



THE CORNERSTONE **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** **THOMSON**

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Making Disciples of Jesus*

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SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

Food Trucks
Train Ride
Bouncy Houses
Petting Zoo

April 27, 2024
11:00 AM- 2:00 PM
FBC Thomson Park

Carnival Games
Rock-Climbing Wall
Community Organizations
and more!

EVERYTHING BUT THE FOOD IS FREE!

Quarterly Church Conference
April 21; 6:00 PM

*With recommendation from the Vision
Implementation Team*

KBA GREAT COMMISSION RALLY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser
& Dessert Auction

Sunday, April 28
Immediately Following Worship
\$8/per person

Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

Praise be to God for a wonderful Holy Week and Easter worship services! Holy Week began with Palm Sunday, as more than 50 children brought in palm branches to start the service. My heart was so full as those children streamed into the sanctuary. What a joy to pastor a church that values children, actively seeks to reach and disciple the next generation of Christ-followers, and encourages and equips families to build their homes on the Word of God as their foundation!

This month, I am looking forward to both reaching the lost in our community, across our country, and around the world as well as equipping families to stand strong in a lost culture whose priorities are so twisted. This month brings three moments I want to encourage you to pray for and be a part of:

Our **marriage conference** is happening April 19-21, with Adam and Sarah Rice as our speakers. I'm praying for a strong beginning to this new event and that it is the first of many opportunities to equip couples and strengthen marriages in our church and community. Whether you are married or not, coming to the conference or not, please pray for God to move in powerful ways in the lives of those attending. And pray for **Adam as he brings a message that Sunday morning** for all of us on godly families.

That evening will be our **April Quarterly Church Conference**, where we will take an important step as a church in following God's vision for how we can fight for, reach, and serve generations to come. Your **Vision Implementation Team** has had many meetings since January researching various methods and interviewing several organizations to discover the best way for our church to make God's vision a reality. Their proposal has been prayed over and discussed in great detail, and aims to help our church better steward all the resources God has entrusted us for current and future ministry use.

I am excited about this proposal, not just in terms of physical renovation or financial resources, but in what I hope will be spiritual revival and growth in discipleship, missions, and biblical stewardship. Your VIT's heart has been to see a spiritual growth emphasis, training people in biblically based financial principles, and renewing our call to be a multigenerational church with a heart for reaching and discipling the next generation. As one person we spoke with said, "Whoever fights the hardest for the next generation will win it. How badly do we want to win children and young people for Christ?" Please pray for this conference and be here at 6 PM on April 21.

Finally, I hope you'll join us here on Sunday, April 28, at 6:00 PM for the Kilpatrick Baptist Association **Great Commission Rally**. We are hosting this event that will include worship, a message from Buck Burch with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, and a missions and ministry fair with informative booths, food, and more! It will be a fun, informative, and inspirational night!

David

Dr. Matt Ward

Looking Back on Our Wild Game Supper

The first thing I want to say is “Wow — our church family showed up to help, and we are so thankful.” It’s been 8 years since our last such event, and a lot has changed in our congregation. But our new members are eager to serve, and we learned a lot about our capabilities.

We had a lot of first-time guests in our building, and it was very valuable to learn how they heard about our event (note: personal invitations won the day — thank you if you invited somebody!).

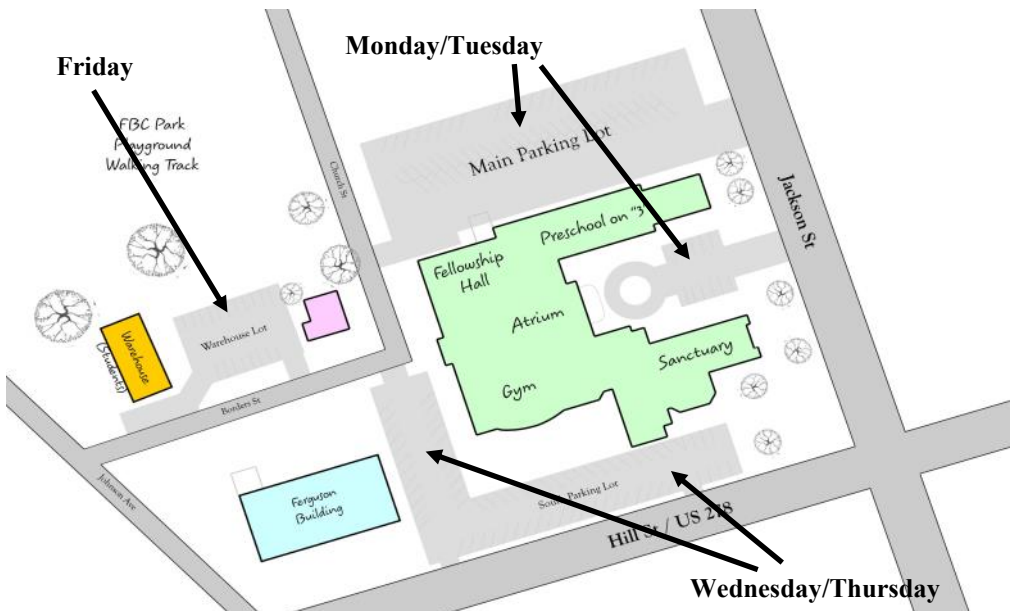


Long story short: we want to do an event like this again. In our follow-up meeting, we talked about a lot of things we can tweak to make it easier, simpler, and more effective in reaching our community. We don’t know when that is! But we know that our church family is still more than capable of hosting a great big event like this one.

