

INVITATIONS

You're Invited!

PrimeTimers Luncheon

Noon | Friday, October 6
First Baptist Cornelia Fellowship Hall

Curt & Sabrina Frederick will provide the entertainment

Cost is \$10, payable at the door.

Sign up on the sheet in the main hallway, or call the church office.

Catering by Nancy Burrell

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Bridal Shower

HONORING
Jordan Francis

BRIDE-ELECT OF
James Stapleton

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY **17** 12-1:30 PM
2023

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORNELIA
BANQUET ROOM

Registry: Davis Brothers, Farm and Lavish, Amazon, Target



AROUND FBC

Photo top left: FBC hosted Cornelia Elementary staff for a back-to-school breakfast August 1. Ladies who served breakfast are from left: Deborah Worsham, Kathy Crowe, Loretta Dalton, Anne Simmons, and Shirley Burton.

Photo top right: John Edmonds, Katie Saucedo, Natalie Saucedo, and Ellie Edmonds are pictured on August 27, when both girls made a profession of faith and joined FBC. The girls will be baptized along with their stepfather John Edmonds, on September 3.



Photo right: Check out the new flooring and fresh paint in the banquet room! Special thanks to Wade Hasty, facilities manager, for overseeing this project, and the Tuesday Crew too!

Excitement Builds for New Season in Children & Family Ministry

SANDY WHAPLES Recommended for Director's Position



Sandy Whaples, left, leads FBC children in a "hot lava" game at the Aug. 23, Meet & Greet.

Below, Sandy & Shannon Whaples



For Sandy Whaples, teaching the Bible and developing a love for God's word is everything in children's ministry.

"When a kid has been in a class where you have created an excitement about the greatest story ever told and I hear about it – it's like a gold deposit in the bank for me," said Sandy. "It's the highest glory."

With more than 20 years' experience in children and family ministry, Sandy counts recruiting, developing, training, and appreciating volunteers as one of the most enjoyable aspects of ministry.

First Baptist will vote on the recommendation of Sandy Whaples as the new Director of Children and Families in a Called Church Conference during the worship service on Sunday, September 3. A full candidate brochure is available on information tables in the main hallway, the Narthex, and the Children's Welcome Desk.

The Children's Committee, Pastor Nathan LaShoto, the Personnel Committee, along with the deacons, have made the recommendation. The Children's Committee provided this enthusiastic endorsement: "During our interview with Sandy, her depth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm excited us!"

Sandy earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education from West Virginia State University in her home state. She began her career teaching preschool. She met her husband Shannon at church one Sunday. He was a flirt. "He kept pursuing me," said Sandy and she finally went out with him. The couple have been married for 34 years. They have two adult children and one granddaughter. Their daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Daniel Loggins, have a daughter Elnora, 4. The couple live in Flowery Branch. Their son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Hannah Whaples, live in Cornelia. The family is tightly knit and enjoy spending time together.

Sandy and Shannon moved around with his job as a pastor and church administrator. Sandy always found her niche working with children's ministry and outreach ministry. The couple served churches in the Midwest, Florida, Georgia, and Michigan. Shannon now works remotely as project director for Convergent Nonprofit Solutions.

Sandy's bubbly enthusiasm is like a shot of 5-hour Energy. It's easy to see how she was able to recruit and train a team of volunteers to lead children each week and execute large outreach events like a City-wide Serve Day, downtown Trick or Treat, and Christmas Tour of Trees, while serving as Director of Children's Ministries at 12Stone Church, Lawrenceville, and most recently as Director of Children's Ministries and Local Outreach at Woodland Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. Sandy looks for ways to introduce the church to the community through "low stress" events designed to meet people where they are or bring people inside the church doors.

Doing big things is kind of Sandy's thing, and she wants the children at FBC to know they can do big things too.

She asks, "What if we give our children the inspiration and the ability to do great things for God?"

Sandy looks forward to imagining the possibilities at First Baptist Cornelia. 🌿

HELP US COLLECT ITEMS FOR APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

Liberty, Habersham and Rabun County Baptist Associations are partnering to send backpacks stuffed with clothing, age appropriate toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to children in Boone County, West Virginia, through the **Appalachian Christmas Backpacks** project. The goal is 1,000 backpacks from the three associations. FBC's goal is 14 backpacks, says Kathy Crowe, project coordinator. Seven backpacks will be filled for girls; seven for boys, from ages 8-10 and 11-14. Please deliver items to the church office by Sunday, October 1, or see Kathy Crowe.



