

Making Connections with Cakes

This summer Camp Agape and the Family Resource Center in Clarkesville will be in partnership to identify and invite boys and girls to Camp Agape. One way we can support FRC and make connections with these families is by providing cakes for the Parent Café hosted on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM at the Family Resource Center. If you are willing to provide a cake, please select a date and sign up on the list in the hallway outside the church office. You may deliver the cake to the Family Resource Center on Tuesday. Please call the Center prior to delivering your cake to make certain there is someone there to receive it.

Family Resource Center, 122 North Laurel Drive (next to Clarkesville City Hall), **Clarkesville, GA 30523**
Telephone: 706-778-3100

If you need someone to deliver your cake, please call Kathy Crowe at 706-499-4913 and arrangements will be made to get it to the center.

Thank you for helping us make these new connections that are so vital to Camp Agape.

 Ministry Team

FBC **Men's Ministry** **March 3, 2019 at 8:00 am BREAKFAST**

Please join us for Men's Ministry Breakfast on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 8:00 am. Our speaker this month will be **Rev Doug Merck**. Doug is the area missionary for White, Union and Towns Counties for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Doug has pastored several local churches over the years, most recently Mt Yonah Baptist Church in Cleveland. In Doug's career he has significant experience in helping churches in transition. He has a wealth of knowledge on interim and pastoral training. Doug and his wife Maudeen live in Cleveland. I have known Doug most of my adult life and he has done it all and is quite entertaining. Please join us.

Thanks,
 Danny Almond

Dear First Baptist Cornelia Friends:

Marcia, Sarah, Sydney, Mama Jean and I thank you deeply for the many expressions of love and goodbyes we experienced throughout February, especially on Sunday, February 17. Your generous love offering will help us through the many transitions happening in our family this year – moves, 2 graduations, new jobs, and 1 new college. Thank you!

Let me share some of the details of our transition. We covet your prayers for safety and protection during the coming months of constant movement and separation.

I move into an apartment in Gainesville on March 9th. Sarah graduates from Samford University on May 11. Sydney graduates from Tallulah Falls School on May 17. We move Marcia and most of our belongs the first week of June. See, lots of life changes!

We hope you stay connected. Below you will find my Gainesville contact information.

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 First Baptist Church
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 Gainesville, FL 32606
 etspivey@gmail.com
 706.499.9999 (Yes, I'm keeping my number)

You can also continue to follow me on social media.

Facebook: eric.spivey | Twitter: @ericspivey
 Instagram: @revericspivey

Finally, let me share with you one final benediction – a blessing for our journey ahead.

Now, my friends, as we go to love the world as God loves us:

*May the LORD bless you and keep you;
 May the LORD make his face to shine upon you,
 and be gracious to you;
 May the LORD lift up his face upon you, and give you peace.
 Thanks be to God. Amen!*

Your friend,
 Eric



Positive Parenting Program

FREE

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN: AGES PRENATAL TO TWELVE YEARS OLD!

Beginning Thursday, April 4 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or *6:00 - 8:00 pm in the FBC Banquet Room

*FREE childcare & transportation are available for this session if reservations are made during registration.

FOR PARENTS OF TWEENS AND TEENS! *6:00 - 8:00 PM Beginning Tuesday, April 2

Register online: www.frcfneg.org, Email: information@familyresourcecenterneg.org, Phone: 706-778-3100

Led by Family Resource Center and held in the Banquet Room. We need FBC members to host. Contact John Swindler or Kathy Crowe if you are willing to be a host.

IMPORTANT:

For this first class only, arrive 30 minutes early to fill out forms & assessments.

