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Mother's Day

*May 11, 2025
Free Family Photo*



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BREAKFAST

May 1, 2024 | 6:45 AM
Thomson Presbyterian Church



**MISSIONS NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
6:00 PM
SANCTUARY**



Graduate Recognition Sunday *May 18, 2025*



Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

For All Generations: April was a month of worship and celebration! Palm Sunday was an incredible day of celebration and vision as we gathered for our Reveal Sunday and praised God for how He has moved through our *For All Generations* campaign. We announced our commitments and first fruit offerings as of that day. Praise God, many more have added to both of those numbers since then! As of this writing, our commitments total **\$1,413,160** and first fruits offerings and gifts to date are **\$202,456!** Thanks be to God for His ongoing faithfulness and your continued generosity! The next Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus—our Risen Lord who gives us faith in the place of fear, joy in the midst of sorrow, and a reason to worship even in seasons of doubt. It was a powerful reminder that our hope is not in buildings or budgets, but in the living Savior who is building His Church!

As of this writing, our **Quarterly Church Conference** on April 27th is ahead of us, which will include an important next step. The Campus Renewal Team will bring a proposal to authorize the development of engineered drawings and cost estimates for the renovations outlined in our campaign. These professional plans will help us align the vision with the commitments that have been made, enabling us to develop a wise and phased approach for completing the work. Once we have the drawings and estimates in hand, we will bring a full proposal to the church for approval before any construction begins. This is an exciting time of planning and preparation, and we continue to ask for your prayers as we seek to be faithful stewards of all God is entrusting to us.

May brings several more opportunities for worship and service, beginning with the **National Day of Prayer Breakfast** on May 1 at Thomson Presbyterian Church at 6:45 AM. I hope you can join me as we gather with our fellow believers around town to give God thanks for His blessings on our nation and pray for His continued guidance and protection. The next night we gather with our community for **Relay for Life** at the Thomson High School track beginning at 6 PM. I hope you'll come to walk the track, eat dinner with the FBC team, and enjoy ice cream and fellowship. I'm thankful for Debbie Petrie answering the call to be our team leader.

We have some exciting worship opportunities on Sundays this month. I'll be preaching sermons throughout the summer reminding us of our church's core values, which we adopted in 2019. I'm entitling this series: *From the Inside Out: Becoming Who God Calls Us to Be*. I hope that every Sunday you're in town this summer, you'll continue to prioritize Sunday School and worship with your church family.

On May 11th, we recognize and honor mothers, grandmothers, and the women in our lives who have shaped and influenced us. I'll bring a special message that day in honor of **Mother's Day**. This year in honor of our moms, we are donating to the Go and Tell Fund, part of which supports the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. With increasing costs for some of the gifts we've given in the past, the pastors thought this was far more meaningful and lasting use of our funds.

The next Sunday is **Graduate Recognition Sunday**. If you or someone in your home is graduating this year from high school, college, or graduate school, please contact the church office and get us the details. We want to recognize all our FBC Thomson grads!

And on **Memorial Day weekend**, we have the honor and privilege of hearing from Mr. Joseph Glover. Several months ago, Joey responded to God's call into ministry and we as a church affirmed that calling and committed to praying for him and helping him explore and embrace what God is calling him to do. I hope you'll be able to be here that Sunday to hear what God has to say through his sermon and to encourage Joey as he pursues the gift God has placed within him. Pray for Joey as he prepares to bring the message that Sunday.



Dr. Matt Ward

He Is Risen!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Holy Week worship opportunities. We do those things to (1) remember and (2) worship Jesus Christ for what He did for us. I also say a big thank you to everyone (and that's a lot of people) who make those worship services possible. We are blessed as a church that God has sent us so many members with the gifts and skills to make those things happen.

Speaking of Holy Week — talking with your friends from other churches, you probably heard that many churches had strong attendance for Easter. This might be related to a noticeable swing in our culture in which people are realizing that a country without Christianity is a pretty awful place, and they are more open than they have been in a long time to talking about Jesus and church.

All of that to say this: look for opportunities to talk about “spiritual things” with your acquaintances, even those who in the past have indicated no interest in them. Maybe they are interested now.

Blood Drive on Thursday, May 1!

Shepard Blood Center has extended their bloodmobile hours to make it easier for people to give blood after work.

May 1, 1:00-6:00

My Shepard contact has been so happy about local participation in their recent blood drives here at FBC, and I know it makes a big difference in the CSRA to have a reliable supply of life-saving blood for transfusions. Costs have gone up everywhere for everybody, so these blood donations are all the more priceless.

Mother's Day Photos + Photo Directory

We're all trying to spread the word about our latest directory update. Our goal for this directory is just that — to produce a photo directory for our members and nothing more.

A great (and simple) opportunity for family photos that many of us already take advantage of is on Mother's Day! For the last several years Maggie Allen has voluntarily taken wonderful photos of any church family who has wanted one. This year, we are also going to use those photos as a foundation for our next church photo directory.

Don't worry if you can't be here for that! We will have other ways of getting updated photos for the directory. But if you can stick around, we would love for our members to have family photos taken after our Mother's Day service.

Transitioning from the Spring to Summer Calendar

Once school gets out for summer, the lives of quite a few of our members change dramatically. Note that our Sunday morning schedule doesn't change — we will always have “normal” Sunday School and worship.

