

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Loving God, Serving Others, Telling the World about Jesus

A Word from the Interim Youth Pastor...

Summer is here! Summer brings family fun, warmer days, sunshine, and so much more. This is the time of year students look forward to because they get a break from the schoolwork they've been doing for so many months. Now they get to stay home, relax a bit, work, or do chores around the house. Summer is where many family memories are made.

FBC Youth Ministry is still going strong. We will continue our online meetings on Wednesday Nights to discuss the message from the previous Sunday through June 10.

Now that it's officially Summer Break, let's get together for some fun! We will have a "Welcome Back to Church Bash," Wednesday, June 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with pizza and outdoor Water Olympics. We hope to see all our students and their friends!

Connection Point will re-launch at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 28. We are looking forward to this time - after having to abruptly stop after our first Sunday due to COVID-19. These are exciting times!

The Bible says, "For nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). This month, let us all remember - God is in control. Only with God is the impossible, possible.

Thank you for your continued support over the last few months as we have all navigated through uncertain times as a nation and a church. Until we see each other face-to-face, the church is not a building, the church is you, so continue to be the church.

Below are the links to First Baptist Church Youth Ministry... Connection Point (Sunday Mornings)
<https://www.facebook.com/connectionpointcornelia/>

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/56737609769/>

Expecting Great Things,
 Dustin Biggers



Welcome Back Student Bash & Water Olympics!
Wednesday, June 17, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Lewis continued from page 1:

He delights in sharing the success stories of some of the residents. Like Fred, who was given more opportunity for independence when he moved out of his parents' home and into a residential community with house parents.

When he's not pastoring or meeting on behalf of the various boards on which he sits, you can find him tinkering with his race boats.

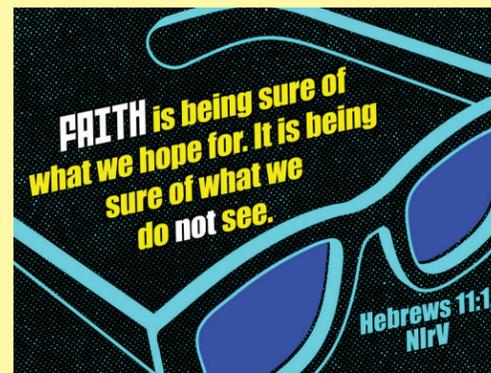
"I race boats with American Power Boat Association. I have a 20 ft. Allison with a 200 HP Mercury Outboard and I am working on restoring a 14 ft. Allison with a 105 Chrysler Outboard," said Lewis, who enjoys a good trial run on Lake Hartwell. Cover photo of Dr. Lewis by Randy LeBlanc

Wild Kingdom Children

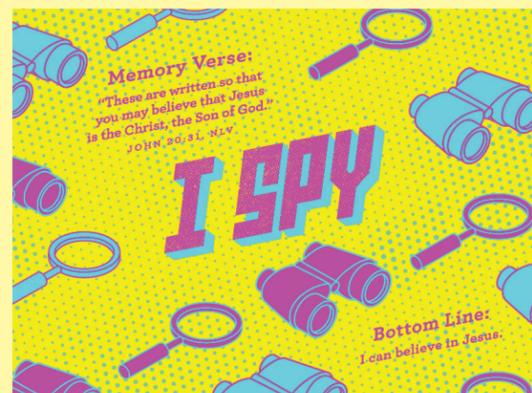
CREATING WILD FAITH IN THE HEARTS OF KINGDOM KIDS

These times are odd, strange, and stressful. As we all try to get through this, it brings me great comfort to know that God is always faithful!

This month we will be teaching our elementary children about FAITH: Trusting in what you can't see, because of what you can see! God has always been involved in the world He created. We see His handiwork on display in creation. We see God's love on display through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond to God in faith, believing in what we can't see because of what we can see. When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand.



