

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Skate Park Ministry Rolls On

Our Summer Outreach, Ramp Up 2021, at Cornelia Skate Park began with a BANG in June! We will continue this community outreach in July as well.

The skate park community is a local group that often gets overlooked, but FBC has stepped up to minister to people who need to hear about Jesus and the hope He offers.

One skater said, "Thank you for reaching out to us, we are often seen as the outcast of society." This is a sad statement. Jesus was attracted to the sinners, the sick, and the outcast. Jesus' love for them is undeniable as one looks through Scripture. This means we are to love the poor, the homeless, the sick, and the outcast who society has given up on. One day the Pharisees asked the disciples, "why does He (Jesus) eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus replied, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:16-17).

FBC is reaching out to people who need Jesus and need to know there is hope! Thank you for your support!



FBC Skate Park Ministry is showing the love of Jesus this summer. The ministry continues at Cornelia Skate Park, July 14 & 28 from 5:30 to 7 PM. Please attend or consider donating treats.



Save the date for our Collision Student Ministry One Day Conference, Saturday, July 31, at FBC. We will consider what it means to be "all in" for Jesus. There will be games, food, cool giveaways, worship and guest speakers. Bring a friend!

Collision Student Ministry Conference

Fun 24/7 Cool Prizes
Food ALL IN Games

July 31, 2021
9 AM - 4 PM

First Baptist Church Cornelia
Guest Speakers:
Jeremy Cullum and Jamie Smith

On a personal note: Thank you for the love and support you gave our family while Riley recovered from her tonsillectomy and while Eli was sick. All your prayers, cards, check-ins, and food meant a lot to us. We are blessed to be a part of the FBC Family. - **Dustin Biggers**

Chester continued from cover...

She taught all three of us (brothers) to cook," he said. Teach your son to cook, he advised, "It won't hurt him one bit."

Chester is known for his chicken and dumplings, which he still makes from time to time. He makes the dumplings from scratch. He also makes a good chocolate meringue pie, but meringue is notoriously fickle. "Sometimes I make it good, sometimes it draws up," he said with a shrug. Such is life.☺

Wild Kingdom Children

CREATING WILD FAITH IN THE HEARTS OF KINGDOM KIDS

Summer Fun For Wild Kingdom Kids

We are excited to announce our dates for Vacation Bible School, July 25-27, from 5 to 8 PM, for ages three through 5th grade. Each evening will begin with a light supper.

On Sunday, July 25, the whole church family is invited to attend a Hot Dog Bar Supper at 5 PM and experience the VBS opening worship. Join us! Scan the QR code on the ad at right to register your child. Registration is limited. We also need volunteers! Please call the church office or text Jameson if you can help.



On Tuesday, July 13, we will meet at the Cornelia Splash Pad at 10:30 AM for a morning of fun. Pack your lunch for a picnic.
- Jameson Deering

Maizee Fleming works on a coffee maker with a few WK friends. The kids recently helped out the Tuesday Crew.

Help Us Stuff Backpacks for Cornelia Elementary!

Please consider making a monetary donation to purchase backpacks and school supplies for needy students at our partner school, Cornelia Elementary. Make gift checks to FBC, and specify "CES Backpacks" in the memo line. Items will be ordered.

Thank you!

Visit a Museum this Summer!

I was at home with my kids when they were little, and we called those long summer days of adventure - Camp Mom. I was always looking for fun (and free) things to do, to move their little brains and bodies.



If you have a Saturday with the kids, consider a field trip to the Standard Telephone Museum in the J.P. Ballard Center, 353 Chattahoochee Street, Cornelia. The museum is open from 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturdays. The enthusiastic museum docent is our own, Mrs. Olga. Children will enjoy seeing the evolution of the telephone from the manual exchange of switchboard operators to the modern cellphone. Admission is free.

Then, pack a picnic and play at the park located just outside the museum.

- Becky Hughes

Visit Mrs. Olga at the Standard Telephone Museum

VBS 2021

FOCUS!

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!

