



Good Tidings



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Loving the world as God loves us.

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Walking with Jesus with Pastor Eric Spivey

In 1996, I worked with the Birmingham Baptist Association directing Christian outreach ministries in conjunction with the Olympic Soccer Games held in the city. Our most successful ministry was Christian hospitality stations. Throughout the city, we set up hospitality tents welcoming the many people from around the world that came to the city. In the name of Jesus we made people feel welcomed with brochures, information, and refreshments. The friendships we made also offered us the opportunity to share the story of Jesus.

The concept of Christian hospitality has a long history within the church. From monks who welcomed travelers into their monasteries to 21st century families who welcome guests into their homes, hospitality provides an opportunity to build new relationships in the name of Jesus.

This is not a new concept for First Baptist Cornelia. In 1996 volunteers from our church traveled to the I-85 Georgia Welcome Center to welcome Olympic guests to Georgia as part of the More than Gold Hospitality Ministry with our Georgia Baptist partners. At the same time, there are several present members who love to exercise hospitality in the name of Jesus in our community.

Over the next month of Sundays, I will invite us to reflect on and be challenged by the possibilities of Christian hospitality ministry at First Baptist Cornelia. Developing a culture of hospitality creates a welcoming environment where everyone feels at home.

Kathy Chapman Sharp says "practicing Christian hospitality isn't about glamorous table settings or platters of picture-perfect food; it's about practicing servanthood. More importantly, it's about loving others through Christ and making people feel special."

When we serve others who visit our church, our community or our homes by making them feel welcomed, they experience the Good News of Jesus one smile, meal or conversation at a time.

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FBC

PICNIC

in Cornelia Park

Sunday, September 17th
3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- ☺ **Kickball & Other Games: 3:30 p.m.**
Corn Hole Tournament
Pick your partner and compete to be the FBC Corn Hole Champion 2017!
- ☺ **Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 p.m.**
*Church will provide BBQ chicken and drinks, please bring a side or dessert to share.
- ☺ **Vespers 7:00 p.m.**

"As you go make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19

MISSIONS DISCIPLES

On the Jewish observance of the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came and the church was born. The church is God's plan to proclaim salvation to all peoples. The church at Antioch was the first church to send missionaries and the concept of missions moved forward, beginning at home. There are many methods, including medical care, hunger relief, or the creative arts. It certainly includes giving.

Missions has always been a large part of who we are at First Baptist Church of Cornelia. As we begin our renewed emphasis on Discipleship, building on a strong foundation, may we have a new vision of what we may yet become. This will include learning to be Mission Disciples from the youngest child and extend to all age groups.

Helen Bryson

THE WORLD HAS COME TO HABERSHAM

- **Camp Agape:** This has been a major part of who we are as a church as we loved the children as God loves us. Pray for vision as we consider advancing our mission.
- **Partnership with Cornelia Elementary:** This past year we made great strides in our ministry to all the children.
- **English as a Second Language and Literacy Missions:** North Georgia Technical College gave awards to students from nine different countries this year. They are using our facilities at this time, because most of those attending live in the south end of the county. (We provide facilities for them to meet, but they do not receive any Unified Mission Offering funds)
- **FBC Mission Grant Fund:** HUB. They are beginning a new program: "Focus on Youth Ministry"

MISSION GEORGIA

"There is a season for everything."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

For Baptist the Season for State Missions is September.

THE WORLD HAS COME TO GEORGIA

Some of the ways we are reaching people include:

- **New Churches:** Nineteen new churches have been started in Georgia. There is a huge need to begin new churches in inner city Atlanta, as many people and churches have moved to the suburbs.
- **Hispanic Bible Institutes:** Leaders are being trained in missions, evangelism, and ministry to serve in the Hispanic churches.
- **Refugees:** They are highly screened by the United Nations and are welcomed by many industries, including poultry processing. They're willing to work second and third shifts. Georgia Refugee resettlement is a model for the nation. They bring diverse faiths, including Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and Buddhist.
- **Chaplains:** Are being trained to serve in hospitals, prisons, and military settings.
- **Mobile Health Unit:** Provided free services in 39 sites including Habersham.
- **Disaster Relief:** Trained 408 volunteers and served on 421 sites.
- **Backpacks of Hope:** Backpacks for children in some of our nation's poorest regions through the Appalachian Regional Ministry.
- **One-on-one training** in Audio & Media Technology.

