



# THE CORNERSTONE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH THOMSON

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HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*

May 10, 2026  
Free Family Photo



MISSIONS NIGHT  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13  
6:00 PM  
SANCTUARY



TRIBUTE QUARTET



Tribute Quartet in  
Concert

Saturday, May 16  
6:00 PM

Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 17, 2026



# Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

May is shaping up to be another joyful and meaningful month in the life of our church, and I am grateful for all God continues to do among us. We begin the month with the **National Day of Prayer Breakfast** at Thomson Presbyterian Church on **Thursday, May 7, at 6:45 AM**. I hope many of you will join me as believers from across our community gather to thank God for His blessings on our nation and to pray for His wisdom, mercy, and protection. I think you'll agree that in days like these, we need prayer more than ever!

On **Sunday, May 10**, we will celebrate **Mother's Day** and honor mothers, grandmothers, and the many women whose love, faith, and influence have helped shape our lives. In honor of our mothers, we will once again make a donation to the **Go and Tell Fund**, which helps support important mission causes, including the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. We are also thankful that Maggie Allen is once again graciously donating her time and talent to provide **free family photos after worship** in front of the Sanctuary.

**Sunday, May 17** is our **Graduate Recognition Sunday**. If someone in your family is graduating this year from high school, college, or graduate school, please contact the church office and share the details with us. We want to celebrate all of our FBC Thomson graduates and recognize God's faithfulness in their lives.

I am also excited to begin a summer sermon series, **Major Truths from the Minor Prophets**. These books may be small in size, but they carry powerful messages and timeless truths from God's Word. Summer often brings vacations and changing routines, but I want to encourage you to remain faithful in worship and connected to your church family. When you are traveling, enjoy that time. But when you are home, I hope you will make gathering with God's people a priority. Consistency in worship is one of the great ways we keep our hearts strong and our families grounded.

Speaking of grounded...we celebrated a groundbreaking on the **Atrium** renovation on April 19th, and I couldn't be more thrilled by the progress so far. Demolition is complete, and the space already looks dramatically different. Soon we will begin to see fresh paint, new lighting, custom-built cabinetry, an updated welcome desk, and beautiful new tile installed in the weeks ahead. What began years ago as a space designed to bring two buildings together is now being renewed to help bring generations together! I continue to be amazed at how God is guiding every step, providing every need, and stirring the generosity of His people. Please continue to pray, give, and look ahead with joyful anticipation for all God will do through these renewed spaces.

Finally, I want to pause and rejoice in how powerfully God is moving in our church! So far this year, we have welcomed **20 new members** into our church family. Our worship attendance has also been strong, with **300+ becoming the new normal** for the first time in many years, as we averaged well over 300 in both March and April. In addition, our giving remains healthy and growing, and we praise God that we exceeded our **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** goal for North American Missions. God is at work, and it is a joy to witness!

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your love for Christ and His church. These are exciting days at First Baptist Church Thomson, and I believe the Lord has even greater things ahead.



# Dr. Matt Ward

## The Next Step in Building Work Is Here!

The month has arrived. The work in our Atrium was a good test of our flexibility as a church, and y'all have done great. Here is our tentative schedule for the Atrium:

- Sunday 5/3 and Wednesday 5/6—restricted access to the Atrium like this past Sunday.
- Sunday 5/10 (Mother's Day)—the Atrium will NOT be finished yet, but it should be safe to walk through.

But May is also the month that the work begins in our Education Building, and that will require everyone to be even more flexible. Here is our **tentative** schedule:

- Saturday 5/16—**workday** to clear out everything left on the Fifth Level (except for the Sunday School tables and chairs).
- Sunday 5/17—our last Sunday on the “old” Fifth Level.
- Monday 5/18—work begins on the Fifth Level **and** in the Chapel.
- Sunday 5/24 and Wednesday 5/27—the Fifth Level and the Chapel will not be available for a number of months.

Parents—catch those dates. This affects older pre-K and elementary Sunday School, as well as older Children's Church. Ben will let everybody know where the temporary backup locations for each ministry will be.

And for everybody—remember that this project includes updating the electrical, updating the plumbing, and adding fire sprinklers. That means that during the next few months, ceiling tiles may be down, and walls that have been repaired may not be painted. We will all be quite flexible with the work so it can be done as effectively and cost efficiently as reasonable.

Pray with us that this work goes smoothly and that nothing unexpected happens. I'm so excited!

## Our Next Concert is Saturday May 16!

We have a workday that morning, and a concert that evening! These guys have been here before, and we love them. Everyone who loves southern gospel wants to come to this free concert, and bring your friends! The concert is at 6:00 and doors open at 5:00.



*Matt*

# Rev. Ben Tarver

As we step into May and look toward the summer months, there is a great deal happening in the life of our church—especially for our children, students, and families. This is a strategic and exciting season, and we want everyone to be aware, involved, and prayerfully engaged.