A WORD from Pastor John:

Most of know that St. Patrick's Day takes place during the month of March, and this year that day falls on Sunday March 17. Here is a little history about what that day means: Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture. Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock. In modern-day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day was traditionally been a religious occasion. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17. Beginning in 1995, however, the Irish government began a national campaign to use interest in St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and showcase Ireland and Irish culture to the rest of the world. Today, approximately 1 million people annually take part in Ireland 's St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin, a multi-day celebration featuring parades, concerts, outdoor theater productions and fireworks shows. Debbie McDaniel, a writer on Crosswalk.com tells us what we can learn from St. Patrick's life: "One thing we learn from studying this amazing man's life. It wasn't about leprechauns, 4 leaf clovers, wearing green, or about luck. His life was simply about the amazing Sovereignty and blessing of God, about obedience to His call, about prayer and faithfulness." I pray that during the month of March we will remember the importance of obedience, prayer, and faithfulness as we continue to grow in our walk with the Lord here at FBC Cornelia.

SPECIAL THANKS to Danny Almond for coordinating our **FBC Men's Ministry** Breakfast speakers for the next few months. See page 2 for a word from Danny about our speaker for March.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

First Baptist CORNELIA



Please pray for the following who will be attending the CONVERGE event for youth from all over the area March 1-3 at The Woodlands:

Adult chaperones are :

John Swindler, Sabrina McMullan, Rinaldo Bimaldi, Lauren Haskin, and Kelly Coker.

Youth attending are: Henry Hughes, Eric Ramirez, Ray Carr, Temple Carr, Steven Bowman, Shane Kinson, Denver Evans, Maddie McMullan, Sarah Frady, Macy Fears, Lexi Coker, Ella Reynolds, Chloe Reynolds, and Summer Hamilton. If you are going remember we will meet here at FBC at 4:00 pm on Friday March 1 and return on Sunday March 3 by 12:30 pm.

CHURCH FAMILY, A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THIS EVENT!

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN MARCH – Join us at 9:45 am for Bible study each Sunday morning! We will be discussing what the Bible says on the following topics during the month of March:

- March 3 – Holiness (for those who are not at CONVERGE)
- March 10 – The Parables of Jesus
- March 17 – Tough Times
- March 24 – Compromise
- March 31 – Identity

SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT GOTSCH AND MARY TURNER WHO FAITHFULLY WORK WITH OUR YOUTH WEEK AFTER WEEK!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN MARCH – Join us each week at 6:00 pm in THE WELL (3rd floor Family Ministry Center). March 6 we will participate in our Ash Wednesday service which begins at 6:30 pm. Camp Agape Leadership Training will begin on March 13! On Wednesday nights during March and April will be doing leadership training that will be helpful for ALL youth, even if they are not participating in Camp Agape this summer as counselors. We will also be conducting interviews for counselor positions during the month of March. Contact Carrie Trotter or Pastor John for more information. The dates for Camp Agape this year are July 11 – 14.



In March our theme is "Made" and we will be learning that we are indeed "Fearfully and wonderfully made."

Preschoolers need to learn now that they are wonderfully made by God, in His image. This makes them very important and motivates them to respect themselves and others. Every person is an original reflection of God in how they love, care for others, imagine, create, and solve problems. Jesus lived this out in the way He loved all people, and helped people feel like they had value no matter who they were or what they had done. We can reflect this in the way we live out how God created us.

Preschoolers will be learning...

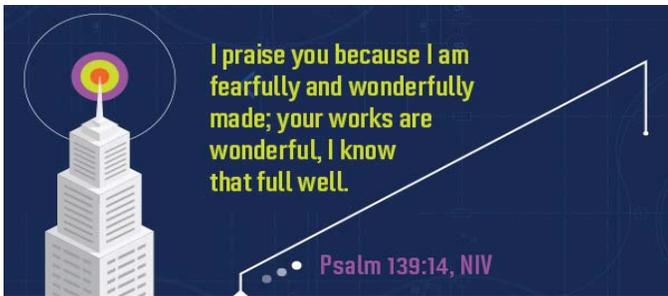
- I am wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)
- I am made in God's image. (Genesis 1:26; Acts 17:24; Psalm 46:1; Proverbs 2:6)
- I am important to God. (Luke 12:7; John 3:16)
- God made me to respect myself. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 16:13-14)
- God made me to respect others. (Matthew 7:12)