ROUND TABLE, SEPT. 25
Monday,
September 25, 2017
Fellowship & Card Signing: 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: 11:20 a.m.

WORLD CRAFTSSM

In many areas of the world women and children are sexually exploited. Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the world.

1996 national WMU established World Crafts to support artesian groups, including women and men as they use crafts they have done for centuries.

We help provide a market for items such as leather and wood objects, beautiful tapestries and bead work. There are now 62 approved groups on 27 countries, including Rahab's Rope, India and Refugee Beads, Clarkston, GA.



Jennifer Lunsford will be with us to share the amazing store of Rahab's Roper and the work it is doing to provide an income from women rescued off the street.

She will also have some on their work on display.

Unified Mission Offering

Name: _____ Amount: _____



Date: _____

Env.: # _____

Your gifts to our Unified Mission Offering makes it possible to support these ministries.

A WORD from Pastor John:

These past few weeks, Pastor Eric has shared much with us about the importance of small groups in regards to our growth as Christians. Whether you call it Sunday School or small groups, the intent is the same: To become more of who God wants us to become by focusing on His word, as well as having fellowship with other believers (and ideally, fellowship with those who have yet to come to know the Lord!). LEADERSHIP is so important, and in order for us to reach others, we need people to lead in our new small group ministry, and we always need people willing to teach and serve in a variety of ways. Below is some information about the benefits of being a small group leader, and much of it applies to serving the Lord in any capacity. As you read this, pray about whether or not God would have you help grow our small group ministry by being a leader, or by teaching/leading in some other capacity here at FBC Cornelia. The comments below are from Mark Ingmire who is the Small Groups and Adult Education Pastor at Savannah Christian Church in Savannah, Georgia

1. Although not many people may notice, we have the opportunity to develop other people in their growing relationship with Jesus Christ. I've found that I'm able to challenge my group members through the study and pray for them. Additionally, I feed into the life of my apprentice. It's a blessing and humbling to know that I am encouraging others to grow. Being a Christ-follower who is reproducing other Christ-followers is exactly what Jesus calls us to do (Matthew 28:19).
2. We grow in our leadership and nurturing abilities. Leading a group helps me grow and keeps me sharp in those two areas. I can't be complacent about leading my small group. If I show a lack of ownership, my group members will see it. As I hone my leadership and shepherding skills, my growth not only has an impact on my small group, it also has an impact on my family and in my workplace because it equips me to be a better leader.
3. It keeps us connected with Scripture. The time I spend studying in preparation and praying for my small group keeps me in Scripture. It adds to the time I'm already in God's Word on my own, and gives me a weekly reason to dig deep into a particular passage.
4. We provide our group members with an opportunity to experience biblical community. Attending a worship service doesn't guarantee that anyone will be connected into relationships that move them toward biblical community. In fact, many people attend worship services without ever realizing there's more to their relationship with Jesus. They miss the blessing of community. I am still amazed to watch group members begin to take ownership of our small group and say they miss our group when they can't attend.
5. It models an important value for our children. When my children were young and attended our small group with my wife and me, they loved to go and looked forward to it every week. Today, my children, who are now grown, are part of their own small groups. My commitment to lead a group taught them that gathering in biblical community is important for spiritual growth. Now that they've experienced small groups for themselves, they've experienced spiritual growth as a result of their involvement.

2017-2018 Deacon Retreat

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
5-7:30 pm
Supper Included**

All deacons serving for the coming year are encouraged to participate.

A G A P E SUMMIT

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

In the Fellowship Hall
after Worship

Meal Provided

Over the next year, our Camp Agape Committee will be leading our church to re-dream our ministry of Camp Agape. If you are interested in participating in this process, you are invited to our Camp AGAPE Summit.