This month we are helping preschoolers see they can believe in Jesus. We'll have one key question and bottom line for June and July. Get ready to ask, "who can believe in Jesus" and respond with, "I can believe in Jesus," over and over again. We hope each of our preschoolers will grasp the truth that Jesus can be with them forever.



Unfortunately, due to safety concerns we have decided to cancel all camps this summer. I have great hope that we will return to church soon, but in the meantime we continue to "meet" for Sunday School and other fun family events online. If you are not receiving notifications from Mrs. Carrie & The Wild Kingdom Crew, please text, e-mail, or call and I will make sure to add you to our Remind messaging system. You can also follow us on Facebook@wkchildrensministry.

If you or your child is experiencing stress during this time and you need someone to talk to, or if you need resources on how to talk to your child please reach out to me.

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● From your Pastor Search Committee: Thank-you for completing and returning the Congregational Survey. We have compiled the results and are using them to finalize our pastor profile. We expect the profile and other information to be uploaded to both the CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) and the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) websites by the time of this reading. We are excited to be moving forward even in these challenging times. Please continue to pray for us and if you have any questions, feel free to contact any team member.

● There is a Called Deacon's Meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14, in the Fellowship Hall to discuss plans for reopening the church for in-person worship. Deacons will be called upon to help with certain tasks in this process. There will be no Deacon's Meeting on June 28 as previously planned. Tentative plans are being made to have in-person worship at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 21.

● Coffee, Doughnuts & Reruns. Don't have a computer or Internet at home? No problem. Come by the FBC Welcome Center at 10 a.m. Mondays, June 1, 8 & 15 to see a rebroadcast of the online Sunday service. For more information, call the church office at 706-778-4412. In addition, Josh Denton, Children's Ministry Intern, can assist with questions pertaining to Zoom, how to watch services online, and any other tech issues related to connecting you with FBC Cornelia services, Sunday School or online community. Josh can be reached at 678-761-6781 or e-mail at joshden04@gmail.com.

● If you are not receiving weekly e-mails with FBC updates and information from our Mailchimp e-mail marketing list, call Becky Hughes at the church office. If you formerly received e-mails - and now are not - check your Spam box for e-mail from fbccorneliapub@gmail.com. This list is separate from Donna Trotter's Shepherd's Ministry e-mail updates.

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April, 2020		
Receipts:.....	\$30,435.00	YTD:.....\$122,636.46
Expenses:.....	\$31,558.63	YTD:.....\$153,414.07
Net:.....	(\$1,123.63)	YTD:.....(\$30,777.61)

UNIFIED MISSION FUND

April, 2020		
Beginning Balance: ..	\$11,550.37	YTD:.....\$8,972.35
Receipts:.....	\$4,805.60	YTD:.....\$16,661.60
Investments:.....	(\$3,045.70)	YTD:.....(\$12,323.68)
Ending Balance:	\$13,310.27	YTD:.....\$13,310.27

Memorials

Budget: Chester King, Susie Underwood
Unified Missions: Chester King, Susie Underwood
Audio/Visual: Chester King **Music:** Chester King

Honoraria

Budget: Marlene Kuntz

A Note From Randy/FBC COVID-19 Update:

Dear Church Family,

As a church musician I have been drawn persistently to the Psalms as a source of challenge, reflection, comfort, and inspiration. These days of sheltering in place and social distancing only heighten this attraction. Psalm 137 speaks poignantly to the challenges we face in these uncertain times.

*By the rivers of Babylon -
there we sat down and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.*

*On the willows there
we hung up our harps.*

*For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth,
saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"*

*How could we sing the Lord's song
in a foreign land?*



What a haunting question asked by the poet. How do we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? Finding ourselves in unfamiliar territory, we seek to make sense of the avalanche of information broadcast from myriad sources. Sheltering in place and social distancing are foreign lands to us. It's all too easy to focus on what we don't have during such times and lose the joy of the blessings inherent in our faith. Certainly our present circumstances vividly remind us our illusion of control is just that. When we come to fully embrace the sovereignty of God, we are unshackled to live into the freedom promised in Jesus no matter the circumstances. The Hebrew people held tenaciously to their faith and did, once again, sing the songs of Zion. So shall we.

