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HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 15, 2022



Sunday School
**BIG
BREAKFAST**

May 22, 9:00 AM

Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

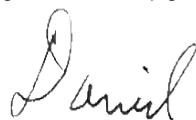
In the words of Paul, “I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” (Philippians 1:3, 5). What a fantastic month of gospel ministry and God-glorifying worship! Holy Week 2022 was so well-attended, with such a great energy and excitement, that it’s almost like the past two years of COVID never happened! Our Cross Procession was one of the best attended I can remember, especially with so many families with their young children. This is a tradition that can forever be in their minds and hearts. We had 450 in worship on Easter Sunday, in person! Praise be to God for the hunger and thirst people have to worship Him together with His people here at FBC Thomson.

The Spring Eggstravaganza was a complete success and a blessing to so many in our community. I’m so thankful for our Go and Tell team’s creativity and hard work. I wish there was a way to count the people who were in our park that day—well over 150 kids at least, not to mention all the adults. And they were on our campus for hours, getting in touch with community resources, hearing the Gospel, meeting our FBC family, and having fun. It was an amazing event!

May brings even more opportunities for us to worship and celebrate together! We have something special EVERY Sunday this month! The CHAMPS luncheon on the 1st to find out more about a great way adults can bless our children and help them grow as disciples of Jesus; two services on Mother’s Day on the 8th with a child/family dedication in our second service; Graduate recognition Sunday on the 15th; Big Breakfast during Sunday School and the Lord’s Supper in worship on the 22nd; and a baptism service on the 29th. Pray for each of these special Sundays, invite someone to join you, and be in worship each week!

Also in May, we will observe the National Day of Prayer together in the Fellowship Hall, May 5 at 7 AM. We’ll enjoy breakfast together and spend time praying for our nation and community. Missions Recognition night on May 11 will be an interactive way to discover what our children have been doing and learning in TinyKID and TeamKID this year. Our Cornerstone Preschool’s advancement ceremony is at 6:00 PM on the 12th—and any church member is welcome to attend. Then we kick-off our summer Wednesday schedule on May 25. For adults, we’ll be watching and discussing the Second Season of The Chosen. You don’t want to miss this amazing portrayal of Jesus’ ministry. There is no book to buy—just come, watch, learn, and discuss.

Whew! April was busy in a blessed way, and so will May be. But I rejoice with great anticipation of all God is going to continue to do in and through our church family. These are exciting days at FBC Thomson—and even more exciting days are to come. God bless you. It’s a joy and honor to be your lead pastor.



Dr. Matt Ward

Spring Eggstravaganza Retrospective

Wow — the Go and Tell Team is so thankful for your support of this event as well as how well it was attended. In our church's values, we see the importance of family, community, and gospel, and this event strove to reflect each of them. We learned some valuable lessons (port-a-potties!), and we feel like we are on the right track. We had four egg hunts, and each one had about as many kids as the single hunt from years past. It's impossible to say how many people attended, but at any given moment, more than 300 people were on campus, and people came and went the whole time. Thank you again for helping make this event possible; we will try to make it even better next year!



National Day of Prayer Breakfast — May 5 (7:00 AM)

The National Day of Prayer is **May 5**. We have not heard about a community-wide event, but we stand in solidarity with those who believe that Americans need to pray for America, so we ask our church members to join us. It will be a simple event; we will start at **7:00**, have a little breakfast, and spend time in prayer. There should be no trouble making it to work by 8:00!

Sunday School Big Breakfast — May 22 (9:00 AM)

We wanted to have a group gathering to celebrate our year of Sunday School (and kick off the summer). There's no perfect weekend to do it; something else is going on just about every weekend. So—if you're in town, we'd love for you to join us for a Sunday School breakfast on **May 22**. We will follow the usual plan: we will tap 2-3 classes to cook/set out a simple breakfast; we will eat at **9:00** (*everyone* is invited, including the kids) in the Fellowship Hall; at around 9:30, we will have a short program to thank and pray for our Sunday School leaders and then dismiss the kids to their classes. All other classes are invited to stay for a joint Sunday School. This year, we will be studying 2 Thess 2:13-3:5 about **prayer**, and that's an easy topic to study as a group.

Building/Campus Update

Apparently, "living in the future" means "everything takes longer than it used to". But good things are still happening around our facility! The Warehouse restrooms have been completely redone, and everyone is thrilled with the new look. By the time you read this, the ladies' restroom next to the gym should be pretty much finished and back online (thank you for your patience). The Sanctuary HVAC is a conundrum. The Property and Space Committee started receiving replacement bids *last* December, but even though we have approved a bid, the old system decided it didn't want to wait around until the new system was ready. We are getting opinions on how to keep the old system limping along. We assure you that everyone's comfort is our priority!