One of the key moments this month will be **Graduate Sunday on May 17**. This will be a special time for us as a church family to recognize and celebrate those who are completing significant milestones in their education. We especially want to include our college, graduate school, and other upper-level graduates, along with high school seniors.

If you or someone in your family is graduating—whether as a **Spring 2026 graduate or even a Winter graduate from this past academic year**—we want to make sure they are included. Please help us by submitting their information as soon as possible so we can recognize them well. We are looking to gather basic details such as name, school, degree (if applicable), and future plans.

As the school year wraps up, continue to pray for a strong finish for our teachers, students, and Cornerstone Preschool. This time of year can be demanding, and we want to support them in prayer as they complete the year well.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for a full summer of ministry opportunities. Our leadership team is working diligently to plan and organize events that will help us invest intentionally in the next generation.

A major highlight will be **Youth Camp (May 31–June 5)**—a powerful week set aside for students to grow in their faith through God’s Word, worship, and community. We also look forward to **CentriKid Camp (July 18–20 at Gardner-Webb University)**, where our children will have a fun, gospel-centered camp experience designed just for them.

In addition to these camps, we will be offering a variety of summer events for kids and students of all ages. These gatherings are designed not just for fun, but for meaningful discipleship and connection. We encourage families to stay engaged and make these opportunities a priority.

To help with that, keep an eye out for our upcoming **summer schedule magnets**—a simple tool to place in your home so you can keep these dates visible and plan ahead in the midst of a busy season.

This is a season full of opportunity. Let’s move into it together—celebrating milestones, investing in the next generation, and trusting the Lord to do more than we can ask or imagine.

*Ben*

**Last Month**

We Came	Morning Worship (in person)	Morning Worship (online)	Sunday School	We Gave
March 29	332	719	255	\$18,036.00
April 5	479	385	243	\$36,807.19
April 12	272	250	211	\$15,221.00
April 19	310	396	262	\$19,103.19
April 26	322	401	247	\$14,568.00
BUDGET		NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS		
Required	\$259,883.00	Cap. Improvements	\$2,075.00	
Received	\$239,716.33	Vision Implementation	\$68,552.57	
Disbursed	\$243,923.18	Go & Tell Mission Fund	\$7,586.00	

**End-of-March  
Final  
Finances**

MAY 6:  
NORMAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MAY 13:  
MISSIONS NIGHT, 6 PM, SANCTUARY

MAY 20:  
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

MAY 27:  
ADULTS- BIBLE STUDY, FH  
YOUTH- SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY  
TEAMKID- SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY  
TINYKID- SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY  
TINYTOTS- BUBBLE PLAY

**Young @ Heart**

**Tuesday, May 12  
11:00 AM**

**Speaker: Mr. Mike Lloyd**

**RSVP By May 7 at Noon  
Cost is \$10.00**



**Cornerstone Preschool  
Advancement Ceremony  
May 14  
6:00 PM  
FBC Sanctuary**

**NATIONAL DAY OF  
PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**

**May 7, 2026 | 6:45 AM  
Thomson Presbyterian  
Church**

**5TH FLOOR  
WORK DAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16  
8 AM -12 PM**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP CLEARING THE  
5TH FLOOR SO THAT DEMO WORK CAN  
BEGIN!**

*The church office will be  
closed Monday, May 25  
in observance of  
Memorial Day and in  
honor of all who have  
served our country.*

**\$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 6  
Taco Bar**

**May 13  
Kents Club Sandwiches**

**May 27  
BBQ Pork**

**Monthly Ministry**  
**May**  
**School Supplies**

**You can also donate to  
the Monthly Ministry  
fund online.**





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)
		<b>Women's Study, Craft Room</b>
		<b>Men's Study, Parlor</b>
		Elevate (7-10 Grade), Warehouse
		TeamKID (1-6 Grade), Gym
		TinyKID (K4-K5), Chapel
		TinyTots (2-3), Nursery
	7:15	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
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 3, 2026**  
Kids Campaign Banks Due Back  
Name Tag Sunday
- May 7, 2026**  
6:45 AM National Day of Prayer Breakfast, TPC
- May 9, 2026**  
10:00 AM Senior Adult Trip to Meadow Garden
- May 10, 2026**  
**Mother's Day**  
Family Photos by Maggie Allen
- May 11, 2026**  
6:00 PM Property and Space Committee Meeting
- May 12, 2026**  
11:00 AM Young at Heart  
6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting
- May 13, 2026**  
6:00 PM Missions Night
- May 14, 2026**  
6:00 PM CPS Advancement Ceremony
- May 16, 2026**  
8:00 AM 5th Floor Work Day  
6:00 PM Tribute Quartet Concert
- May 17, 2026**  
Graduate Sunday
- May 20, 2026**  
No Evening Activities
- May 25, 2026**  
Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
- May 27, 2026**  
Summer Programs Kick Off
- May 31- June 5, 2026**  
Youth Camp