**IT’S TIME TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS**

On Sunday evening, May 22, at 6:00 pm at the North Georgia Hospice Community Center we are holding a “Ministry Celebration and Appreciation Banquet.” We will celebrate all the ministry that takes place within our doors and beyond. We will also express our appreciation to the many who give of themselves in ministry.

**WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:** Write down on a sheet of paper or send an email to the office of the names of people to whom you would like to express appreciation and why. We will make sure they are recognized.

*Bring a covered dish to share!!*

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**Pastor’s Pot**

The Pastor’s Pot is a fun, community-wide cooking challenge in which pastors and their churches from all over the county offer their favorite recipe and the folks of the community vote for the pastor who has created the best taste. Past prizes have been won by Trinity Tabernacle, Holy Family Episcopal, and First Baptist Church. It is indeed a fierce competition!

What’s even better - all of the proceeds of this great food contest go to benefit C.A.R.E.S.

This year the event will be held at Jasper United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 7th from 11:30 to 1:30. Over fifteen different churches will be participating, and once again, our own Bradley Rutledge will be serving up his famous BBQ for the First Baptist Church.

A $10 ticket will admit you to this great tasting event and then you get to vote for the best-tasting thing that you ate. A limited number of tickets are available - get yours fast!! Barbecue, Brunswick Stew, Jambalaya, chili, lobster mac-n-cheese, cakes, brownie bites, cupcakes, appetizers have all been cooked in the past, and even more delectable food items will be offered this year!

Tickets are available at participating churches or at Jasper Drug.

Come, eat, vote and support C.A.R.E.S.!
Music News:
The Children’s Choirs will present "Agape League" on Sunday, May 1 at 5:00pm in the Chapel. The kids have worked hard all year on this presentation and would love to see you in the audience!

J.O.Y. Choir dates for April 2016 are 5/13 & 5/27 at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ,
Matthew Newton
Minister of Music

Youth News:
Mark your calendars! Youth Sunday is May 22! We are working hard to prepare our hearts to lead the congregation towards worshipping and loving well. We will also be recognizing graduates that day. If you know of students graduation from high school, college, or graduate school, let me know!

This month we also welcome back Brad Rutledge as our Summer Youth Intern! He will be returning from his freshman year at GA Southern to spend a second summer leading our youth and helping us prepare for Mission Trip.

Thank you all for your support and love!

In grace,
Annie Sutton
Minister of Youth & Outreach

Preschool News
We are very excited because we are completely full in our preschool for the 2016-2017 school year!

Other exciting news, the new library will begin construction on May 4th. We have some money that has been donated and we will be beginning the construction with those donations.

Any continued financial support, manual labor or prayers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Cassie Rasco or Joe McCrary with any questions regarding the library.

Cassie Rasco
Preschool Director

Honorarium • Memorial • Gifts

In Honor of Maddie & Molly Dunn
Given by Brian & Judy Pinson

In Honor of the Shaw Family
Given by Will & Myrna Denson

In Memory of Denny Lowe
Given by the Pickens Star Lodge #220
Given by David & Helen Stuart

In Memory of Tim Burton
Given by Ann Wall

In Memory of Debbie Daly
Given by Melinda Mullinax

In Memory of Larry Keeter
Given by George & Brenda Weaver

In Memory of Mrs. Helen Lowe
Given by David & Helen Stuart
**I’M GONNA TRY TO BECOME A DOCTOR**
*Greg Pope*

This June I will begin work on a Doctorate in Worship at the Robert Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Northern Seminary. Having worked out the details with the Personnel Committee and received the approval of the deacons, I look forward to returning to the classroom.

The degree will require that I be out of town one week of June each year for the next five years. I will be using one of my four weeks of vacation for this time of study.

There are three reasons I want to pursue this degree at this time.

- One, it has been 25 years since my Masters of Divinity work, and I believe effective ministry requires continued education.
- A second reason for doing this work at this time has to do with our having two worship services and the desire to keep them creative and meaningful.
- A third reason has to do with a retirement goal of possibly teaching. When I am nearing the likely retirement age of 75, I don’t want you to have to send Mollie Williams and Christian Rasco into my office to tell the old man it’s time to move on!

I am enthusiastic about these next few years, sharing with you what I have learned, and worshiping our Creator together in ways that spiritually form us as the Body of Christ.

If you want to start calling me “Dr.” now, feel free.