Wednesday nights will look a little different, though. We will still have a supper at 5:00 and ministry activities at 6:00, but they will be different than during the school year. For the next few months, please take a careful look at the “Wednesday Night Schedule” in the newsletter and the bulletin so you can always know what the kids, teens, and adults are doing each week.



Rev. Ben Tarver

As we step into this exciting season of milestones and memories, I invite you to join me in **praying for our graduates and their families**. Graduation is more than just a ceremony—it's a time of celebration, transition, and anticipation for what lies ahead. We want to lift up these young men and women as they prepare to step into new chapters of life.

Graduate Sunday is coming up on May 18, and we look forward to honoring the accomplishments of our **church members** who are graduating from college. If you or a family member who is a member of our church is graduating, please turn in the following:

- Full name; School name; Degree earned; Future plans; and a headshot photo

This information will be included in a special Graduate Sunday insert in our worship service bulletin. It's a meaningful way for us to celebrate and support the next steps of those in our church family.

Youth Midsummer Night Events Are Back!

I'm also thrilled to announce the return of our **Youth Midsummer Night events**, which kick off **Wednesday, May 21**. We'll start with **pizza at the Warehouse at 5:45 PM**, then head to the **Putt-Putt Fun Center in Augusta** for a night of fun, fellowship, putt-putt, and laser tag! The cost is **\$15**. We'll return to the church around **9:15 PM**.

The fun continues the next week with a **Game Night and Ice Cream Sundae Bar** at the Warehouse on **Wednesday, May 28, from 6:00–7:15 PM**. This is a great opportunity for our youth to connect midweek in a relaxed and fun environment.

Don't Miss What's New at the Faith @ Home Center

As you prepare for the summer months, be sure to stop by the **Faith @ Home Center** in the church foyer. We're stocking it with new **Spring and Summer devotional topics**, as well as **creative family event ideas** with built-in spiritual applications. Whether you're planning a trip or a quiet night at home, these resources are here to help you strengthen your family's walk with Christ.

I can't wait for all that this summer will bring—**youth events, camps, Vacation Bible School**, and more. It's going to be a full and fruitful season, and I'm so thankful to walk through it with you and your families.

Ben

Last Month

We Came	Moming Worship (in person)	Moming Worship (online)	Sunday School	We Gave
March 30	295	214	228	\$9,534.40
April 6	254	197	229	\$42,041.09
April 13	286	258	227	\$18,420.00
April 20	538	178	264	\$25,760.82
BUDGET		NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS		
Required		Cap. Improvements		
Received		Vision Implementation		
Disbursed		Go & Tell Mission Fund		

*End-of-
March
Final
Finances*

Senior Adult Trip
Athens Botanical Gardens
 Saturday, May 10
 Buses will leave at 9:45 AM
 Lunch in Crawford, GA (BBQ)
 This will be a 60 Minute
 Guided Walking Tour.
 Cost is \$5 for the tour.
 Deadline to register is May 2

Young @ Heart
Tuesday, May 13
11:00 AM
Rev. Connie Ivester
Grandfather of 1st Lieutenant
Charles Osborne
Memorial Day Theme
RSVP By May 8 at Noon
Cost is \$10.00

Cornerstone Preschool
Advancement Ceremony
May 15
6:00 PM
FBC Sanctuary

Relay For Life
Relay For Life
May 2; 6 PM-12 AM

Wednesday, April 30:
Dessert Auction

May Wednesdays
 May 7: Missions Night, 6 PM, Sanctuary
 May 14: No Evening Activities
 May 21: Kids: Summer Kick-Off Party
 Youth: Putt-Putt
 Adults: Ancient Echoes
 May 28: Kids: Messy Games in the Park
 Youth: Games and Ice Cream
 Adults: Ancient Echoes

FOR ALL GENERATIONS
Thru 4/20/25
Total Committed: \$1,413,160.00
Total Gifts Received: \$202,456.02
Percent of Goal: 14.3%
Fund Balance: \$196,951.35

\$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
May 7
 Grilled Chicken
May 14
 No Activities
May 21
 Hamburger Steak
May 28
 Pork Chops

Monthly Ministry
May
School Supplies
You can also donate to
the Monthly Ministry
fund online.

May

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)
		Women's Study, Room 410
		Men's Study, Parlor
		Elevate (7-10 Grade), Warehouse
		TeamKID (1-6 Grade), Gym
		TinyKID (K4-K5), Chapel
		TinyTots (2-3), Nursery
	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

May 1, 2025

6:45 AM National Day of Prayer Breakfast, TPC
1:00 PM Blood Drive

May 2, 2025

6:00 PM Relay for Life

May 4, 2025

Name Tag Sunday

Kids Bring "For All Generations" Piggy Banks to Church

3:00 PM Women's Ministry Team Meeting

May 7, 2025

6:00 PM Missions Night, Sanctuary

May 10, 2025

9:45 AM Senior Adult Trip to Athens

May 11, 2025

Mother's Day

May 12, 2025

6:00 PM Property and Space Committee Meeting

May 13, 2025

11:00 AM Young at Heart (Last until September)

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

May 14, 2025

No Evening Activities

May 15, 2025

Last Day of Cornerstone Preschool

6:00 PM Preschool Advancement Ceremony

May 18, 2025

Graduate Sunday

4:00 PM CentriKid Parent Meeting

May 25, 2025

Joey Glover Preaching

May 26, 2025

Church Office Closed