

Lord's Supper

Sunday, August 15
10:45 AM

A benevolent offering
will be received.



Dad's Night Out

Tuesday, August 3
6:00 PM
Habanero's



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Back to School Back to Church Back to Normal

Fall Kickoff
Wednesday, August 18

5:00 PM
Family Night Supper

6:00 PM
TinyKID
TeamKID
Elevate

Disciple's Pathway



Sunday,
August 29

Faith, Food & Fellowship
9:00 AM

Details inside

\$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
Beginning August 18*

August 18
Hawaiian Chicken
August 25
Million Dollar Spaghetti
September 1
Pork Chops

Thursday, August 12

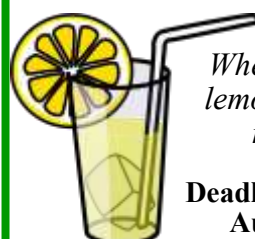


Join us in the Fellowship Hall to
watch live!

9:00 AM-Casting Crowns
9:30 AM-Speaker Tony Evans
11:15 AM- Speaker David Kinnaman
12:30 PM- Speaker Ben Mandrell
2:30 PM- Charles Lowery

Sign Up Now! Lemonade Mini Conference

Saturday, August 21
10-Noon



*When life gives you
lemons...God makes
new things...*

Deadline to register is
August 8, 2021

CHURCH STAFF

Lead Pastor..... Dr. David A. Lambert
Associate Pastor..... Dr. Matthew W. Ward
Youth and Family Pastor..... Rev. Ben Tarver
Pastor Emeritus..... Dr. Leonard L. Dupree
Choirs Coordinator..... Mrs. Robin Johnson
Ministry Assistant, Pastoral Office, Media & Publications..... Mrs. Summer McDonald
Ministry Assistant, Financial Office..... Mrs. Sharon Pirkle
Ministry Assistant..... Ms. Kathy Hendrix
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Custodian..... Mr. Claude Robinson
Director of Preschool Ministries..... Mrs. Kaylyn Earl
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For a copy of the Sunday sermons, call
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WTHO (101.7 FM) at 10:45 AM for a live
Sunday Morning Worship Service, watch
us live on Facebook or YouTube, like us on
Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



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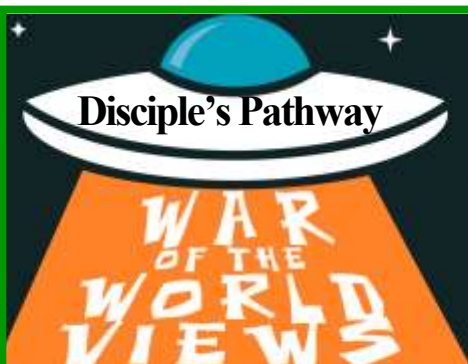
MONTHLY MINISTRY DONATION
POP-TOP CANNED MEALS

*Spaghetti O's, Vienna Sausages, Mac
& Cheese, etc...*

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



Disciple's Pathway



Study Begins on Wednesday,
August 18, at 6:00 PM, in the
Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Ben Tarver

It is hard to believe summer break is winding down and the school year is upon us! It has been a great summer with Mission:McDuffie, VBS, Fuge Camp and other children and youth events back and in-person! Now it is time to look ahead at exciting things coming up!

For the next two Wednesdays our children will have special emphasis nights: *Wonderfully Made Night* (8/4) and *Grace Night* (8/11). The youth will start construction of a Gaga Ball Pit - look it up! It is an amazing game that everyone can play and our youth from camp fell in love with it. It is quick-paced, and everyone quickly rotates and can play. Thank you to the Vann family for helping to purchase the supplies!

The big Kickoff Night for TinyKID, TeamKID, and Elevate (Youth) will be Wednesday, August 18, 6:00-7:15PM. Plan to have your children and youth involved. Adults, I highly encourage you to stay during the hour and get involved with a fun study for adults!