The Parking Lots Are Being Resurfaced Spring Break

There’s never a convenient time to do this, so we’re going with the least inconvenient time. The week of Spring Break (April 8-12), if you come to the building, you may have to park somewhere different.

- On Monday and Tuesday (April 8-9), they will be resurfacing the main parking lot (near the Post Office) and the fountain parking lot.
- On Wednesday and Thursday (April 10-11), they will be resurfacing the south parking lot (the CVS side).
- On Friday (April 12), they will be resurfacing the lot next to the playground and the Warehouse.



All of this is contingent on the weather. Lord willing, everything will run smoothly. We just ask that everybody be prepared that their “usual parking space” might be unavailable for a day or two.

Matt

Rev. Ben Tarver

The Youth are going to the beautiful *Look Up Lodge* camp this summer July 9 through July 14. The general cost of the trip is \$350 and that covers all meals, lodging and events/free time activities at the camp. Camp activities include a zipline, waterslide, giant swing, basketball, gaga ball, 9-square in the air, and an awesome slopstacle course (mud obstacle course)! We will also have times of group worship, small group discussion and recreation events with other youth. This trip is open for all upcoming 7th graders through seniors in high school. If you have not signed up yet the final deadline is Monday, April 8. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is due now. Please let me know if you have any questions.

On Sunday, April 28, the youth have a Spaghetti Lunch & Dessert Auction Fundraiser to help with the overall cost of summer camp! The cost is \$8.00 for spaghetti, salad and bread. The dessert auction is always a blast with some of the best recipes in our congregation! We will need volunteers to help make a favorite dessert to donate for the auction. The lunch will be immediately after worship. Thank you so much for your support!

Take a look at the *Faith @ Home* station for an article I wrote called, "Life in the Fast Lane: On the Go Family Discipleship." We all know family schedules can be full and hectic. This is an article to help remind you and give you some examples of ways to discipline and teach about Jesus as you check the items off your daily routine.

Upward Basketball was a huge hit again this season with 19 teams, over 25 coaches and assistant coaches, six primary referees, and a devoted scorekeeper that did almost every game! At Upward Celebration on Saturday, March 9, we had an exciting and fun game night with kids and coaches. We had over twenty decisions of faith marked down and several of those were first time commitments - praise God! This also marked the 20th year of Upward at our church, and our regional representative recognized us with a nice letter and a special banner that is in the gym. In 20 years of Upward Basketball we have reached 2,283 participants, not including the number of coaches, referees, and additional staff. That is incredible! Thank you for your prayers and support!

Ben

Last Month

We Came	Morning Worship (in person)	Morning Worship (online)	Sunday School	We Gave
February 25	352	278	248	\$10,346.50
March 3	278	239	236	\$24,903.00
March 10	249	223	239	\$15,445.00
March 17	279	205	243	\$12,679.00
March 24	264	209	246	\$13,444.00
BUDGET		NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS		
Required	\$146,664.16	Cap. Improvements	\$2,013.00	
Received	\$126,777.34	Ferguson Property	\$571.00	
Disbursed	\$149,854.85	Go & Tell Mission Fund	\$4,728.56	

**End-of-
February
Final
Finances**



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, April 16
11:00 AM

Speaker: David Harbeson

RSVP By April 11 at Noon
Cost is \$9.50

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Guest speakers
ADAM AND SARAH RICE

Marriage Conference

\$75/Couple
April 19-20

First Baptist Fellowship Hall
Friday: 6:00-8:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM




SAVE THE DATE!

VBS

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



\$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

April 3
Hot Dogs

April 17
BBQ Chicken Legs

April 24
Hobo Meals

Monthly Ministry Donation Items:

Personal Hygiene Items
 Soap, body wash, body lotion, body spray, deodorant, wash cloths, Loofahs

Please bring your items and place them in the blue box in the atrium.



April

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)
	2:00	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)
	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)
	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

April 1, 2024

Office Closed

April 4, 2024

1:30 PM Blood Drive

April 7, 2024

Name Tag Sunday

Rev. David Miller Preaching

April 10, 2024

Spring Break– No Evening Activities

April 15, 2024

6:00 PM Property and Space Committee Mtg

April 16, 2024

11:00 AM Young at Heart

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting

April 19, 2024

6:00 PM Marriage Conference

April 20, 2024

8:00 AM Marriage Conference

April 21, 2024

Rev. Adam Rice Preaching

6:00 PM QCC

April 27, 2024

11:00 AM Spring Extravaganza

April 28, 2024

12:00 PM Spaghetti Fundraiser Lunch

6:00 PM Great Commission Rally, FBC