2022 Graduates



Joseph Ray Carr

After graduating from Habersham Central with honors, Ray plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall, majoring in business management.



Gracie Caudell

After graduating cum laude from the University of Georgia with a degree in public relations and a certificate in legal studies, Gracie plans to attend law school in the fall.



Smith Caudell

After graduating from Habersham Central with honors, Smith has accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.



Owen Evans

After graduating from Banks County High School, Owen will continue working in the family business, Premier Contract Carpets.



Madison Bree Kirkland

After graduating from Habersham Central with honors, Madison plans to attend Lanier Technical College to study computer science.



Meghan Elizabeth Kirkland

After graduating from Anderson University with a degree in vocal performance and a business minor, Meghan will continue her work with First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, ŠC.



Jacob Trotter

Jacob has earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in piano performance from Young Harris College.



Jameson Deering & Kylie Williford

Jameson Deering graduates from Truett McConnell University with a degree in Christian studies. He has served has FBC's Interim Children's Minister. Kylie Williford graduates from the University of North Georgia with a degree in early childhood education. Kylie volunteers with FBC's children's ministry.



In the spring of 2021, we began searching for an interim children's minister to serve a one year term. This was a daunting task as this individual would not only be required to lead groups of children of varying ages in life-applicable Bible study, but also recruit and organize volunteers, prepare materials for classes, plan and supervise activities, and organize and execute numerous children's events, all while ensuring the safety and spiritual growth of our church's youngest worshippers. Whew! After much prayer and discussion, we came to the conclusion that God had prepared Jameson Deering for this task and sent him to us.

During the past year, Jameson has proven to be a wonderful asset to the Wild Kingdom Kids Ministry. He has gladly accepted any task asked of him, some of them definitely beyond the call of duty (i.e. being pie-d in the face on his first day and becoming a human ice cream sundae during VBS). He has truly taken a personal interest in the lives of the children, attending numerous sporting events and birthday parties. His most impressive achievement may be the fact that he has endured a year of working with the children's committee. The completion of his year with us is bittersweet. We are saddened that his time with us is over, but we are filled with anticipation to see the wonderful ways God will use him in the future.

We love you, Mr. Jameson, and wish you the very best in all of your adventures yet to

Love, the Wild Kingdom Kids & the Children's Committee

Marlee Fleming, Chair Leigh Thomas, Secretary Lauren Hill **Bridget Hilliard** Millie Sheffield Nicole Souther





Jameson Deering is pictured at the April Easter Egg Hunt (held indoors due to inclement weather) with some of his Wild Kingdom

As this is my last month with FBC children's ministry I would like to reflect on what I have learned over the past year. This was my first position as a leader in ministry, and it came with great opportunities and great challenges. I am thankful for both the opportunities and the challenges that I have faced this year. The opportunities to minister, guide, and love these kids and volunteers have been a blessing to me. The challenges of learning what all goes on in ministry has stretched me to grow to become a better leader. The best way to learn is to go straight into the challenge and face it! With all that being said, I would like to thank you all for supporting me, helping me, and loving me through this time. I have learned so much from so many great people at this church. I am thankful God called me here during this time of my life.

Love, Jameson FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Cornelia, GA

FBC Youth

SUNDAYS 10 AM

FBC Youth Ministry will wrap up our regular Wednesday night of activities on May 11, with an ax throwing party at Ax Armory in downtown Cornelia. Please see the ad below. We are planning several fun summer events which we will announce in the coming weeks. Our middle and high schoolers will continue to meet for Sunday school at 10:00 AM each Sunday morning. This class is currently led by Carrie Trotter and Becky Hughes. We will continue the Fire & Faithfulness

study by Sadie Robertson Huff of Duck Dynasty fame. Join us for a light breakfast as we unpack the power of influence.







MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

March. 2022

Receipts: \$40,975.47 YTD:....\$114,655.35 Expenses:......\$64,999.57 YTD:....\$142.772.08 Net:....(\$24,024.10) YTD:..... (\$28,116.73)

Average SS Attendance: 69 Average Worship Attendance: 88

UNIFIED MISSION OFFERING FUND

March, 2022

YTD:..... \$19,531.57 Beginning Balance: .\$30,107.92 YTD:..... \$28,580.66 Receipts: \$8,057.00 YTD:.....(\$15.020.11) Investments:.....(\$5.073.00) Ending Balance: \$33,091.92 YTD:.....\$33,091.92

Special Gifts: March, 2022

Memorials: Ministry Budget - Mildred Hardy

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SUNDAY, MAY 1



9:45 AM - First Sunday Breakfast. Banquet Room: Everyone Invited 10:00 AM - Sunday School - all ages 11:00 AM - First Sunday Family Worship 12:15 PM - LADIES LAUGH & LEARN LUNCHEON

TUESDAY. MAY 3

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

9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

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

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY. MAY 5

1:00 PM - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVANCE, **BIG RED APPLE. DOWNTOWN CORNELIA PASTOR NATHAN PARTICIPATING**

SUNDAY. MAY 8

MOTHER'S DAY

10:00 AM - Sunday School - all ages 11:00 AM - Worship

TUESDAY. MAY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM - Fellowship Meal, reservations required 5:30 PM - Youth Ministry