JULY 25 - 27
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Supper provided

For ages 3 through 5th Grade

Click the link below to register your child:
<https://forms.gle/tSDqWVnVfbkBPNSbCA>

More information?
Text Jameson: 770-851-092 or
Call church office: 706-778-4412

Our newest...
Libby Ray Hill
born June 9, 2021
7 pounds, 15 ounces
20.5 inches long
Proud parents:
Lauren & Brian Hill
big sister, Lucy

A Word from Pastor Jimmy

In these coming days it is important for our church to be intentional about our times of fellowship. We have been closed up so long the church needs to have fellowship. We will be planning on times when we can get together and grow in our love and support for one another.

I have mentioned in previous sermons that I think it is important for the church to enter a time of prayer. We need to pray that God would show us what He is calling FBC Cornelia to do and give us the courage to follow his will and accomplish his calling. It is also important for us to see our neighbor and discover how we are to love our neighbor.

I mentioned last Sunday that I know absolutely nothing about flying an airplane, but I know that airplanes are different from any other means of transportation. Cars, trains, and boats can come to a complete stop and back up, but it's not so with an aircraft. If it loses forward momentum, it begins to fall and great is the fall of it. The only safe direction for an airplane is onward and upward.

There is a principle in business which says you cannot stand still. Either you are moving forward or you are falling back. That principle applies to churches as well. For the last few years this church has quivered on a plateau. Now plateaus are not bad. In fact, they are an important moment in history. You need some time to assess and see where you are. Plateaus can become pinnacles of nostalgia by which we remember the good old days, or they become launching pads for new ministries.

I want to be on the launching pad. How about you? Please join me as we seek to discover what God is calling us to be and do. I think God has great plans in store for First Baptist Church of Cornelia.

*Editor's note: The Rev. Dr. Jimmy Lewis was approved unanimously to be FBC's Interim Pastor in a Called Church Conference June 6.

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May, 2021		
Receipts:.....	\$45,055.82	YTD:....\$179,197.82
Expenses:	\$35,853.19	YTD:....\$187,532.84
Net:	\$9,202.63	YTD:.....(\$8,335.02)
Average SS Attendance: 60		
Average Worship Attendance: 83		

UNIFIED MISSION OFFERING FUND

May, 2021		
Beginning Balance:..	\$31,109.96	YTD:.....\$16,528.87
Receipts:.....	\$8,505.00	YTD:.....\$28,494.09
Investments:	(\$2,652.00)	YTD:.....(\$8,060.00)
Ending Balance:	\$36,962.96	YTD:.....\$36,962.96

Special Gifts: May, 2021

Honoraria

Budget: Charlotte Meister, Carrie Trotter
Missions: Phil & Evelyn McClain

FBC, through its Unified Mission Offering Fund and Sunday school giving, donated \$1,500.00 to Asian Indian Ministries (AIM) to purchase oxygen cylinders and related equipment in the ongoing battle with COVID-19 in India. AIM is a Norcross-based, Baptist-affiliated ministry dedicated to Bible training, church planting, mobile medical clinics and job training.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

1st Sunday

9:45 AM - First Sunday Breakfast, Banquet Room
9:45 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Connection Point - Youth
11:00 AM - Worship



MONDAY, JULY 5

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, JULY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
Pastor Jimmy begins a study in Job.
6:00 PM - Prayer Group, Heritage RM
No Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JULY 11

9:45 AM - Sunday School

9:45 AM - Beth Moore Bible study begins, **Believing God**; Wonderstruck class meets in the room closest to the Playground Entrance
All are welcome to attend!

10:00 AM - Connection Point - Youth
11:00 AM - Worship
12:30 PM - Deacons' Meeting, FH

TUESDAY, JULY 13

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que
8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew
9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry
10:30 AM - WK Kids at Cornelia Splash Pad

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Prayer Group, Heritage RM
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal
5:30 - 7:00 PM - Skate Park Ministry, Cornelia Skate Park



SATURDAY, JULY 17

Northeast Georgia Brotherhood of Veterans & Patriots meeting, Fellowship Hall
8:30 AM - Breakfast
9:00 AM - Program, Larry Whitfield speaker

SUNDAY, JULY 18

9:45 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Connection Point - Youth
11:00 AM - Worship

MONDAY, JULY 19

No Book Club meeting this month

TUESDAY, JULY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Prayer Group, Heritage RM
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

JULY 25 - JULY 27

5:00 - 8:00 PM - Vacation Bible School
Registration is limited.
Please see Children's Ministry section for more information.

VBS!

