#### Wade Hasty named FBC Facilities Manager

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Wade Hasty to fill the new part-time position of Facilities Manager of First Baptist Church. Wade has been involved for over nine years with the Tuesday Crew and has faithfully served on the Building and Grounds Committee.

Randy LeBlanc, interim administrator, said, "Wade has been diligent in his role as an extraordinary volunteer and now will use that knowledge and experience to bring coordinated oversight to maintaining our beautiful church campus."



**Wade Hasty** 

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

How do you feel when you have good news to share, maybe it's the news of a new baby, the news of a wedding, or the news of a new job? If you are like me, it's hard keep the news to myself. I want to tell everyone I know so they can be excited about the Good News too.

As followers of Christ, we have the greatest news of all to share with others. We have the news of God's wonderful grace towards sinners. We have the great news that sinners can be forgiven. Let's not hold the greatest news the world has ever heard to ourselves but share it with all we come in contact with on a daily basis.

> Expecting Great Things, **Dustin Biggers** fbccorneliayouth@gmail.com

- Join us for Connection Point on Sunday Mornings at 10 AM. Breakfast will be served. Come join us as we fellowship, worship Christ, and hear from God's Word. We are located on the third floor in the Youth Room.
- Collision Student Ministry meets on Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM. Collision Student Ministry is about our life colliding with our faith. Students can live a life at church and a different life at school, with family, or with friends. Collision Student Ministry is about taking our faith and living it out every day in every situation. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. Snack supper served.
- Please stay tuned for College & Young Adult Ministry February event date!

Renovations complete: New vinyl plank

flooring in the youth suite completes reno-

vations that began in 2020.







The month of January was a real blessing for the Wild Kingdom Children's Ministry. The month marked the start of an incredible new year to grow closer to Christ. As I sit here today, I am overwhelmed with the love and faithfulness that Christ has shown our ministry, and me. That's something the Lord has really reminded me of lately. He is faithful regardless of circumstances.

Over the next month, Wild Kingdom Children will have the opportunity to see and understand they can have a huge impact on the world. As we plan to have our Kindness Blooms Banquet, the children will see they can help people in need, just like Jesus did. Jesus showed us the ultimate help and sacrifice for all. On Wednesday nights, children will get to learn about all the different types of love we see. We will focus mainly on the love that Jesus showed us, which is agape love. On Sunday mornings, children will be introduced to new themes from our Orange Curriculum.

The 252 Club will focus on compassion, and learn the verse Micah 6:8. "The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God."

Ollie's Crew will focus on the bottom line of Jesus Loves Everyone. With the memory verse from 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Do everything in love."



Thank you so much for always supporting our children's ministry. I am often encouraged by how much our church supports and loves our children. This is the future of our church, so I believe it is important we all continue to do so.

If you ever want to be involved with our children's ministry by volunteering please call me or come by the office Monday - Wednesday.

> Blessings. Jameson Deering 770-851-0962

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SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15 AM **FAMILY WORSHIP WITH** 



# **Opportunities This Month...**

- First Sunday Breakfast Sunday, February 6, 9:45 - 10:15 AM (notice time change), in the Banquet Room.
- Kindness Blooms Banquet, Sunday, February 13, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Please turn your reservation card into the front office or to Jameson by Feb. 7. See flyer at right for more information.
- Wednesday Evenings join us for M&M's from 6:00 to 7:15 PM! M&M's is a fun-filled time of Children's Choir, themed activities and Bible study.



#### A Great Big Thank You

Thank you to all who took part in "showering" Victory Home with paper products and gift cards. Victory Home brought a group of 15 men to the Northeast Georgia Veterans & Patriots breakfast meeting at First Baptist Church on January 15. The group was most appreciative of our church's generosity in providing these needed items and to the Veterans & Patriots group for inviting them to attend their meeting. Several of the Victory Home guests were veterans as well. This joint project was a beautiful expression of our church's Agape love. The Victory Home group went home with three large boxes of paper items and \$250 in gift cards. Thank you, thank you, FBC for your dedication to missions not only around the world but also in our own neighborhood.