6:00 - 7:00 PM - WK CHILDREN'S EVENT TO HONOR JAMESON DEERING, FBC GYM

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

* Please note: this will be the last night of Wednesday Night Suppers; Children & Youth activities before Summer Break.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

10:00 AM - Sunday School - all ages 11:00 AM - Worship 12:15 PM - DEACON'S MEETING, **FELLOWSHIP HALL**

MONDAY, MAY 16

Book Club at the home of Gail Denny more details to come

TUESDAY, MAY 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MAY 22

10:00 AM - Sunday School 10:15-10:45 AM - 2022 GRADUATION FELLOWSHIP. **WELCOME ROOM** 11:00 AM - Worship

TUESDAY, MAY 24

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

6:30 PM - NGTC ESL Award Ceremony, Sanctuary, Everyone Invited

WEDNESDAY. MAY 25

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall *Last Wednesday morning Bible study before Summer Break

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal will continue through June

SUNDAY. MAY 29

10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship

MONDAY. MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY. MAY 31

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

Dear FBC Cornelia.

You were so thoughtful to remember Jimmy and me with the special gifts on our last Sunday with you. I am trying to find ways to keep the colorful flowers alive, and you will always be in Jimmy's thoughts as he uses the beautiful fountain pen. We enjoyed our time of ministry with you.

We love you!

Sandra & Jimmy Lewis

May Service Reminder

1st

PATROL

Wade Hasty

Ushers Phil McClain Dennis Tedder

Ed Vaughn

Patsy Vaughn

Ushers **Grant Bentley** Bill Chandler Myra Chandler Steve Doran Larry Whitfield

8th

PATROL

Ed Vaughn

15th

PATROL

Donald Crowe Ushers

Donald Crowe Kathy Crowe Jack Irvin FBC Youth

22nd PATROL

Mitchell Trotter

Ushers

29th

Al Carter Jason Hughes Richard McMullan Mark Reed

PATROL

Jason Hughes

Ushers

Joseph Hilliard Cheryl Parker Michael Parker Wayne Worsham

DEAC®N OF THE WEEK WEEK

RHETT WEAVER MAY 1 LARRY WHITFIELD MAY 8 BEN BROOKS MAY 15 JAMES BURRELL MAY 22 BILL CHANDLER **MAY 29**



First Baptist Church Cornelia, Georgia

May Menus



MAY 11 Spaghetti Night meat sauce noodles salad garlic bread dessert

MAY 4

dessert

/e will take a summer break afte lay 11 and return in August with Vednesday Night Suppers.

Prices
Adults - \$7; Children (3-12) - \$5
Catering by the Food Factory

MINISTRY STAFF

Nathan LaShoto Pastor

Randy LeBlanc

Minister of Worship & Music Interim Administrator

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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GOOD TIDINGS

OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORNELIA

325 Oak Street, (706) 778-4412 Newsletter Volume 41, #5 **May 2022**

ear Church, For most of us, new seasons appear fresh, and vibrant, and for others it appears challenging and may cause a small tremor of fear from within. In the Wisdom Literature section of our Bible, the writer of Ecclesiastes explores the nature of living and new

seasons. According to Ecclesiastes, life is supposed to look like seasons. There should be movement, birth, death, dancing, mourning, laughing, crying, graduations, and growth. Life is meant to be dynamic and changing. In other words, life is meant to look like seasons.

Part of being a healthy person is rec-

ognizing the seasons of life, which come and go. Life is temporary, dynamic, and changing. When we realize that one season is ending and a new one is beginning, sometimes there is some grief, because the way things were is gone. New seasons can be exciting, but they can also be scary because you are leaving how it was. Often, we are leaving the known and comfortable for the new and unfamiliar. Only when we stop looking back at our past blessings of previous seasons can we see the new blessings of the new season.

When we let go of the past season, we are in the right place to open our hands and receive the blessing of a new season.

On Sunday May 22, we will be honoring and praying for those among us who are graduating in the worship service. These people are moving from one season of living to a new

season. As we celebrate their success, we want to honor them with a breakfast and a time of fellowship from 10:15 - 10:45 in the Welcome Room. Please stop by and offer an encouraging word and a blessing. As these graduates prepare to enter a new season of living, the church would like to present each graduate with a Bible that is personalized by their Church family.

The graduates' Bibles will be in the church office until May 22, when they will be placed in the Welcome Room. I would like to encourage each of you to stop by the office in the preceding week or you may stop by the Welcome Room on May 22, and sign the inside of their Bible, or you may leave a note inside their Bible to encourage them in their new season. Our goal is to let these graduates know their Church Family loves them and is praying for God's direction in this new season of life.

> Your friend and pastor, Nathan

Please be in prayer for our 2022 graduates:

Class of 2022

10:15-10:45 AM, MAY 22

FBC WELCOME ROOM

RAY CARR, HABERSHAM CENTRAL; GRACIE CAUDELL, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA; SMITH CAUDELL, HABERSHAM CENTRAL; OWEN EVANS, BANKS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL: MADISON KIRKLAND, HABERSHAM CENTRAL: MEGHAN KIRKLAND, ANDERSON UNIVERSITY; JACOB TROTTER, YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE, JAMESON DEERING, TRUETT McCONNELL UNIVERSITY; KYLIE WILLIFORD, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA.

For more on our graduates, please see page 2...