Appalachian Christmas Backpacks

The following items are needed to fill the bags:

- New clothing (no used items please), winter hats, gloves, socks, scarves
- Age appropriate toys: Legos, small cars, stuffed animals, games, small balls, sticker/coloring books.
- Hygiene items: soap, toothpaste/toothbrush, washcloths

All items must be small enough to fit inside a child's backpack.

Monetary donations can also be made. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church with "Christmas Backpacks" in the memo line.

For more information call Kathy, 706-499-4913.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER

Cardboard Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have been ordered and are on the way! If you can help with putting shoeboxes together, please contact the church office. We will make those available as soon as possible.

With small toys and hygiene items, Samaritan's Purse hopes to reach millions of children around the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ this year through the mission of OCC.



Shoebox Dedication Sunday is November 12!

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July, 2023

Receipts:.....	\$49,147.05	YTD:.....	\$286,720.29
Expenses:.....	\$40,656.39	YTD:.....	\$325,386.92
Net:.....	\$8,490.66	YTD:.....	-\$38,666.68

Average SS Attendance: 51 Average Worship Attendance: 60

UNIFIED MISSION OFFERING FUND

July, 2023

Beginning Balance: .	\$21,839.05	YTD:.....	\$15,325.90
Receipts:.....	\$4,568.34	YTD:.....	\$27,176.28
Investments:.....	-\$2,437.00	YTD:.....	-\$18,531.79
Ending Balance:	\$23,970.39	YTD:.....	\$23,970.39

Special Gifts: July, 2023

Honoraria: Ministry Budget - Deborah Worsham

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1st Sunday

9:45 AM - First Sunday Breakfast
Join us in the Banquet Room to meet
SANDY WHAPLES, candidate for the position
of Director of Children & Families
10:00 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - First Sunday Family Worship
Called Church Conference

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON
LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required
Make reservations at fbccornelia.org by Monday at
Noon, or bring a brown bag supper.
5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 7:15 PM - Children & Youth Small Groups
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Worship featuring
Lord's Supper Observance



12:15 PM - DEACON'S MEETING, FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required
Make reservations at fbccornelia.org by Monday at
Noon, or bring a brown bag supper.
5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 7:15 PM - Children & Youth Small Groups
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Worship
12:00 - 1:30 PM - Bridal Shower for
Jordan Francis & James Stapleton, Banquet Room



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Book Club - Details TBD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required
Make reservations at fbccornelia.org by Monday at
Noon, or bring a brown bag supper.
5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 7:15 PM - Children & Youth Small Groups
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Worship featuring
NEW HYMNAL DEDICATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 AM - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required
Make reservations at fbccornelia.org by Monday at
Noon, or bring a brown bag supper.
5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall
6:15 - 7:15 PM - Children & Youth Small Groups
6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

September Service Reminder

3rd

DEACON OF THE WEEK

James Burrell

PATROL

Wade Hasty

Ushers

Phil McClain
Dennis Tedder
Ed Vaughn
Patsy Vaughn

10th

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Bill Chandler

PATROL

Ed Vaughn

Ushers

Grant Bentley
Bill Chandler
Myra Chandler
Steve Doran
Larry Whitfield

17th

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Donald Crowe

PATROL

Donald Crowe

Ushers

Doug Burrell
Donald Crowe
Kathy Crowe
Jack Irvin

24th

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Kathy Crowe

PATROL

Mitchell Trotter

Ushers

Al Carter
Jason Hughes
Richard McMullan
Mark Reed

Dear Church Family,
We simply cannot thank you
enough for the kindness,
support and love you shared
upon the passing of our dear
friend, Chester Skelton. Your
calls, cards, messages and kind
expressions of sympathy meant
more than words can express.
With much love to each of you,
Grant & Tammye Bentley

Dear Church Family,
We appreciate so much the many
prayers, cards, calls and well
wishes from so many of you over
the past few months.
We are both doing much better now
and feeling stronger each week.
Jerry & Joanne Brown

MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Dr. Nathan LaShoto
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September Birthdays

1—Mary Susan Cadenhead Denise Lindemann	18—Palmer Evans 19—Susan McMullan
4—Myra Chandler	20—Alex Sheffield
7—Maizee Fleming	21—Robert Honeycutt, Jr.
8—Jared McFarlin	23—Curtis Mabry
9—Meredith Rudeseal	24—JoAnne Roberts
10—Max Daniel	26—Tammy Caudell
Billy Taylor	29—Anthony Dalton
13—Kerri Dodd	30—John Edmonds
Adalynn Sheffield	
14—Sudie Evans Don Higgins	

Anniversaries

3—Burt & Jimmie Logan	11—Herman & Linda Benfield
8—Dennis & Denise Tedder	21—Al & Allyson Carter
10—David & Patti Bray Tim & Rebecca Buttram	23—Robert & Paula Honeycutt

September Menus

Sept. 6 Meatloaf Squash Casserole Tossed Salad Rolls Dessert	Sept. 13 BBQ Sandwich Slaw Baked Beans Chips Dessert
Sept. 20 Poppyseed Chicken Green Beans Rice Rolls Dessert	Sept. 27 Lasagna Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Dessert

Adults: \$8; Children 6-12: \$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 www.fbccornelia.org
by Noon Monday

Good Tidings of



325 Oak Street, (706) 778-4412

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We live in a world where cancel-
ing, insulting, and holding on to grudg-
es are the norm and forgiveness is not.
In Delia Owen's, *Where the Crawdads
Sing*, she asks "Why should the in-
jured, the still bleeding, bear the onus
of forgive-
ness?"

This trou-
bling ques-
tion is one
more and
more people
are asking in
our culture.
I believe the
Bible has
the perfect
teaching on
forgiveness
to address
our societies
confusion
and anxiety

surrounding the subject of forgiveness.

So why do we need to choose a life
of forgiveness? In this life, you will
experience snubs on a regular basis,
and in some cases, you will experience
real and painful injustice. How are
you going to keep it from consuming
you and turning you into a vengeful
person? The truth is, it is impossible
to move past offenses without forgive-
ness. Desmond Tutu, who grew up un-
der apartheid in South Africa insisted

that "without forgiveness there is no
future" and I believe the same.
There are many things broken in our
world and broken in ourselves.
**Forgiveness takes the broken pieces
and provides healing.**

I am remind-
ed of kintsugi,
the ancient
Japanese art
form used to
repair broken
pottery. The
broken pottery
is gathered and
the fractured
pieces mend-
ed with an ad-
hesive mixed
with fine gold.
The result is
a mended pot
with lines of
gold, repairing

what was broken and restoring the
vessel to working order. What was
broken, is now gloriously redeemed.

In September, I'm preaching a ser-
mon series titled an *Introduction to
Forgiveness*. In this series, we'll look
at how the Bible presents, teaches,
and instructs each of us on the path of
forgiveness. See you Sunday.

Your friend & pastor
Nathan

FORGIVENESS
Without it there is no future

SEPTEMBER
SERMON
SERIES

9/3
WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

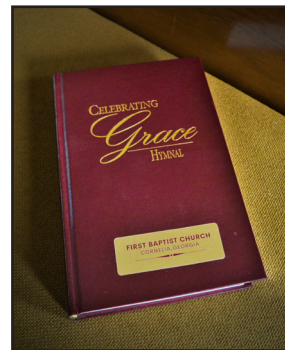
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HOW DO WE DO IT?

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WHY WE NEED IT

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EXTENDING IT

2023 | First Baptist Cornelia

New Hymnal Dedication - Sunday, September 24



Announcing a special service of congregational
singing from our new *Celebrating Grace* hymnals at
11:00 AM Sunday, September 24. We are grateful for
a generous gift of hymnals from Mercer University's
McAfee School of Theology and will dedicate those
along with additional hymnals purchased by FBC.

The *Celebrating Grace* hymnal, published by Mercer
University, was created to be a resource of
congregational song from a Baptist heritage and to
promote families and people of all ages worshipping
together. We believe it to be well suited for worship at
FBC. Join us for this special service as we dedicate
our new hymnal to the glory of God!