2021 is a HUGE year for Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries! The ministry has transitioned to a new base of operations and Jodie Lamon is the new Director. Our high school youth, college students, and adult volunteers will take a team over Labor Day Weekend (September 4-6) to minister at campgrounds and businesses in downtown Gatlinburg. This is an amazing trip every year to do Great Commission work in the beautiful mountains! Applications are ready and available in the church office and need to be turned in by Sunday, August 15. There is a limit of spaces. There is no cost for the trip except for one meal in Gatlinburg, spending money for free time, and a suggested donation of \$25 to SMRM.

Finally, our church has an incredible opportunity to minister to and appreciate foster care families and children at a *One Day, Fun Day* event on Saturday, September 25, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, in our church park. We are inviting foster families in McDuffie and surrounding counties to come out for a day full of fun: bounce houses, hayride, face-painting, the Chick-fil-A cow (and yummy food!), fun demonstrations from police and fire departments, a magician and more! First, we need prayer for this event, that we show the love of Jesus to these families! Second, we need willing and committed volunteers to help at various stations and to genuinely show a smile and the love of Jesus! I want you to prayerfully consider signing up, but we only need volunteers that would **mark their calendars and make it a top priority to be there that day** (it's only a few hours!). The volunteer positions will not be difficult but are very important! We are hosting the event for our sponsor, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, so we want to leave a good impression of our church. Contact the office or any staff if you are willing to serve for this special event. We will contact you back and have an important training meeting coming up before the event.

Ben

Last Month	We Came	Morning Worship	Sunday School	We Gave
	June 27	238	157	\$10,447.25
	July 4	245	154	\$21,272.00
	July 11	262	149	\$19,774.60
	July 18	306	158	\$14,189.00
	July 25	287	184	\$11,962.00
End-of-June Final Finances	BUDGET	NON-BUDGET		
	Required	\$444,263.52	Cap. Improvements	YTD \$13,751.00
	Received	\$424,969.82	Ferguson Property	MTD \$596.00
	Disbursed	\$414,633.15	Go & Tell Mission Fund	YTD \$28,034.66

Dr. David Lambert

As kids return to school and we resume our normal Wednesday night schedule (after nearly 18 months), it's a great time to remember our church's Discipleship Pathway. This is part of our church's new vision frame and a way to help us each know how we can best *Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples of Jesus from All Generations*.

Come to Worship—August is a great time to renew your commitment to regularly worship with God's people on Sunday mornings. While we have removed the seating restrictions in the Sanctuary, we still advise people to use social distancing, sanitize hands, and wear masks *as they feel the need*. We believe you can be responsible to consider your own health risks and needs.

On August 15, we will return to the normal observance of the Lord's Supper with passing the plates of bread and cups. However, we are also providing prepackaged elements as you enter the Sanctuary for those with health concerns.

Join us each Sunday as we continue *Walking with Jesus through Mark's Gospel* and discover how we can walk with Jesus in the 21st century. Invite someone to worship with you at 10:45 on Sundays this month.

Grow in Groups—August is also a great time to renew your involvement in a small group Bible study. Of course, our children and teenagers will "promote" to their new classes at the end of Sunday School on August 1, and report to their new classes on August 8—when we will also present new Bibles to our 1st Graders in worship. No matter your age, there is a Sunday morning class for you! See Matt Ward for more, and join us for the Big Breakfast on August 29!

On August 18, we will resume our Wednesday night schedule, complete with supper at 5 PM (plates will be served to you in the line, not self-serve), TinyKID and TeamKID for children, Elevate for youth, and a new Disciple's Pathway series for Adults. I'm excited to be teaching us how to evaluate the different worldviews we encounter every day, understand the Christian worldview, and learn how these belief systems impact the issues we face and hear about every day. I hope to see you at "War of the Worldviews" in the Fellowship Hall!

Serve in Love—There are many ways you can express your love for God and others by serving from your God-given SHAPE! This month I want to ask you to pray about the upcoming *One Day Fun Day* for foster care children and families on September 25 AND the *Hair-cut-athon* for kids in need on September 18. Both of these events will require smiling faces to greet families, adults to supervise and help with set-up and tear-down. These two Saturdays will give us great opportunities to show our community that FBC Thomson *really does* Love Kids! Mark them down, talk to me, Matt or Ben, and watch for more info!

