

As I reflect on our Sanctuary Choir/Orchestra Christmas concert, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to our gracious God who allows me to be a part of this wonderful time of worship and community outreach. I offer my thanks here for the multitude of people who gave their time and energy to make the concert a great success: the church staff, Tuesday Crew, stage construction crew, Decorations Committee, and all who financially support our church. - Randy



Photo by Olga Vyrjikovskaia

Congratulations Graduates! 🎓



Pastor Nathan LaShoto earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology.



Carrie Trotter earned her Masters in Educational Leadership from Kennesaw State University.



Our Wild Kingdom Children enjoyed a December to remember beginning with their successful musical on Dec. 11, *The Colors of Christmas*. Thanks to everyone - pictured right - who made it possible! On Dec. 14, children and families enjoyed a story time and visit to Pastor Nathan's office where he and Kristen read Christmas stories to them, picture below left. Afterwards, everyone headed outside for s'mores and hot chocolate. Finally, FBC families and friends celebrated the season with a trip to the Smoky Mountain Center in Franklin, NC, to see *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer the Musical*, photo below right.



FBC IN THE COMMUNITY

FBC hosted 184 local families who came through our gym and banquet room to select coats and toys provided through Habersham County Family Connection coat distribution in conjunction with Habersham County Kiwanis Club's Toys for Kids distribution. Donna Barrett, Habersham County Family Connection Executive Director wrote, "This event would not be made possible without the assistance of First Baptist Church and the ESOL participants. Habersham County 4-H program, Habersham County School System, Social Workers and Mental Health Specialist, Mr. Zach Hurley's class at HCHS, Habersham County Department of Family and Children Services, Family Resource Center, Habersham County Farm Bureau/Women's Committee and other volunteers."



Picture above left, Lee Kilby, Family Connection Administrative Assistant, left, Donna Barrett, Family Connection Executive Director, center, and Cara Galloway, Director of Habersham County Family and Children Services are pictured with coats for distribution to local families. Photo above right, toys are ready for giveaway in the FBC gym, organized by Habersham County Kiwanis Club.

Treat YOURSELF

Mom's Day Out

January 22

197 CHASE ROAD
CORNELIA, GA 30531

Mom's of all ages and all kinds - whether you mother your own or everyone else's, you are invited to join us for a time of food, fellowship, and relaxation! Be sure to sign up using the link or QR code provided.

Open gym & pizza provided for families while mom is away.

*Nursery will be available.

<https://bit.ly/3GbKcnN>

First Baptist Friends,

On behalf of our whole family, we thank you for the prayers, kind thoughts, generosity and food for Papa Earl's funeral. Earl loved the church and asked about the church every time I went to visit. He greatly valued the friendships he made there.

Love,
The Roberts Family
& Michael, Jennifer,
and Zach Burton

1ST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Everyone Invited!

JANUARY 8
9:45 AM
IN THE BANQUET ROOM

pancakes and pajamas

It's a Boy!

Parker Evans Reid

Born: Nov. 26
8 lbs., 9 oz., 21 in.

Proud parents:
Lindsey Evans & Tim Reid
Richmond, VA

WILD KINGDOM Winter - Sun DAYS

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN EACH SUNDAY STARTING IN JANUARY! COME DRESSED IN THE THEME FOR THE DAY!

JAN 8 PAJAMAS & PANCAKES

Join us for First Sunday Breakfast @9:45am in the banquet room.

JAN 15 DRESS LIKE AN ANIMAL

JAN 22 TWIN DAY

JAN 29 DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE CHARACTER

Church family of all ages are invited to participate! You can wear a themed tie, shirt, or socks. Costumes are allowed too! The children love to see adults dress up too!

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
November, 2022			
Receipts:.....	\$48,920.00	YTD:....	\$440,053.28
Expenses:	\$44,913.22	YTD:....	\$519,619.91
Net:	\$4,006.78	YTD:.....	-\$79,566.63
Average SS Attendance: 67		Average Worship Attendance: 95	
UNIFIED MISSION OFFERING FUND			
November, 2022			
Beginning Balance:..	\$52,148.14	YTD:.....	\$19,531.57
Receipts:.....	\$4,457.00	YTD:.....	\$74,309.38
Investments:	-\$17,012.00	YTD:.....	-\$37,235.61
Ending Balance:	\$39,593.14	YTD:.....	\$39,593.14
Special Gifts: November, 2022			
Memorials: Missions - Dale Blair			
Budget - Dale Blair, Lynette Drew, Hoyt Hooper			
Honoraria: Budget - Doug & Shirley Dillard			

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - WORSHIP



MONDAY, JANUARY 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal
NO OTHER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:45 AM - BREAKFAST/BANQUET RM



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

12:15 PM - Deacons' Meeting, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required
5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 7:00 PM - Children & Youth Groups
6:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:45 AM - AMOS Bible Study Begins,
Playground Classroom
10:00 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Book Club - details TBD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required
5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 7:00 PM - Children & Youth Groups
6:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 AM - Northeast Georgia Brotherhood
of Veterans & Patriots,
breakfast and program,
FBC Fellowship Hall



