6

Preschool Student Holiday

Friday, October 7

Preschool Student Holiday

Sunday, October 9

Rev. Ben Tarver Preaching

12:00 PM National Faith & Blue Cookout

Monday, October 10

Preschool Student Holiday

6:00 PM Property and Space Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Community Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 11

Cornerstone Preschool Picture Day

11:00 AM Young at Heart

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Sunday, October 16

Preschool Sunday

6:00 PM Quarterly Church Conference

Monday, October 17

7:00 PM Community Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 PM Second Budget Planning Meeting

Friday, October 21

9:00 PM Youth Fifth Quarter

Sunday, October 23

Lord's Supper

12:00 PM Youth Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction

5:00 PM Backpack Packing Party

Monday, October 24

7:00 PM Community Choir Practice

Saturday, October 29

9:00 AM **Women's Conference**

Monday, October 31

7:00 PM Community Choir Practice