SUNDAY, JULY 25

9:45 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Connection Point - Youth
11:00 AM - Worship
5:00 PM - VBS Kick-off, Churchwide Hot Dog Supper

TUESDAY, JULY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Prayer Group, Heritage RM
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal
5:30 - 7:00 PM - Skate Park Ministry, Cornelia Skate Park

NEXT MONTH:

Back to School Kickoff Sunday, August 8 - Churchwide

JULY SERVICE REMINDERS

4th PATROL Wade Hasty	11th PATROL Jason Hughes	18th PATROL Rick Barron	25th PATROL Ed Vaughn
Ushers Rick Barron Evelyn McClain Phil McClain Wade Hasty Dennis Tedder Ed Vaughn	Ushers Grant Bentley Bill Chandler Myra Chandler Steve Doran Larry Whitfield	Ushers Herman Benfield Donald Crowe Kathy Crowe Wes Dodd Jack Irvin Drew Irvin Jarvis McFarlin	Ushers Jason Hughes Richard McMullan Mark Reed Caleb Souther Jimbo Stapleton

DEACON OF THE WEEK

RHETT WEAVER - JULY 4
LARRY WHITFIELD - JULY 11
BEN BROOKS - JULY 18
JAMES BURRELL - JULY 25

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Dear FBC Family,
Your many acts of kindness, texts, cards, calls and prayers have sustained me and my family over the past months as Mom's health declined. To be a part of a church who cares and loves on us has been a beautiful blessing. Mom is no longer with us here on earth, but at rest in the presence of our Lord and Savior. She is no longer in pain now and your love will continue to lift me and my family up in the days to come, when I know she will be greatly missed. Mom also loved you all and was always excited to worship with you.

Thank you so much for your Christian Love & Prayers,
Donna and the entire Trotter Family

MINISTRY STAFF

- Jimmy Lewis**
Interim Pastor
- Randy LeBlanc**
Minister of Worship & Music
Interim Administrator
- Dustin Biggers**
Interim Youth Minister
- Jameson Deering**
Interim Children's Minister
- Kaley Irvin**
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GOOD TIDINGS

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With a Cheerful Attitude, Chester Skelton Takes Life as It Comes



I AM FBC

Editor's note:
I AM FBC is a new and occasional feature about the people who make up First Baptist Church Cornelia.

Chester Skelton, left, is a faithful member of the Tuesday Crew. Skelton, right, is pictured at Camp Carter, Missouri, while serving in the Army Signal Corp during World War II.

Chester Skelton always has a ready smile and a positive attitude. The secret, he said, is to "take life as it comes" no matter the ups and downs. Chester will celebrate his 94th birthday on July 29. He has been a member of FBC since 1942 – the year he was baptized. He has attended FBC since 1936.

A retired mail carrier, Chester still gets on his tractor and plants a garden where he grows "anything he can" – corn, beans, squash, zucchini and tomatoes. He eats a lot of fresh vegetables in the summer. He goes to the gym, walking on the treadmill three days a week. On Tuesday mornings he can be found - with work coveralls on – doing odd jobs around the church and hanging out with the guys on the Tuesday Crew.

Although his family was from Habersham County, Chester was born in Paulsboro, New Jersey. "My folks went to live up there when the Depression hit, then they moved back South." His father found work at a pipeline company for a time before they moved back home. Chester graduated from Cornelia High School and Perry Business School, which operated in Gainesville in the 1940s and 50s. He served 13 months with the Army Signal Corps during World War II as a radio repairman, but the war ended before he was sent overseas.

Chester was a bachelor until age 45 when he married his wife, Betty; she was 40. Why did he wait so long to marry? "Wouldn't nobody have me," he joked. Mrs. Skelton passed away in 2017; they were married 44 years.

Chester has "done a lot of cooking" in his life. "My mother (Mary Lee Skelton) was an extra good cook. She could quite possibly cook anything.

Please see Chester on next page ...



Chester Skelton is pictured on a recent Tuesday with some Wild Kingdom Kids, who shadowed the Tuesday Crew for a morning of service.

First Baptist Church Family,
Thank you so much of thinking of our family recently when mom (Dianne Hardy) died. Even though we have all moved away, we so cherish the church home that saw all three of us baptized as youth.
Thank you, Tommy Hardy