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**Sanctuary Flowers in April**

April 3 - Given in honor of Colin (Mike) Becker in celebration of his 85th birthday, which was on April 6th.
Given by Ruby Becker & her daughters Tonya, Michelle & Latricia.

April 10 - Given in honor of Laura Garner, who will celebrate her birthday on April 12th.
Given by Kirk, Lindsey, Kristen & Addie Garner.

April 17 - Given in honor of Clarice Stewart who will celebrate her 91st birthday on April 25th.
Given by her children and grandchildren.

April 24 - Given today in honor of their grandson, and great-grandchildren, whose birthdays are in April & May.
Given by Bobby & Betty Martin.

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**Worship/Bible Study Leader, Tony Lankford.**

**Join us for CBF/GA’s First Senior Adult Retreat!**

Our Senior Retreat will be held at FBC, St. Simons, Monday, May 16, 10 a.m. through Tuesday, May 17, lunch and include: Bible study, worship, coastal sightseeing, service projects, food, and fellowship. *(Of course you can stay over another day if you would like!)*

**Registration**

$10 Registration Fee per person is required upon arrival. To register please call Renee Bennett at 478-742-1191, Ext. 3 or e-mail Renee Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org.

For additional Lodging, Reservations & Meal information, please contact Allison in the church office: 706-253-5015 -or- office@fbcjasper.com

This event is hosted by First Baptist Church, St. Simons Island.
Introducing - Baby Kate Mason!

Luke might be the proudest and happiest big brother ever. He loves being a "four family" and says Kate is the sweetest and cutest baby ever!

Youth Mission Trip
July 9th – July 16th

Camp ASCCA is Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults. ASCCA is a nationally recognized leader in therapeutic recreation for children and adults with both physical and intellectual disabilities. Providing weekend and week long sessions, Camp ASCCA is open year-round.

Located in Alabama on Lake Martin, Camp ASCCA offers campers a wide variety of recreational and educational activities. Activities include horseback riding, fishing, tubing, an accessible waterslide, swimming, environmental education, arts and crafts, canoeing, a "splash pad", outdoor adventure elements like the zip-line, and much more.

FBC Jasper will be working with some of the campers during recreation activities. We will also be tackling some much needed construction projects, and assisting with some repairs and maintenance.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
(Don’t Say You Didn’t Know About It!)

May 1 • Children’s Choir Musical: Agape League
(500 pm in Chapel)

May 7 • Pastor’s Pot Fundraiser for C.A.R.E.S.
(at Jasper UMC 11:30-1:30)
You can buy your tickets in the church office or from Greg on Sundays.

May 11 • Interim Project Report w/Anna Hall (600)

May 15 • Pentecost Sunday: One Worship Service Outdoors (1100) followed by a picnic

May 17 • Preschool Year End Program & Pre-K Graduation

May 18 • Greg DeLoach, President of DDM, Speaking (600)

Final Wednesday Night Supper until August

May 21 • Run for God 5K Run in Chattanooga, TN

May 22 • Youth Sunday (845 and 1100)

May 22 • Ministry Celebration and Appreciation Banquet (6:00 pm @ Georgia Mountains Hospice Center)

June 6-9 • Vacation Bible School (900-1200)

June 22-24 • Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Gen. Assembly in Greensboro, NC

July 9-16 • Youth Mission Trip @ Camp ASCCA in Jackson’s Gap, AL

1-May Sarah Pinson 19-May Marilyn McMahan
2-May Lou Allen 19-May Judy Haynes
2-May Barbara Thomason 20-May Jane Hollingsworth
4-May Lisa Jones 20-May Bryce Goss
6-May Frank Eubanks 21-May Patsy Jordan
6-May Tom Ottinger 21-May Robbie Lassiter
7-May Lou Briegel 23-May Ken Harmon
7-May Lisa Barnett 23-May Jonah Newton
7-May Matthew Maturo 24-May Doug Brooks
10-May Jonathan Hyatt 25-May Norma Wilson
12-May Fran Copeland 25-May Janela Brand
12-May Kym McCrary 27-May Tiffany Griffis
13-May Jerry Ingram 27-May Sarah Barnes
13-May Lindsey Logan 28-May Ethan Brooks
13-May Christian Rasco 28-May Andrew Westbrook
13-May Kiptyn Rasco 28-May Dylan Stancil
14-May Alex Raisor 29-May Holly Boothe
16-May Ron Caraway 29-May Daniel Culbreth
17-May Hugh Reece 30-May Bill Pickett
18-May Micah Newton 30-May Susanne Raisor