At the writing of this article, the Governor's office continues to state that those over 65 years of age and those medically vulnerable should shelter in place through June 12. If this order expires on that date, the church staff and leadership recommend beginning public worship services on June 21 at 11:00 a.m. This will give us ample time to prepare for worshipping together safely. Until more is known about control of the virus, our services will be abbreviated to accommodate the entire family worshipping together since childcare will not be provided. We will closely follow CDC guidelines for everyone's safety as we gather.

Of primary importance to me as your Minister of Worship and Music is whether it is safe for us to sing when we return to worship. I am researching multiple resources for information. Initial reports from professional singing organizations suggest singing together is a high risk activity for spreading the virus. Again, we will take everything into consideration to worship safely together. One thing I am certain it is still safe to do is sing in the shower!

Grace & peace to all,

Randy

Dear FBC Family,

Thank-you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and gifts after I broke my arm. My cast is off now and I am wearing a brace for a few weeks while my arm continues to heal. I really love the quilt I received from the quilt ministry. I sleep with it every night!

I also want to thank Dr. Rhett for giving my parents great advice and keeping them calm.

I love you all and cannot wait until I can see you and hug you again!

Love, Hannah Hilliard

Dear FBC,

We can't tell you all how grateful we are for you opening your doors to Classical Conversations each Monday.

Thank-you for allowing us to meet on your campus. Your church has truly been a blessing to us!

The Families of Classical Conversations of Habersham

DEACON OF THE WEEK

DONNA TROTTER - JUNE 7

ED VAUGHN - JUNE 14

BILL CHANDLER - JUNE 21

LARRY WHITFIELD - JUNE 28



Remember
Dad,
June 21

See you soon!



We are working on plans for reopening the church for in-person worship. We look forward to sharing those details with you soon!

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The Rev. Dr. Jimmy Lewis Selected Interim Pastor



In a majority vote of 114 to two the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Lewis was called to serve as Interim Pastor of FBC Cornelia on June 1. A native of Rome, Georgia, Lewis was ordained to the ministry by his home church, North Broad Baptist, in 1972. While an undergraduate at Shorter College, he met Sandra Dooley of Toccoa.

"I asked her how she would feel about being a pastor's wife," recalled Lewis with a chuckle. She was open to it. Forty-nine years, two sons, and five grandchildren later they are still happily married.

Lewis received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. The couple returned to their home state to minister at churches

throughout North Georgia, with stops at FBC Cave Spring, Locust Grove Baptist, FBC Morrow, FBC Jasper, and FBC Tucker. The Lewises retired to Toccoa in 2019.

Ministering in a pandemic has been a challenge for Lewis. He admits he has a hard time preaching on camera.

"I want to see the people and have contact with the people," he said. But he recognizes that God has a plan for the church during this difficult season.

"The community is looking for the church to give of itself to the community. People today want to know what the church is doing. Are they just meeting on Sunday? That is one of the things that is happening in this pandemic. The church is having to figure out who she is when we are not meeting on Sunday and Wednesday and what we do with the resources. It is a real challenge and it is important. If the church is really going to love the community - if we are going to take seriously what the Bible says about love thy neighbor as thyself - we are going to have to figure out who our neighbor is and how we are going to minister to them," said Lewis.

The needs of the congregation and the community should shape the mission of the local church, according to Lewis. This "Jesus-with-skin" approach led him to co-found the local Habitat for Humanity in Cobb County and free clinics in Morrow, Jasper, Atlanta and Toccoa.

In Jasper, there were two adults with developmental disabilities in the congregation. Their housing need led to a church partnership with Developmental Disabilities Ministries of Georgia; Lewis still serves as Chairman of the Board for the organization.

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