Rev. Ben Tarver

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year and the beginning of summer! There are many exciting things coming up for children and family! Wednesday, May 11, is the last day of our regular Wednesday night programs. The children have a Missions Night Program to share with parents and adults. It will be an interactive night as adults go to different stations and see what our children do. Youth will have an end of school year Elevate party at the Warehouse with games and food! A schedule will be given out to children and youth that evening with upcoming summer events and activities. I am thankful for our leaders and their investment into children, youth, and families!

I am also thankful for the C.H.A.M.P.S. ministry launching soon! We have several mentors committed to partnering with a child (and their family) at our church and showing them the love of Jesus. If you have been in prayer about joining this ministry and have further questions, then please call, or drop by the church office. We have an information packet, and I would love to talk to you more about it.

The youth have a Money Wall fundraiser in the atrium where our Faith @ Home Center is usually located. This fundraiser has pockets with envelopes listed 1-100. If you select a number, you are committing to give that monetary amount for our summer camp at Look Up Lodge in Travelers Rest, SC. This camp is located on a beautiful lakeside and woods property with zip lines, swimming area, an obstacle course, chapel and more. It is a new location for our youth and comes highly recommended by the Georgia Baptist Convention. Please stop by the atrium, take an envelope, insert the designated amount of money into the envelope and drop it off at the sanctuary offering box or upstairs in the church office. There is also a prayer magnet for our youth and thank you card in each pocket. Be sure to take those with you and again, thank you for your support!

Mission:McDuffie is coming June 5-9. This year, along with the yard work and construction projects, there will be a backyard Bible Club (VBS) and sports camp option. Youth (completed 6th-12th) grade can register online at www.missionmcduffie.com and select their preference of where they would like to serve. We will try our best to accommodate! There will also be evening fellowship events after the morning work time each day. Be sure to register your child online, and be watching for more information!

Ben

Last Month

We Came	Morning Worship	Sunday School	Wednesday	We Gave
March 27	457	187	83	\$14,768.00
April 3	233	160	80	\$21,881.00
April 10	316	161		\$17,309.00
April 17	525	200	83	\$16,386.17
April 24	266	187	75	\$11,902.00
BUDGET		NON-BUDGET		
Required	\$221,705.01	Cap. Improvements	YTD \$6,244.00	
Received	\$204,048.18	Ferguson Property	YTD \$1,210.00	
Disbursed	\$189,952.40	Go & Tell Mission Fund	YTD \$7,590.00	

***End-of-March
Final
Finances***



Cornerstone Preschool

Cornerstone Preschool Advancement
Ceremony
May 12, 6:00 PM

\$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*

May 4

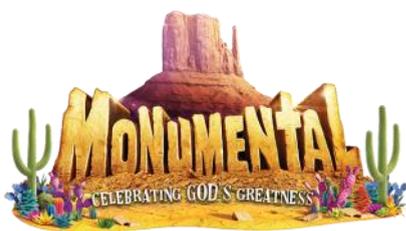
Baked Potato and Salad

May 11

Meatloaf

May 25

Chick-fil-A



VBS

K4- 6th grade

June 19-23, 6-8:30 PM

Family Night June 24, 6-8:30 PM

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



National Day of Prayer Breakfast

May 5, 7:00 AM
Fellowship Hall



May 8

First Service- 8:15 AM

Sunday School- 9:30 AM

Second Service- 10:45 AM

FREE Family Photo!



May 29, 2022

If you have never been baptized, we would love for you to be a part of this special service! Contact the church office for more information.

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, May 10

Speaker: David Lambert

Last one until September!

May Ministry Donation:

Mission: McDuffie Supplies
Paint roller covers, brushes, trays.
We also need to borrow: ladders
and yard tools.





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
 7:00 Evening Walking Group, Indoor Walking Track

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
 7:00 Evening Walking Group, Indoor Walking Track

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
 5:30 Open Warehouse
 6:00 *Disciples Pathway* (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 *Stand in the Gap* Prayer Group, Parlor
 9:00 Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
 9:00 Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
 7:00 Evening Walking Group, Indoor Walking Track

FRI 9:00 Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
 9:00 Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
 10:00 Stretch & Flex, Gym

Sunday, May 1
 12:00 PM CHAMPS Mentor Lunch
 4:00 PM Nursery Worker Training

Thursday, May 5
 7:00 AM National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, May 8
Mother's Day
 8:15 AM First Service
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Second Service

Tuesday, May 10
 11:00 AM Young At Heart
 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting
 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, May 11
 6:00 PM Missions Night Program

Thursday, May 12
 6:00 PM Cornerstone Preschool Advancement

Sunday, May 15
 8:00 AM Highschool Graduate Breakfast
 10:45 AM Graduate Recognition Service

Wednesday, May 18
 No Wednesday Night Activities

Sunday, May 22
 9:00 AM Big Breakfast and Joint Sunday School
 10:45 AM **Worship with Lord's Supper**
 VBS Registration Begins

Wednesday, May 25
 6:00 PM Summer Programs Start

Sunday, May 29
 10:45 AM Baptism Sunday

Monday, May 30
 Church Office Closed