Breakfast provided by Margaret
Jenkins in memory of her husband
Greg. Navy veteran Ed Brewer will be the
guest speaker. Brewer is a pastor from
Seneca, SC.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

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

Mom's Day Out - see flyer in
Children's section

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

12 Noon - 1:00 PM, Monday Lunch League
a break for working men, Fellowship Hall
Come for pizza and fellowship!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

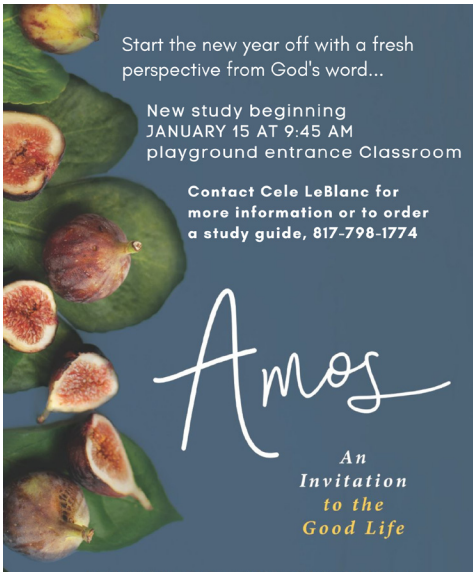
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5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 7:00 PM - Children & Youth Groups
6:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

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



January Service Reminder

1st

PATROL

Wade Hasty

Ushers

Phil McClain
Dennis Tedder
Ed Vaughn
Patsy Vaughn

8th

PATROL

Ed Vaughn

Ushers

Grant Bentley
Bill Chandler
Myra Chandler
Steve Doran
Larry Whitfield

15th

PATROL

Donald Crowe

Ushers

Donald Crowe
Kathy Crowe
Jack Irvin
FBC Youth

22nd

PATROL

Mitchell Trotter

Ushers

Al Carter
Jason Hughes
Richard McMullan
Mark Reed

29th

PATROL

Jason Hughes

Ushers

Joseph Hilliard
Cheryl Parker
Michael Parker
Wayne Worsham

DEACON OF THE WEEK

DON HIGGINS - JAN. 1

SALLY HIGGINS - JAN. 8

JIMMY STAPLETON - JAN. 15

DENNIS TEDDER - JAN. 22

RHETT WEAVER - JAN. 29

Monday Lunch League continued from
cover...

live by our routines and rarely stop and
breathe. If you are a man that needs an
excuse to get out of your home office or
simply away from your desk to recharge,
the Monday Lunch League is for you!
No reservations or sign up needed, just
make your way to the church during your
lunch break.

Our hope is to provide a fellowship expe-
rience for the working men of our church
and community.

On January 23, in the Fellowship Hall,
we will provide a free pizza meal and
drinks, with ESPN playing in the back-
ground. Everything will be prepared and
ready for you, so drop by when it is con-
venient for your lunch break. Stay as long
or as short as you are able. This is a free
meal, however if you feel led to contrib-
ute there will be a donation box to further
support men's activities in the church.
As excited as we are to start the Monday
Lunch League, it is always better when
you are there! Please make sure the men
in your life know about this opportunity!

- Nathan

JANUARY MENUS

January 11

Pulled Pork BBQ
Baked Beans
Chips
Buns
Dessert

January 18

Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

January 25

Taco Bar!
Dessert

Adult: \$8
Children: \$6
Children 5 and
under: FREE
Cash, check,
credit or debit
card excepted

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

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Good Tidings

OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORNELIA

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Happy New Year Church!

I hope you are rested and ready to
take on the changes of a new year.
The first change that most of us

will encounter
revolves around
our Christmas
tree. In Decem-
ber a lot of us
bring a tree into
our house, we
put lights on it,
and sometimes
we put beauti-
ful handmade
ornaments on the
tree. If our tree
is alive we water
it regularly and
check to make
sure it is healthy.
We love our
trees.

In January we
begin our year with change, and one
of the ways we do that is by strip-
ping our tree of all of its precious and
beautiful decorations and placing it
by the trash. Seems kind of harsh for
a tree that we just spent so much time
fawning over. You and I don't put our
tree by the trash because it's ugly, or
it suddenly means nothing to us, but

we put the tree with the trash because
it's a new season, and some things
make sense for the new season and
some things do not make sense for the
new season.

When you realize
that one season ends
and a new one begins
there can be grief,
but there can also
be anticipation, but
there can also be life
and excitement.

One of the things
I am excited about
is entering a new
season of life with
this church. This
does not mean we
are throwing out our
traditions. Rather, I
have asked our staff
to evaluate and fine

tune our church's
mission, vision, and

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logo. This is a prayerful process,
seeking to further enter into God's
calling for this church. Over the next
few months we hope to present these
changes to you!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Nathan

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Monday, January 23, from 12 - 1:00 PM,
FBC will host the Monday Lunch League:
A lunch break and fellowship for working
men.

At First Baptist we have been discussing
all the ways our world has changed since
the pandemic, especially as it relates to
men. Many people who used to have an
office community are working from home.
Others are working just as hard through-
out the week to provide for their families.
Unfortunately, sometimes our work life
can isolate us. For men, myself included,
this can be especially true, as we tend to
Please see Monday Lunch League on back page...