The Office will be closed

GAPE DISCIPLESHIP: GROWING DISCIPLES



It's *Super Kids* month

First of all I want to say thank you to everyone who has warmly welcomed me into my new interim position. Exciting things are happening at FBC Children's Wild Kingdom, and I am so happy to be a part of it. My mission in life is to lead responsibly, relationally, and respectfully. I hope to carry that mission into this new position as we work together leading young children to know God, love God, and share God with others.

On **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** we are using a new program called *TeamKID*. The *TeamKID* motto is "Learning About God, Using the Bible, & Living for Jesus". Children are divided into two groups: *The Big League & The Little League*. Each group participates in bible story, scripture study, missions, games, snack, & prayer. Our "Little League" is also doing music and movement. Wednesday night has a new format, new material, & new schedule. Though a lot is changing, the core of loving Jesus and living for Him stays the same.



On **SUNDAY MORNINGS** we are continuing to use "Orange" curriculum, but with a more traditional Sunday School hour format. Our elementary aged children are moving upstairs to the room across from the Choir Room. This month is Super Kids month! All kids want to be Super Kids, and they can when they realize that God is always with them. Because God is with them, they can be brave, strong, courageous and wise. Our children will learn that we can do super things when we trust that God is always with us and do things His way. Yes, super – the kind of super that really matters – comes from God, and it's not about what WE can do but about what GOD can do.

Week 1 We will start with the story of Elijah and the fire. The focus is "when God is with me, I can be brave." The children will hear how Elijah trusted God to be with him as he challenged those who worshiped the fake god Baal. He was brave as he stood up to the king.

Week 2 Then, the children will meet one of the strongest women in the Bible, Esther. The focus is "when God is with me, I can be strong." We're not talking about the normal super power strong, we're talking about the strength that only God can supply. Esther used this strength to save her people.

Week 3 In week three, we will meet Rahab and learn how her trusting God kept two spies safe. The story focus is "when God is with me, I can be courageous." Because God was with her, Rahab had the courage to keep Joshua's spies safe and therefore saved her family from harm.

Week 4 We'll finish the month with the story of Joshua and how he knocked down a city wall by just walking around it! The focus is "when God is with me, I can be wise." God told Joshua to lead his men to walk around the city of Jericho's wall without weapons, just trumpets. That must of sounded pretty unusual to Joshua, but he was wise and trusted God and did what God said. This story is a favorite of preschoolers everywhere.

We want our children to grow up knowing that God will use them to do super things when they trust that He is always with them and do things His way. THAT is what makes a super kid...well...super!

I hope that you will come and be a part of the exciting things that are happening in the Wild Kingdom.

Carrie Trotter



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEEK AT 9:45 AM.

COME AND JOIN US! THIS MONTH WE ARE STUDYING THE "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS!



SEPTEMBER 3 – I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – Knowing God's Guidance

September 10 – I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD – Knowing God's Care

September 17 – I AM THE TRUE VINE – Knowing God's Power

September 24 – I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE – Knowing God's Way

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 6:00 pm

EACH WEEK IN THE WELL FOR BIBLE STUDY, FUN TIMES, and SMALL GROUP PRAYER TIME!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR REACH OUT LOCK IN held at Grace Point August 11th and 12th. A special shout out to JACKSON REED for inviting 8 friends to attend this event with him!

WATCH YOUR BULLETIN AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR INFORMATION. BIG EVENTS COMING DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER!

MUSIC AND ARTS IN WORSHIP



Just a little information about our adult choir's calendar of upcoming worship anthems we will be working on! First, I would like anyone who would like to sing with us to come to practice at 7:30 on Wednesday nights in the adult choir room. We have plenty of empty seats and would love to see them all filled up! We will start working on Christmas music in the next two or three weeks, and will be singing lots of familiar anthems of old. I am excited and a little scared to fill in Bobby Ivey's place. We will certainly miss him and wish him well in the future. We truly have had the best for the past seven years!!!!

The music in our worship service has always been part of my life here at FBC, and it has always been a blessing in so many ways. Not only on Sunday morning but all through the week. So, if you would like to have laughter, singing, and great camaraderie added to your life, join us on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30. Together, we can sing praises to God!!!!