> Kathy M. Crowe Women on Mission Team

Dear Church Family.

Thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards after my recent surgery. My son Mike and I appreciate you very much.

Sincerely, Loraine Warren

Dinner Eight has been postponed until March due to ongoing COVID concerns. If you are interested in participating in this FBC opportunity to connect, please call Cele LeBlanc, 817-798-1774.

**Prayer Request:** Pastor Jimmy requests prayer for his good friend, Theodor Raychynets, who lives in the Ukraine. Jimmy met "Theo," a pastor and New Testament scholar while on a mission trip in Eastern Europe. Theo recently lost his wife to COVID. Theo and his adult children are struggling with the grief of losing her and the ongoing threat of Russian invasion of their country. Please remember this family in your prayers.

#### MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

# December, 2021

Receipts:.....\$82.603.75 YTD:....\$491.160.42 Expenses:..... \$46,131.39 YTD:....\$490,716.26 Net:....\$36,472.36 YTD:.....\$444.16

Average SS Attendance: 74 Average Worship Attendance: 97

#### **UNIFIED MISSION OFFERING FUND**

#### December, 2021

YTD:..... \$16,528.87 Beginning Balance: .\$28,837.85 Receipts: ...... \$7.397.00 YTD:..... \$63.510.20 YTD:.....(\$55,927.70) Investments:.....(\$12,123.48) Ending Balance: ..... \$24.111.37 YTD:..... \$24.111.37

#### Special Gifts: December, 2021

Memorials: Unified Missions (Benevolence): Dianne Hardy **Unified Missions:** Wes Dodd, Alex Harris, Beth Maney, Cindy Sapp, Hilton Smith

Honoraria: Unified Missions - Shirley Burton, Jane Ferguson, Sarah Gardner, Carol and Wade Hasty, Marlene Kuntz, Glenda Moore

#### **TUESDAY. FEBRUARY 1**

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que 8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew 9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM - Fellowship Meal, reservations required 5:30 PM - Collision Student Ministry 6:00 PM - Wild Kingdom Children 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

PRIMETIMERS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 12 NOON

# **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**



9:45 AM - First Sunday Family Breakfast 10:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Connection Point - Youth 11:00 AM - First Sunday Family Worship

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que 8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew 9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM - Fellowship Meal, reservations required 5:30 PM - Collision Student Ministry 6:00 PM - Wild Kingdom Children 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

10:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Connection Point - Youth 11:00 AM - Worship 12:15 PM - Deacon's Meeting, Friendship Class, RM 211 4:30 PM - Kindness Blooms Banquet,

Fellowship Hall, reservations required

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que 8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew

9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry

#### **WEDNESDAY. FEBRUARY 16**

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM - Fellowship Meal, reservations required 5:30 PM - Collision Student Ministry 6:00 PM - Wild Kingdom Children 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

10:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Connection Point - Youth 11:00 AM - Worship

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

3:00 PM - Book Club, Playground Classroom \*Note New Winter Time

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que 8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew 9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM - Fellowship Meal, reservations required 5:30 PM - Collision Student Ministry 6:00 PM - Wild Kingdom Children 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

10:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Connection Point - Youth 11:00 AM - Worship/Call Sunday

We are in the process of updating our church directory information. If you would like to submit a new photo, update your address, email or cell phone number, please send this information to fbccorneliapub@gmail.com, call, or bring by the church office.

# VIP Sunday School Back at the Oaks



The VIP (Very Important People) Ministry at The Oaks - Scenic View, Baldwin, has resumed after an almost two-year COVID shutdown. "They were very excited that we got it started back. It's working good," said Larry Whitfield, who is one of the ministry's leaders. Larry reports that 20 residents were present on January 23. FBC has a dedicated team of teachers and "rollers," who help with transporting non-ambulatory residents to the service.