Join us Ash Wednesday

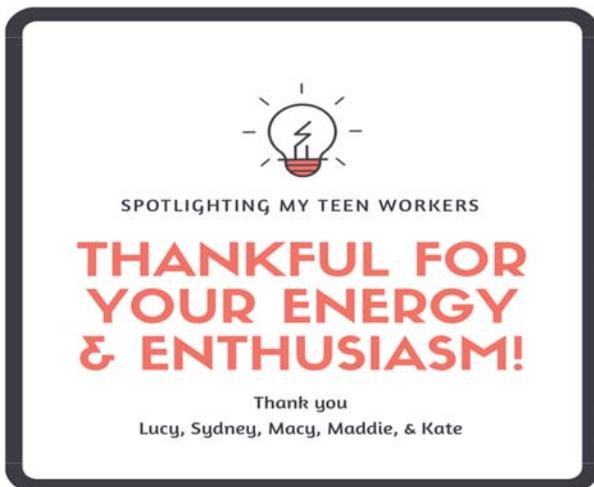
Your family is invited to create a Resurrection Garden together.

Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym



Our elementary children will be learning...

- God made me in His image. (Genesis 1:26-28)
- God wants to have a relationship with me. (Luke 15:1-7)
- God made me to make a difference. (1 Timothy 4:12)
- God wants me to see what really matters. (1 Samuel 16:7)
- God made me to love others. (Matthew 22:34-40)



Volunteer Spotlight: This month I want to give a special thanks to all of the youth of our church who help each month in the children's ministry: Macy Fears, Lucy Hughes, Maddie McMullan, Sydney Spivey, & Kate Trotter all work at least one Sunday each month in the Wild Kingdom. I am grateful for their energy and enthusiasm as they lead.



A MUSIC NOTE:

Many of you have spoken encouraging words concerning our corporate worship. They are greatly appreciated. As I look out over the congregation each week, I see you fully engaged in the worship of our great God. As we worship in spirit and in truth, my prayer is we will leave different people because of being in the presence of our Holy God. Being an active worshipper is a discipline that requires our full attention.

Congregational singing is a major focus of our worship each week. This is an activity in which we all can be active participants. I encourage you to add your "joyful noise unto Lord" (KJV) as we sing the great hymns and songs of our faith. There is a Save the Date ad in this newsletter concerning a special time of congregational singing on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to notice it.

I am so proud of our Sanctuary Choir and the many ways they enhance our worship. There is still space in the choir loft for new members especially on the men's row! This Wednesday at 7:10 p.m. would be a great time to come find out how rewarding (and fun) it is to be a choir member.

Grace & peace,
Randy

Save the Date!
Sunday,
May 5, 2019
at 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Cornelia

Heaven Bound
A Festival of Congregational Singing
with guest artist
Benjamin Harlan
Featuring Brass Quintet
Heather Strachan, violin

Women's
Fellowship Group

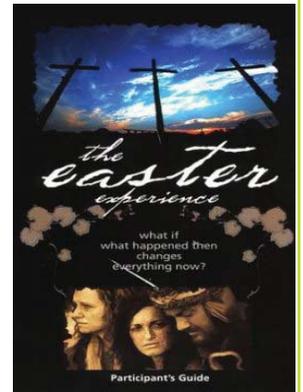
Sunday mornings 9:45 Room 212

Led by Cele LeBlanc and Evelyn McClain.

Here's a look at what we will be studying the next few weeks!

March 3, 10 and 17 – THE WAR ROOM: PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

March 24-April 28 – THE EASTER EXPERIENCE - A unique, DVD-driven study, *The Easter Experience* brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. Through six in-depth teachings, your small group will grow spiritually as members paint themselves into the story and transform Easter into life-changing experience.



MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January, 2019

Receipts:.....	\$29,210.58	YTD:.....	\$29,210.58
Expenses:.....	\$35,804.01	YTD:.....	\$35,804.01
Net:.....	(\$6,593.43)	YTD:.....	(\$6,593.43)

Avg. SS Attendance: 106

Avg. Worship Attendance: 140

UNIFIED MISSION FUND

January, 2019

Beginning Balance: ..	\$20,039.95	YTD:.....	\$20,039.95
Receipts:.....	\$13,882.00	YTD:.....	\$13,882.00
Investments:.....	(\$3,063.18)	YTD:.....	(\$3,063.18)
Ending Balance:	\$30,858.77	YTD:.....	\$30,858.77

BENEVOLENCE FUND: January, 2019

Shared:\$1998.66 Clients: 29

SPECIAL GIFTS

MEMORIALS:

- Ministry Budget:** Tom Carter, Bob Meister, Lil Reed, Elise Webb, Bobby Massey
- Unified Missions:** Linda Doran, Tom Carter, Bob Meister
- Benevolence:** Tom Carter, Bob Meister

MARCH SERVICE REMINDERS

WEDNESDAY LOCK-UP
Brad Trotter

3rd PATROL

USHERS

Phil McClain,
Rick Barron,
Wade Hasty,
Dalton Sirmans,
Bill Tanneberger,
Dennis Tedder,
Robert Tyler,
Ed Vaughn

10th PATROL

Dennis Tedder

USHERS

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

17th PATROL

Rick Barron

USHERS

Jarvis McFarlin,
Herman Benfield,
Donald Crowe,
Wes Dodd,
David Elder,
Jack Irvin,

24th PATROL

Jimbo Stapleton

USHERS

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

30th PATROL

Jarvis McFarlin

USHERS

David Bray,
Ben Brooks,
Jacob Trotter,
Wayne Worsham

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00AM-**FBC Men's Ministry**

9:45AM-Sunday School

9:45-10:40AM

Women's Fellowship Group

10:55AM-Worship

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

5:15PM-Family Supper

6:00PM-All children, youth, adult
programs begin

7:00PM-Adult & Children
programs end

7:10PM-Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
begins

7:30PM-Youth programs end

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

11:30AM-1:00PM

Drop-in Baby Shower/BR

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:45AM-Sunday School

9:45-10:40AM

Women's Fellowship Group

10:55AM-Worship

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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

7:00PM- **Women's -BR**



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

5:15PM-Family Supper

6:00PM-All children, youth, adult
programs begin

7:00PM-Adult & Children
programs end

7:10PM-Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
begins

7:30PM-Youth programs end

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:45AM-Sunday School

9:45-10:40AM

Women's Fellowship Group

10:55AM-Worship

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

5:15PM-Family Supper

6:00PM-All children, youth, adult
programs begin

7:00PM-Adult & Children
programs end

7:10PM-Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
begins

7:30PM-Youth programs end

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:45AM-Sunday School

9:45-10:40AM

Women's Fellowship Group

10:55AM-Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 25

10:45AM ROUND TABLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

5:15PM-Family Supper

6:00PM-All children, youth, adult
programs begin

7:00PM-Adult & Children
programs end

7:10PM-Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
begins

7:30PM-Youth programs end

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:45AM-Sunday School

9:45-10:40AM

Women's Fellowship Group

10:55AM-Worship

**The vote on the bylaws
revision will take place
at the conclusion of the
worship service.**

MARCH MENUS

March 6

Cubed Pork

Gravy

Navy Beans

Corn, Bread

Dessert

March 13

Poppy seed

Chicken

Green Beans

Rice, Rolls

Dessert

March 20

Spaghetti

Garlic bread

Salad, Dessert

March 27

Fried Chicken

Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Rolls, Dessert

PRICES: Adults: \$6

Children 5-12: \$4

Children Under 5: Free

DEACON OF THE WEEK March

3rd Jack McMullan
(706) 754-4042

10th Brian Peek
(706) 968-2049

17th Dalton Sirmans
(706) 754-9608

24th Caleb Souther
706-894-1217

31ST Bill Tanneberger

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Please remember to spend 5 minutes each week during the Lenten season (which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6) focusing on the LEAD ME TO CALVARY devotional material. Teachers, contact David Turner or Pastor John if you need copies of this material.



CONRATULATIONS BEA!!!