On August 1, we will be nominating men to serve the next three-year term as deacons. Our deacon ministry is an important service ministry in our church. You should have received a sample ballot along with a reminder of the qualifications of a deacon. Use these to prayerfully prepare to nominate up to 8 men that Sunday, and then to make final selections from the nominees on September 12.

The Spark Conference telecast on August 12 is a great time to be inspired, encouraged, and equipped to serve, no matter your areas of giftedness or passion. Come watch the main sessions with us in the Fellowship Hall, or be on the lookout for information on how you can login and watch them and all the breakouts on your own, anytime! There WILL be something of interest to you, I promise!

Go and Tell—You can use just about anything going on this month to invite a lost or unchurched person to do with you. But I want to highlight two opportunities for men and women to easily introduce someone to Jesus and our church. For men, I hope to see you and a friend at our Dad's Night out on August 3—6 PM at Habanero's. And for women, invite someone to join you for the Lemonade mini-conference on Saturday the 21st. But most importantly, live expectantly for opportunities to share your Jesus story with others, no matter where you are!

Looking forward to a great Fall at FBC Thomson!

David

Dr. Matt Ward

Dad's Night Out, the Sequel

Everyone who was able to come to the first Dad's Night Out had a great time. This time, we're going to try a Tuesday (and see if that helps anyone's schedule), and we're going to try Habanero's (and get that back room).

Dad's Night Out, Tuesday, August 3

6:00-8:00 PM, Habanero's

It's a come-and-go; if you can't make it at 6:00, no worries; if you have to leave before 8:00, no worries. Just come out and have a good time and get to know some of the other dads in our church family. We only have two rules: please don't bring any children, and please pay for your own meal. I hope to see you then!

Wednesday Night Suppers

Our plan is still to start Wednesday night family supper on August 18 (supper is from 5:00-6:00 and ministries start at 6:00). We believe we can prepare and serve this meal as safely here as at any restaurant in town. You will walk through the line and be served your meal (which is how we had started doing it before the pandemic hit anyway), and you can sit anywhere in the fellowship hall you feel comfortable. We will continue to leave the tables a little more spread out than usual.

Note that our plan is also to go back to using silverware and dishes (and giving our Hobart dishwasher a workout). There will be a few Wednesdays where Chip and Nicci need an extra pair of hands to help with the dishwashing, and I'll be in touch with those of you who have helped us with that in the past. If you might be willing to help use the dishwasher on the rare Wednesday, please let me know!

Church Choir

It's been a while since I've asked this — Do you like to sing? Do you like to worship God with your voice? Then, have you ever considered joining the choir? Notice that I didn't ask if you *think* you have a *good* voice. :) A church choir is a group of Christians who are willing to put in some extra time to learn songs that they believe will (1) glorify God, and (2) edify their church family. You don't have to be a trained singer with a background in choirs to do that! That's what practice is for. You'll be surrounded by Christians who will help you learn the songs we sing. Wednesday night choir rehearsal is one of my favorite times of the week — the sweet spirit of praise and peace — because even while we're practicing, we're soaking in the Holy Spirit.

Currently, we are rehearsing in the Sanctuary. I know that seems strange, but in the summertime, the sanctuary is more comfortable than the choir room. (Plus, we love singing in the sanctuary.) For the summer schedule, rehearsal starts at 7:30. But once the school-year schedule starts on August 18, rehearsal goes back to 7:15. And we will continue rehearsing in the sanctuary at least through September.

Consider giving the choir a try!

Education Space Renovations

It has been great to get started on renovating our children's wing, but there's so much to do! We have plans for flooring and furnishing for the 5th level, and I've heard exciting ideas for the nursery. But all of those projects take money. Please consider donating to the Capital Improvements Fund!

Matt