Ministry Budget as of 03/26/2016

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DEACONS OF THE WEEK:
May 1 - Mike & Kathy Westbrook
May 8 - Bob Baldwin
May 15 - Kyle Rasco
May 22 - Rick Goble
May 29 - Patton Childers & Tommy Shaw

DEACONS MEETING:
May 9th - 7:00 p.m.
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### Sundays
- **8:45** - Worship in the Chapel
- **9:45** - Sunday School
- **11:00** - Worship in the Sanctuary
- **5:00** - Youth Choir
- **6:00** - Youth CONNECT

### “Pray for One Another” (James 5.16)
On the calendar you will find the names of Church Members to pray for five days a week. Please remember them in your daily prayers.
**WORSHIP in MAY**
8:45 in Chapel, 11:00 in Sanctuary

**May 1 / Easter 6**
The Biblical Story Concludes:
*A New Heaven and a New Earth*
The Book of Revelation
Children’s Choir Singing

**May 8 / Easter 7**
Holy Humor Sunday
*The Healing Gift of Laughter*
Genesis 21.6, 17.17, Psalm 126.2,
Proverbs 31.25, Ecclesiastes 3.4, Luke 6.21
The Dedication of Palmer Blaine Cronic

**May 15 / Pentecost Sunday**
11:00 One Worship Service Outdoors
(followed by hot dogs/hamburgers for lunch)
*Takin’ It to the Streets*
Luke 14
EVERYONE WEAR RED!

**May 22 / Pentecost 2**
Youth Sunday
Youth lead worship in both services

**May 29 / Pentecost 3**
*Misused Memory*
Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26
The Remembrance of Holy Communion

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS in MAY**

**May 4**
5:15 Dinner is served until 6:00
(RSVP required by 05/03)
5:55 Birthdays and Anniversaries
6:00 Children’s Party
6:30 Mission Friends
6:30 R.A.’s & G.A.’s
6:00 The Bible Book by Book: The Prophets
6:30 Run for God

**May 11**
5:15 Dinner is served until 6:00
(RSVP required by 05/10)
5:55 Birthdays and Anniversaries
6:00 Club 456, FBI
6:30 Mission Friends
6:00 Anna Hall: What Did We Learn During the Interim?
6:30 Run for God

**During the last interim period between pastors (June 2013 – July 2014), a study was conducted by Ph.D. student Anna Hall about what our congregation experienced and learned during that time. Anna will be present to share her findings and engage us in discussion.**

**May 15**
6:00 Birthdays and Anniversaries
6:30 Mission Friends
6:00 Prayer
6:10 Greg DeLoach,
New President of DDM speaking
6:30 Run For God

**May 25**
6:00 Birthdays and Anniversaries
6:05 Prayer
6:15 How to Tell Your Faith Story
In the spirit of Jesus who said that “the first shall be last and the last shall be first” the staff is listed alphabetically backward.

Annie Sutton, Minister to Youth & Outreach
David Stuart, Minister of Music Emeritus
Brandon Sosebee, 845 Worship Leader
Glenn Rasco, Chair of Deacon Body
Cassie Rasco, Preschool Director
Greg Pope, Pastor
Matt Newton, Associate Pastor/Music and Administration
Kim Mason, Minister to Children
Allison Boyle, Office Administrator

Chuck Payne, Secretary/Treasurer
Patton Childers
Kevin Crowe
Albert Hamrick
Marcia McDaniel
Kathy Westbrook
Mike Westbrook

2016 Deacons
Glenn Rasco, Chair
Brenda Weaver, Vice Chair
Reeder Burch
Bob Baldwin
Bill Hall
Kyle Rasco
Tommy Shaw

New Users will have to create an account. The email address that is on file and associated with your membership record will be your login. If your correct email address is not on file in the office, please call Allison at 706-253-5015. Or, you can send her an email: office@fbcjasper.com

Once this information is up to date, you can set up a one-time gift, or schedule a reoccurring gift.

Options for online giving include:

- Budget
- Building Fund
- Memorial Building Fund
- All Missions (Global, State & Local)
- Preschool Tuition & Fees - paid by parents of current preschool children
- Preschool Donations (from church members - goes towards scholarships for students)

You can now make financial contributions to the church by clicking on the On-Line Giving tab on our website.