First Baptist Church Cornelia will soon be saying farewell to another of our beloved and favorite staff members, Bea Dickerson is retiring on March 21st after serving FBC for 12 years as our "keeper of the Lord's house". She is now happily moving to her new job, which will be babysitting her great grandchildren!!

Bea started at FBC as custodian in March 2007 and says "I have worked all my life, but this is the best job I have ever had". Bea says she has loved FBC since she started there, because the church people and staff have always been so nice to her. She also is partial to our Tuesday Crew, and believes they are very special and helpful to her and our church. She says everyone at the church always thanks her for what she does.

Bea seems to have always had a servant's heart during her adult years. She has cared for many members of her family during lengthy medical illnesses, she has baby sat her grandchildren, done housekeeping for many, and all of this while working a full time public job! FBC staff members enjoy working with Bea and says she is always dependable and does whatever she is asked to do. Although Bea never seems to run out of work, she also finds time for fun. She is a member of a square dancing club, loves to fish, arrange flowers, decorate cakes and do other arts and crafts. And...she has never met a stranger. She can talk to anybody for hours!!!

At age 76, Bea is still going strong. She says that in addition to babysitting, she just might get her another part time job and not totally retire. Happy trails to you Bea, and thank you for many years at FBC. Be happy and well, and know you will be missed!

First Baptist Church Cornelia,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your Banquet Room for two regional meetings. Your facility was perfect. We received several compliments on the beauty of the room. We appreciate very much your partnering with our agency.

Thank you,

Region 2, Department of Family and Children Services

Dear Church Family,

We appreciate your love, concern, cards and gifts to the church budget during Bobby's illness and passing.

The family lunch was delicious and enjoyed by all!

Thank you so much,

Charlotte Meister and Beth Shore

In Worship March 3rd and 10th.

Dr. Kevin Burris is a professor in the Bible and Theology Department at Toccoa Falls College. He and his wife, Jennifer, have lived in Mount Airy for the past twelve years and have two children, Josh and Emma. Kevin currently serves as a teacher and elder at Riverpoint Community Church. Prior to RPCC, he served as pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Toccoa in addition various positions in Southern Baptist Churches in Kentucky, Georgia, and North Carolina. He has a degrees from Georgia Tech and Southern Seminary. Kevin feels very strongly called to teach college students to understand and live out the teachings of the Bible. He and Jennifer love to spend time participating in their church life, their childrens' activities, and traveling the world as much as possible. In his free time, Kevin enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and trout fishing in the Georgia Mountains.

In Worship March 31st

Dr. G. J. Thomas, Director of Missions – Chattahoochee Baptist Association, Gainesville, Ga. . He is committed to strengthening churches, starting churches, & resourcing motivated leaders. He received his B.A. from The University of Georgia in 1978, his M. Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 1982, and his D.Min. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary May 1994. He is married to Debbie W. Thomas. His interests include: Hiking, Reading, History, Classic Films and UGA Football.

Ahoy!
It's a BOY!
 Drop-in Baby Shower
 honoring
Ashley & Cecil Brooks,
 FBC Banquet Room on
Saturday, March 9, 2019,
from 11:30 until 1:00.
 Registered at Davis Brothers,
 Target & WalMart.

MARCH 2019 - WORSHIP

March 3

Preaching: **Kevin Burris**

Kevin Burris is a professor in the Bible and Theology Department at Toccoa Falls College.

(More information on Page 7)

March 10

Preaching: **Kevin Burris**

March 17th

Preaching: **John Swindler**

March 24th

Preaching: **Russell L. Huizing**, Ph.D. - Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries - Toccoa Falls College

March 31

Preaching: **Dr. G.J. Thomas**, Director of Missions – Chattahoochee Baptist Association
(More information on Page 7)

Welcome New Members



Jo and Bob Drake
522 Greening Place
Clarksville, GA 30523
Joined February 3, 2019



MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Eric T. Spivey,
Senior Pastor

Rev. John Swindler,
Assoc. Pastor, Discipleship & Student Ministries

Rev. Randy LeBlanc,
Minister of Worship & Music

Mrs. Carrie Trotter,
Minister of Children

Dalton Sirmans,
Business Manager

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