Sally Higgins

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NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Speaking of making people feel welcomed, I hope that you have already reached out to our new FBC interim staff members: Carrie Trotter, Children's Ministry, and Sally Higgins, Music Ministry. The hiring of Sally and Carrie are direct answers to our prayers and a sign of God's work among us. Besides knowing our church, both have great skill sets and experiences in their individual ministries. Carrie and Sally are strong leaders, passionate about Jesus and about seeing God at work in our church. During their tenures as interim, join me in supporting their efforts, encouraging their spirits, and saying "yes" when they ask us to help.

As Sally and Carrie get to work, our personnel committee begins the next step. We begin this month examining our two positions and starting the process of recruiting and searching for possible personnel. If you know of anyone who might be interested in these positions, please send their names to me or Spencer Carr, personnel chair.

It's a great new season at First Baptist Cornelia. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Eric Spivey

**SPECIAL GIFTS (JULY)
MEMORIALS:**

Ministry Budget: Hoyt Bryson, Marty Brannon, Jacque Dillard

Unified Missions: Hoyt Bryson

Building Fund: Hoyt Bryson, Betty Skelton

Camp Agape: Emmett Henderson

BENEVOLENCE FUND: JULY

Shared:\$ 931.60
Clients:..... 17

**UNIFIED MISSION FUND
JULY 31, 2017**

BEGINNING JULY..... YTD
BALANCE:..... \$35,316.78 \$22,872.48
RECEIPTS: \$11,140.00 \$45,098.00
INVESTMENTS:..... (\$11,338.38) .. (\$32,852.08)
ENDING BALANCE: .. \$35,118.40 \$35,118.40

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT—JULY 31, 2017

	July	YTD
RECEIPTS:.....	\$55,418.00\$308,097.22
EXPENSES:	\$46,369.71 \$348,102.47
NET:	\$9,048.29 (\$40,005.25)
CASH FUNDS (UNDESIGNATED)	\$11,014.16	
RESERVE FUNDS	\$242,119.32	
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL	80	
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE WORSHIP	132	

PE FELLOWSHIP: PRAYING SPIRIT LED FAMILY OF FOLLOWERS

SUNDAY SEPT. 3

9:45AM Sunday School
10:55AM Worship with Rev. David Turner

MONDAY, SEPT. 4

Office



TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

7:00AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
/Stew & Que

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

5:15PM Fellowship Meal
Reservations Required
5:55PM Announcements & Prayer/FH
6:00PM •Preschool/Children's Ministries
•Youth Ministry(3rd Floor)
6:15PM Life in Groups, Prayer Ministry
and Bible study
7:00PM Adult Choir Practice

SUNDAY SEPT. 24

9:45AM Sunday School
10:55AM Worship
5:00PM Deacon Retreat

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

11:00AM Round Table

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

7:00AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
/Stew & Que

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

5:15PM Fellowship Meal
Reservations Required
5:55PM Announcements & Prayer/FH
6:00PM •Preschool/Children's
Ministries
•Youth Ministry(3rd Floor)
6:15PM Life in Groups, Prayer Ministry
and Bible study
7:00PM Adult Choir Practice

SUNDAY SEPT. 10



8:00AM Men's Ministry
9:45AM Breakfast
10:15AM Small group and Bible Study
10:55AM Corporate Family Worship
12-2PM CAMP AGAPE SUMMIT (After
Worship)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

7:00AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
/Stew & Que
7:00PM Book Club/BR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

5:15PM Fellowship Meal
Reservations Required
5:55PM Announcements & Prayer/FH
6:00PM •Preschool/Children's Ministries
•Youth Ministry(3rd Floor)
6:15PM Life in Groups, Prayer Ministry
and Bible study
7:00PM Adult Choir Practice

SUNDAY SEPT. 17

8:30AM Deacon Meeting
9:45AM Sunday School
10:55AM Worship

Church Picnic-Cornelia Park

3:30PM Kickball & Other Games
6:00PM Pot Luck Dinner
7:00PM Vespers

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

11:00AM Benfield Group

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

7:00AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
/Stew & Que

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

5:15PM Fellowship Meal
Reservations Required
5:55PM Announcements & Prayer/FH
6:00PM •Preschool/Children's Ministries
•Youth Ministry(3rd Floor)
6:15PM Life in Groups, Prayer Ministry
and Bible study
7:00PM Adult Choir Practice

