

Mom's Day Out A SUCCESS!



Our Mom's Day Out was so much fun, Jan. 22! Special thanks to Leigh Thomas, FBC Interim Children's Minister, for coordinating the event; Marlee Fleming for her creative charcuterie board; Cele LeBlanc for Satin Hands demonstration; Millie Sheffield for gel nails and nail care; Bridget Hilliard and Lauren Hill for food and games!

Just for Men!

Treat  
**YOURSELF**  
Men's Day Out

**February 5**  
**12:30 - 3:00**

MEET FOR LUNCH AT  
BIGG DADDY'S, THEN WALK TO  
AXE ARMORY AT 2 PM



Open gym and pizza  
provided for families  
while Dad is away.

To sign up, scan the QR Code,  
follow the link or  
Contact Leigh Thomas  
770-714-4335

<http://bit.ly/3CIL2Xb>

Still time to sign-up!

Nine professional men attended our first **MONDAY LUNCH LEAGUE** on Jan. 23. There was shop talk and sports coverage on ESPN over lunch. Please encourage the professional men in your life to attend the next lunch break on Monday, Feb. 27!





**MONDAY  
LUNCH  
LEAGUE**

A break for  
working men

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
drop-in from Noon to 1:00 PM  
FBC Fellowship Hall

**COME FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!**



**Wild Kingdom Children**

CREATING WILD FAITH IN  
THE HEARTS OF KINGDOM KIDS





Our Wild Kingdom Children beat back the winter blues with dress-up theme days throughout January. Children - and even some parents - enjoyed coming to church clad in pajamas, dressed as animals, as twins, and as a favorite Bible character. Above left, John Herrin is dressed as a bear, while mom Jessica is sporting a jungle look. Above middle, Ryan and Declan Fleming dress alike on Twin Day, while Willow Williams, left, and Emma Souther, right, are dressed alike even down to the shoes, picture above right.



**FUTURE**

**IT'S GROWING!**

THE CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE IS SO  
EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE IN  
NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS! WE HAVE  
SEVERAL NEW FAMILIES AND FAMILIES  
WE KNOW, ATTENDING CHILDREN'S  
WORSHIP TIME ON SUNDAY.  
IN FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE ADDING A  
CLASS TO ALLEVIATE OVERFLOW.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING  
FOR AT LEAST ONE CLASS A MONTH. IF YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO DO A "TEST RUN", WE ARE UP FOR THAT TOO!  
CONTACT LEIGH THOMAS IF INTERESTED  
770-714-4335

**CALLING ALL  
WILD KINGDOM  
FAMILIES AND VOLUNTEERS!**

**WE LOVE YOU AND WANT TO  
SHOW YOU OUR APPRECIATION!**

**JOIN US FOR  
BREAKFAST!**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
**BANQUET ROOM**  
**9:30 - 10:30**

**BREAKFAST CASSEROLE,  
BAKED OATMEAL AND MORE!**

SPONSORED BY: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

More details to come.  
If you are interested  
in volunteering,  
please call  
Leigh Thomas,  
770-714-4335.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MOSAIC ARTS CAMP**

**JUNE 12-16**

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December, 2022

Receipts:.....	\$111,962.64	YTD:.....	\$552,015.92
Expenses: .....	\$28,290.45	YTD:.....	\$547,910.36
Net: .....	<b>\$83,672.19</b>	YTD:.....	\$4,105.56
Average SS Attendance: 86		Average Worship Attendance: 98	

UNIFIED MISSION OFFERING FUND

December, 2022

Beginning Balance: ..	\$39,593.14	YTD:.....	\$19,531.57
Receipts:.....	\$4,089.00	YTD:.....	\$78,398.38
Investments: .....	-\$28,356.24	YTD:.....	-\$82,603.85
Ending Balance: .....	\$15,325.90	YTD:.....	\$15,325.90

Special Gifts: December, 2022

**Memorials: Missions** - Dale Blair

**Budget** - Dale Blair, Lynette Drew, Hoyt Hooper, Earl Roberts,  
Linda Doran, Ben Brooks, Mildred Hardy

**Honoraria: Budget** - Charlotte Meister, Richard & Susan McMullan

February Birthdays

4—Cindy Ryder  
6—Olga Vyrikovskaia  
10—Tricia Hise  
Bill Thomason  
14—Drew Irvin  
19—Linda Benfield  
23—Gilbert Propes

25—Adrien Buttram  
26—Grant Bentley  
27—Jack Irvin  
29—Loretta Dalton

Anniversaries

24—Wade & Carol Hasty



\*Thank-you for giving. Due to staffing issues at Church Budget Envelope & Mailing Company, our offering envelopes will not be available until later this month. You may use an old envelope, marking out the date and writing the current date. Or, give online through the church website, [www.fbccornelia.org](http://www.fbccornelia.org), scroll down to the green "Online Giving" button, log in or create a profile. It's safe and simple.



