



THE CORNERSTONE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH THOMSON

*Loving God, Loving People,
Making Disciples of Jesus*

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Join us as we celebrate
Rev. Ben Tarver's

10th Anniversary

March 3rd
Immediately Following Worship

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 25

12:00-12:45 Holy Week Luncheon @ TPC
Dr. Leslie Holmes (TPC)

Tuesday, March 26

12:00-12:45 Holy Week Luncheon @ TPC
Dr. David Lambert (FBC)

Wednesday, March 27

12:00-12:45 Holy Week Luncheon @ TPC
Dr. Steve Dodson (TFMC)

Thursday, March 28

6:00 PM Seder Meal

Friday, March 29

5:30 PM Cross procession from
TFMC to FBC

Sunday, March 31

7:00 AM Sunrise Service
Savannah Valley Memorial Gardens
Dr. Leslie Holmes (TPC)
8:15 First Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Second Service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
THOMSON, GEORGIA
**WILD GAME
SUPPER
AND
EXPO**
FAITH FELLOWSHIP FOOD

MARCH 16TH
5-8PM
SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

MARCH 10-17

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
OFFERING GOAL: \$11,500

Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

As we “March” toward Easter this month, there are lots of stops along the way to reach our community with the Gospel, celebrate what God is doing in our church, support North American missions, and worship the Risen Christ.

Celebrating Ben Tarver’s 10th Anniversary. Ten years ago our church welcomed Ben and Christy Tarver and their daughter Maeleigh. Since then, we have watched both Ben’s ministry and his family grow. We want to show Ben, Christy, Maeleigh, Ellie Ruth, and Caleb how much we love and appreciate them and the ways they have helped us reach the next generation and strengthen families. It wasn’t easy stepping into this position, with the former youth pastor sticking around to be his boss! But Ben has not only been a man of grace about that, but has become a great help, encourager, and friend in ministry. Join us for this day of celebration on March 3 in worship and for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Community Outreach. You can find out details about the Wild Game Supper and Upward Basketball Awards Night in Matt and Ben’s articles. But I just want to encourage you to pray about these vital opportunities to share the Gospel with the lost and reach new families for our church. I especially hope you’ll invite your family and friends to come to the Wild Game Supper on March 16! I also would like you to pray for me and the other pastors preaching at the *Unify! Community-wide Tent Revival* that New Hope Baptist Church is putting on March 17-20. I’ll be preaching on Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 PM and would love to see you there!

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We will be lifting our voices together in prayer the week of March 10-17 for God’s work through the North American Mission Board to help us reach our neighbors and the nations who have come to our doorsteps. I pray you’ll give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our church’s goal is \$11,500 this year.

Holy Week/Seder Meal/Easter. Check out the schedule in this newsletter. We have a fantastic week of worship, fellowship, and discipleship opportunities. I hope you can join us for the lunches, Monday through Wednesday, at Thomson Presbyterian, for the Cross Procession on Good Friday, and especially for the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday. Reservations will be required at \$5/person to make sure we have enough food for everyone. It is a unique experience to partake of the same meal Jesus and His disciples partook when He instituted the Lord’s Supper. And we’ll learn how the Passover was all about what Jesus would come to do for us on the Cross. I also hope you’ll invite someone to come with you on Easter Sunday to one of our two services (8:15 and 10:45). Remember, Easter is a natural time when unchurched and lost people are most open to coming to church and hearing the Gospel.

David

Dr. Matt Ward

A Wild Game Supper on March 16

For my part, this is the big news of the month. We want you to help us spread the word — **invite your friends**; certainly invite your friends who don't go to church and may not know Jesus!

Here's a "sales pitch":

- Free dinner at 6:00.
- Door prizes awarded throughout, including a pellet grill, a shotgun, Yeti coolers, and more.
- Fun demonstrations of dog training.

This is going to be a great time. We want everybody there. Here's the schedule to tell everyone:

- 5:00 — first demo and the expo opens
- 6:00 — dinner and door prizes
- 7:00 — Send Me Dog Ministries
- 8:00 — grand prizes awarded

And as you might guess, we still need help.

- Will you bring a dessert?
- Will you help set up or carry food?
- Will you help clean up?

If the answer to any of those questions is yes, please let me (Matt Ward mward@fbcthomson.org) know. We have a list of names that we have been compiling, and we would love to add your name to it. When we get to a couple of weeks out, we will be in touch with everyone to announce our all-hands meeting where everyone can ask their questions and see who they'll be working with.

We will be opening the kitchen to **receive food on Thursday March 14**. If you haven't confirmed what you're bringing to me or Drue, please do so. We want to have the food on hand in enough time to know what we need from the store (if anything).