SERVICE REMINDERS

SEPT. 3

Ushers:

Phil McClain,
Rick Barron,
Wade Hasty,
Nolan Nix,
Dalton Sirmans,
Bill Tanneberger,
Dennis Tedder,
Robert Tyler,
Ed Vaughn
Patrol:
Jay Reed

Wed. Lockup/Sept:

David Foster

SEPT. 10

Ushers:

Richard Whatley,
Grant Bentley,
Bill Chandler,
Steve Doran,
Brian Peek,
Chester Skelton,
Larry Whitfield

Patrol:

Ed Vaughn

Wed. Lockup/Sept:

David Foster

SEPT. 17

Ushers:

Jarvis McFarlin,
Herman Benfield,
Donald Crowe,
Wes Dodd,
Murphy Doran,
Terry Doran,
David Elder,

Patrol:

Jack Irvin,
Jason Hughes

Wed. Lockup/Sept:

David Foster

SEPT. 24

Ushers:

David Foster,
Jason Hughes,
Jack McMullan,
Richard McMullan,
Mark Reed,
Caleb Souther,
James A. Stapleton III

Patrol:

Ronnie Parham

Wed. Lockup/Sept:

David Foster

DEACON OF THE WEEK

SEPT. 3

Doug Dillard
(706)778-3334

SEPT. 10

Steve Doran
(706)776-3777

SEPT. 17

David Elder
(706)754-8620

SEPT. 24

Jane Ferguson
(706)778-5496

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL



MAKE
RESERVATIONS
or CANCELLATIONS
at: www.fbccornelia.org

SEPT. 6

Ham
Lima Beans
Biscuits
Dessert

SEPT. 13

Poppy Seed Chicken
Rice, Broccoli
Rolls, Salad
Dessert

SEPT. 20

Pork Loin
Fried Okra
Steamed Cabbage
Salad, Dessert

SEPT. 27

Fried Chicken
Green Beans
Potatoes & Gravy
Salad, Rolls, Dessert

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM



The church office is excited about our new telephone system that has recently been installed. While our volunteers and staff will continue to answer the phone during the day, our church and community will be able to communicate with our staff after hours through voicemail. Attached are the extensions of each of our staff members. Take time to try it out and leave us a message.

Staff Extensions

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Dear FBC,

If friends are like flowers then we have a garden full and a basket of cards to prove it! Thank you for your thoughts, words of encouragement, prayers, food and visits during my recent diagnosis and surgery. Though we have had some difficult days, we have seen God's faithfulness time after time. Your prayers have been our strength and shield when we had no energy to pray for ourselves. Your cards have kept us close even when we were unable to be among you. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we move toward healing and recovery in the coming months.

Love, Kathy & Donald Crowe

FBC Men's Ministry

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10TH
at 8:00 AM**

All men of the church are invited to **JOIN US** in Fellowship Hall for a hearty breakfast with our guest speaker Mr. Jimmy Echols, Founder of Jaemor Farms.



**ANNUAL HABERSHAM ASSOCIATION
WMU[®] INSPIRATIONAL MEETING**

**Monday, Sept. 25th, 2017
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.**

Clarksville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Program Guest: Rev. Jeff Pulliam
The Pulliams now reside in Georgia and served as International Missionaries in Russia.
They are among those who took early retirement.

Have you seen the History Room?



Check it out! It's awesome!

SEPTEMBER 2017

SEPTEMBER 3

Generous Hospitality:
A Place at the Table

Guest Preacher: David Turner

SEPTEMBER 10

FBC Sunday Family Worship

(On the 2nd Sunday)

Title: **The Front Yard**
Scripture: Luke 9:51-56
Worship Ideas:
• Children's Sermon

Finding **LIFE** in **GROUPS**
FBC Season of Discipleship

SEPTEMBER 17

Title: **The Front Porch**
Scripture: Luke 19:1-10
Worship Ideas:
• Faith Story

SEPTEMBER 24

Title: The Kitchen
Scripture: Matthew 6:11
Worship Ideas:
• Faith Story

MINISTRY STAFF

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