

Sermon Series Goes Beyond the Fish Tale



OCTOBER SERMON SERIES | SUNDAYS | 11 AM
2023 | First Baptist Cornelia

The story of Jonah is one of the most beloved Bible stories we have. Many people who are not even religious are familiar with Jonah, the prophet who ran from God and was swallowed by a giant whale. But there is much more to Jonah's story than many of us realize. Jonah, a name which means "love being sent out" wants to hold back his love and God's love from his enemies, the people of Nineveh. He is grumpy, disappointed, suicidal, and yet God is with him through each storm and time in isolation. Even in the belly of the whale, Jonah could not escape God's love and mercy.

As we spend the month of October exploring Jonah, I encourage you bring your Bible and explore this short, but deep Scripture given to us.

In Matthew 12, Jesus calls himself a prophet, "greater than Jonah." As we learn about Jonah we will be directed to Christ the prophet greater than all the prophets, even Jonah.

Your friend and pastor,
Nathan

Celebrate Heritage Month in October

During the month of October, we will focus our attention on the rich history of our church. In the 136 years since its beginning in 1887, the mission of First Baptist Church Cornelia has always been to serve God in this community and to the ends of the earth. As the Church serves as a "light upon the hill," so may the lives of its members serve as examples of God's love to all they meet. Look for various ways to learn more about the wonderful history of our church. Sunday School classes will be invited to join the History Committee in the Heritage Room and learn more about our history from pictures and artifacts that tell the story of our church. - *History Committee*

Everyone is encouraged to visit the Heritage Room (206) in October. Sue Blair and Cohen Thomas (aka "John"), pictured in the above photo left, will lead a presentation for each Sunday School class during the month. If you don't currently attend a class - just drop in to see the exhibit between 10:00 - 10:45 AM before worship. Our FBC Children visited the Heritage Room on October 1 during children's worship and participated in a presentation and scavenger hunt. Photo above right, Mrs. Sue helps Hannah Hilliard find answers for her scavenger hunt. Photo right, Brian Hill, points out the church's first pastor to children on October 1.



OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY!

10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship

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TUESDAYS | OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew, retired gentlemen enjoying coffee & cake, and doing tasks around FBC. Join the crew!

9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry

WEDNESDAYS | OCTOBER 4, 18

10:00 AM - Coffee & 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. Join us for a time of worship and a devotional message from Pastor Nathan!

6:15 - 7:15 PM - Children & Youth Small Groups

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

12 NOON - PrimeTimers, Fellowship Hall, Reservations required.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

11 AM - Worship | New Deacon Ordination & Communion



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 | FALL BREAK

6:30 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL

NO OTHER ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16



3:00 PM - Book Club at the home of Sally Higgins

NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROTHERHOOD OF VETERANS & PATRIOTS | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21



All veterans and friends are invited to attend the breakfast meeting, in the fellowship Hall.

8:30 AM - Breakfast, provided by Higgins Realty

9:00 AM - Rick Zane, a Vietnam veteran will be the guest speaker.

Zane served on a Naval Destroyer during the conflict.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 | DEACONS' MEETING | FOLLOWING WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:00 AM - Coffee & Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM - Hot Dog dinner, donation-only, Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM - HARVEST FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal



Dear Church Family,
We must admit there have been times when the privilege of having a "church family" like you has been taken for granted. Our family illness has brought us to a new level of gratitude and appreciation for you. It has been overwhelming to be the beneficiaries of your many acts of kindness to the Turner Family. Your calls, cards, food and prayers have helped sustain us during this difficult time. Thank you for all you have done to care for us. All we ask is your continued prayer and support.
Love,
David & Mary Turner

October Service Reminder

OCTOBER 1

Deacon of the Week
Rick Bridgeman

Patrol
Wade Hasty

Ushers
Phil McClain
Dennis Tedder
Ed Vaughn
Patsy Vaughn

OCTOBER 8

Deacon of the Week
Sally Higgins

Patrol
Ed Vaughn

Ushers
Grant Bentley
Bill Chandler
Myra Chandler
Steve Doran
Larry Whitfield

OCTOBER 15

Deacon of the Week
Don Higgins

Patrol
Donald Crowe

Ushers
Doug Burrell
Donald Crowe
Kathy Crowe
Jack Irvin

OCTOBER 22

Deacon of the Week
Rhett Weaver

Patrol
Mitchell Trotter

Ushers
Al Carter
Jason Hughes
Richard McMullan
Mark Reed

OCTOBER 29

Deacon of the Week
Wade Hasty

Patrol
Jason Hughes

Ushers
Joseph Hilliard
Cheryl Parker
Michael Parker
Wayne Worsham

***More volunteers are needed for patrol and usher duty. If you can help, please contact Wade Hasty.**

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT | AUGUST 2023

Receipts: \$49,840.72

YTD: \$336,561.01

Expenses: \$57,468.53

YTD: \$382,855.45

Net: **-\$7,627.81**

YTD: **-\$46,294.44**

Average Sunday School Attendance: 89

Average Worship Attendance: 91

UNIFIED MISSION FUND | AUGUST 2023

Beginning Balance: \$23,970.39 YTD: \$15,325.90

Receipts: \$3,433.34 YTD: \$30,609.62

Investments: \$-8,780.89 YTD: \$-27,312.68

Ending Balance: **\$18,622.84**

SPECIAL GIFTS - Honoraria: Ministry Budget - Mack Baird

DEACON NEWS

Al Carter, Shirley Dillard, Dustin Thomas, and Leigh Thomas were unanimously elected to serve as deacons on 10/1/23. The following is a list of the current deacons and the year their service term expires:
Rick Bridgeman (2025); Al Carter (2026);
Shirley Dillard (2026); Wade Hasty (2024);
Don Higgins (2025); Sally Higgins (2025);
Dennis Tedder (2024); Dustin Thomas (2026);
Leigh Thomas (2026); Rhett Weaver (2024).