A lot of great preparation has been done. We have great door prizes, program, decorations, and food promises. The planning team has worked very hard. Now, we just need the people to come! We will make flyers and posters available to anyone who wants to put some up around town. Pick them up when you're at church.

Most importantly, already be praying that our guests will hear the good news about Jesus with open ears. May He be glorified in everything we do with our Wild Game Supper!

Women's Inspirational Event and Dinner on March 25

We hosted this Associational event last year, and everyone had a great time. We had two very impressive presentations from local ministries who are doing great work in the name of Jesus in the CSRA, and it's safe to say that we were all very inspired.

This year, the event will be hosted at **Dearing Baptist at 6:30**. Dinner is provided, and the event is free. Come and spend a great evening with your friends in our local Baptist churches.



Matt

Rev. Ben Tarver

Upward Basketball is celebrating our 20th year at First Baptist Church and having our season-ending celebration night on Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 PM. Over the past twenty years, we have had 2,283 participants go through our program - amazing! This year's celebration will be a Game Night with players and coaches competing against one another in fun and zany games! We also recognize all of our players/volunteers, have giveaway prizes, and most importantly, share the gospel to players and families. Pray that the Lord will move in a powerful way!

First Baptist Church is hosting our first ever Marriage Conference on April 19 and 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Ministry couple, writers and speakers Adam and Sarah Rice will deliver engaging and practical wisdom from God's word for husbands and wives. There will be breakout sessions, a fun couples game, and bowling/Top Golf in Augusta. The cost is only \$75 per couple, including food and the Augusta activity. This is a great opportunity for couples to grow spiritually and emotionally together towards the Lord. Please register/pay on the church website or main office today!

Our Cornerstone Preschool registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. We have seen our preschool grow so much in the last few years and are anticipating growing even more next year. If you or someone you know has a preschool age child, I cannot recommend our preschool program highly enough. All three of my own children went through our preschool program and had such wonderful experiences and learned so much. If you have questions I would encourage you to call Laura Wall. To register, please visit our website (www.fbcthomson.org).

Ben

Last Month

| We Came | Morning Worship (in person) | Morning Worship (online) | Sunday School | We Gave |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| January 28 | 278 | 253 | 229 | \$16,770.00 |
| February 4 | 277 | 279 | 222 | \$21,704.00 |
| February 11 | 288 | 221 | 220 | \$12,981.00 |
| February 18 | 253 | 245 | 203 | \$15,477.09 |
| BUDGET | | NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS | | |
| Required | \$79,443.08 | Cap. Improvements | \$1,191.00 | |
| Received | \$66,768.75 | Ferguson Property | \$316.00 | |
| Disbursed | \$66,508.02 | Go & Tell Mission Fund | \$2,279.50 | |

End-of- January Final Finances



Awards Night
Saturday, March 9
5:00 PM
Sanctuary

Family Fun Night & Fundraiser

Monday, March 11
6-8 PM
\$10 for unlimited
golf and laser tag



Putt-Putt Fun Center
3763 Martinez Blvd.
Augusta, GA

Spring
Forward

Daylight Savings
Time Begins
March 10



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, March 12
11:00 AM

Speaker: Dr. Leslie Holmes
Pastor at Thomson Presbyterian

RSVP By March 7 at Noon
Cost is \$9.50




Cornerstone Preschool

Cornerstone Preschool Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year.

To register, please visit our website.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Marriage Conference

Guest speakers
ADAM AND SARAH RICE



\$75/Couple
April 19-20

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

Visit fbethomson.org to register
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 1

\$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

March 6
Pork Chops
Kids: Un crustables

March 13
Lasagna

March 20
Hamburger Steaks
Kids: Hamburgers

March 27
Pizza and Salad

MARCH MINISTRY



Pop-top cans of meals
for backpacks for
Appalachia

MARCH

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| 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 |

March 2, 2024

Upward Basketball Games

March 3, 2024

Name Tag Sunday

12:00 PM Anniversary Lunch for Ben Tarver

March 9, 2024

Upward Basketball Games

5:00 PM Upward Awards Night

March 11, 2024

6:00 PM Putt-Putt Family Night in Augusta

March 12, 2024

11:00 AM Young at Heart

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting

March 16, 2024

Wild Game Supper

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday (Kids Annie Armstrong Offering Collected)

March 25, 2024

Holy Week Luncheon at TPC

March 26, 2024

Holy Week Luncheon at TPC

March 27, 2024

Holy Week Luncheon at TPC

March 28, 2024

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

March 29, 2024

5:30 PM Good Friday Cross Procession (TFMC to FBC)

March 31, 2025

Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Sunrise Service at Savannah Valley Memorial Gardens

8:15 AM First Service

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Second Service