There is a need for music on Sunday mornings prior to the Bible lesson. If you can play an instrument or sing, and can donate your time at 9:30 AM one Sunday a month, please contact Larry Whitfield. "The old hymns

are what we do. When they sing these old hymns - they might have dementia - but they know those songs. The mind never forgets," said Larry.

## **February Service Reminder**

# <u>6th</u>

# PATROL

Wade Hasty

**Ushers**Phil McClain
Dennis Tedder
Ed Vaughn Patsy

Vaughn

#### <u>20ta</u> Patrol

**Donald Crowe** 

Ushers
Donald Crowe
Kathy Crowe
Jack Irvin
FBC Youth

### 27tA Patrol

Mitchell Trotter

#### Ushers

Al Carter Jason Hughes Richard McMullan Mark Reed

# FEBRUARY MENUS

BEN BROOKS - FEB. 6

JAMES BURRELL - FEB. 13

BILL CHANDLER - FEB. 20

DONALD CROWE - FEB. 27

DEAC®N OF THE WEEK

13th

**PATROL** 

**Ushers** 

Ed Vaughn

**Grant Bentley** 

Myra Chandler

Larry Whitfield

Steve Doran

Bill Chandler



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#### FEBRUARY 2 Vegetable Beef Soup Potato Soup salad cornbread dessert

FEBRUARY 16 Country Steak & Gravy rice salad rolls

To make meal reservations, call the church office, 706-778-4412 or visit www.fbccornelia.org by Noon Monday.

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#### **MINISTRY STAFF**

Jimmy Lewis
Interim Pastor

#### Randy LeBlanc

Minister of Worship & Music Interim Administrator

# **Dustin Biggers**Interim Youth Minister

Jameson Deering Interim Children's Minister

Mary Turner, Pianist

#### **Ministry Assistants**

Sheila Thomason, Finance Carol Hasty, Church Secretary Becky Hughes, Communications

#### Facilities Manager Wade Hasty

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# A NEW AND BRIGHT FUTURE - JEREMIAH 29:11 by the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Lewis,

GOOD TIDINGS

325 Oak Street, (706) 778-4412 Newsletter Volume 41, #2 **February 2022** 

OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORNELIA

Interim Pastor, FBC Cornelia

First Baptist Church of Cornelia is entering a new chapter in her history. The new chapter is under the leadership of a new pastor. You will have an opportunity to start fresh and have a new dream for the future. Jeremiah 29:11 offers these encouraging words:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah makes this promise to the nation of Israel after a particularly difficult time in her history. The purpose of his words were to assure the people of God that their future was in the hands of a loving and redemptive God. I would remind you that the church is the Lord's church, and His plans for this church are the same today, as they were in the days of Jeremiah. The Lord wants to prosper this church. He has a purpose and a future for the people of God on this hill in Cornelia. You will have a new leader in the coming days, who will give leadership to the work of the Lord in Cornelia.

Several months ago, we did some research and learned about our community. We learned that our community has changed over the years, and that we have new people living in our community that are different from the people who lived here previously. Your new pastor will be looking for new ways to share the Gospel with these new people, as well as individuals who have lived in the Cornelia area all of their lives. Give him a chance to implement his vision.



"The Lord wants to prosper this church. He has a purpose and a future for the people of God on this hill in Cornelia." - Jimmy Lewis

He will need your prayers, your support, and your encouragement.

I also hope that you will support the pastor's family. While the arrival to a new location is exciting, it can also be very stressful. The family is moving to a new community, and everyone is trying to make new friends. This church is a loving community of believers. Please make every effort to include the pastor and his family in the community, and in your circle of friends.

The Lord has a plan for the church "to prosper you and give you hope and a future." Your part in this plan is determined by your active mission spirit. Sandra and I pray God's blessings on you as you begin this new adventure!

Save the date for Call Sunday, February 27. A pastoral candidate brochure and Call Weekend schedule of events will be mailed to the congregation prior to that date.