Youth Ministry

Kristen LaShoto leads the youth small group in a Google search game on a recent Wednesday night.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
JOIN US AS WE BEGIN A STUDY OF JAMES  
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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

NOON - PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON & PROGRAM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
9:30 - 10:30 AM - WK FAMILIES & VOLUNTEERS  
BREAKFAST/BANQUET RM  
10:00 AM - Sunday School  
11:00 AM - Worship  
12:30 - 3:00 PM - MEN'S DAY OUT,  
BIGG DADDY'S & AX ARMORY  
SEE AD ON PAGE 2 TO SIGN-UP



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 AM - Sunday School  
11:00 AM - Worship  
12:15 PM - DEACONS' MEETING, FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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, FEBRUARY 19

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

3:00 PM - Book Club at the home of Gail Denny

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required  
5:45 PM - ASH WEDNESDAY 2D SERVICE,  
Fellowship Hall, All Ages  
7:00 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NOON - 1:00 PM, MONDAY LUNCH LEAGUE  
A BREAK FOR WORKING MEN, FELLOWSHIP HALL  
COME FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

Now is a great time to join the Sanctuary Choir! We are beginning rehearsals for Easter and the June Choir/Orchestra concert!

Rehearsals:  
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room

February Service Reminder

5th

PATROL

Wade Hasty

Ushers

Phil McClain  
Dennis Tedder  
Ed Vaughn  
Patsy Vaughn

12th

PATROL

Ed Vaughn

Ushers

Grant Bentley  
Bill Chandler  
Myra Chandler  
Steve Doran  
Larry Whitfield

19th

PATROL

Donald Crowe

Ushers

Donald Crowe  
Kathy Crowe  
Jack Irvin  
FBC Youth

26th

PATROL

Mitchell Trotter

Ushers

Al Carter  
Jason Hughes  
Richard McMullan  
Mark Reed

DEACON OF THE WEEK

LARRY WHITFIELD - FEB. 5  
RICK BRIDGEMAN - FEB. 12  
JAMES BURRELL - FEB. 19  
BILL CHANDLER - FEB. 26



Photo by Nathan LaShoto

FBC IN THE COMMUNITY

Myra Chandler speaks at a January meeting of Habersham County's Rotary International Club on her work as a school counselor for Mountain Education Charter High School (MECHS). The charter high school serves 2,500 students in an 18-county region with 470 graduates in 2022. These are students "for whom a traditional school setting does not work," according to Roger Fitzpatrick, MECHS director of community outreach, who was also in attendance at the Rotary meeting. Please pray the Georgia Legislature will pass House Bill 87 in the current session to allow MECHS to continue to exist and to serve non-traditional students in the mountain region. Without passage of the bill, the program is in jeopardy.

FEBRUARY MENUS

FEBRUARY 1

Chicken Tenders  
green beans  
mashed potatoes  
cornbread  
dessert

FEBRUARY 8

Spaghetti  
salad  
garlic bread  
dessert

FEBRUARY 15

Taco Bar!  
dessert

FEBRUARY 22

Chicken & Dumplings  
green beans  
salad  
rolls  
dessert

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

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

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Dear Church Family,

There is a love of money baked into our culture. We are often fascinated with the lifestyles of the rich



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and famous. The world tells us that if we just had enough money then all of our problems and anxieties will drip away. If you are looking for something to save you and your condition, our culture will point you in the direction of money. We have radio programs which serve as instructions on how to care for your money, college classes which teach you to grow your money, and a never ending stream of advertisements trying to capture your money. Money can become our goal, validate our self-worth, and even become the idol we serve.

Yet in the church, people relate to their money differently. For one, people in the Church donate their money to the mission of the Church, also known as a tithe. Through tithing we enter a deep and long standing spiritual discipline. And spiritual disciplines are how we connect with the Divine. In the Church, we adjust our view of money, and begin to see it as a gift from God. We detach ourselves from the assurance of money and connect ourselves to trust in God. Through tithing we reflect on the masters we serve and seek salvation from, and then we refocus on the God of the universe.

Through giving up a portion of our money, we live out the awareness that nothing that we have is ours alone. In our culture, not many people are willing to enter into this paradigm shift, but Christians are. Christians have recognized that there is a freedom and a glory in relying on God, and not money.

The reason I am writing so much about money, spiritual practices, and the paradigm shift is because at First Baptist Cornelia we have a community of Christ followers who actively commit to serving God through their finances. Honestly, this is a rare community in our day and age. Each year our Church sets a budget and mission-al goals that only are met by giving Church members. So thank you, for not only committing yourself to First Baptist, but also to God.

Looking at our giving report for

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December (page 4) you may notice that the Church received \$83,000 which helped us meet our budget. In actuality, we superseded our budgetary needs by \$4,000. In Church life, not all giving months are the same. Some month's we receive more giving, and in other months less. However, one of the things I have noticed at FBC is a giving spirit which allows us to continue forward and be relevant in 2023. So thank you again, for being counter-cultural and for seeking to honor God with your giving.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Nathan