



Happy May Birthday!

- 1 - Sarah Pinson
- 2 - Lou Allen,
Barbara Thomason
- 3 - Ashley Bell, Emily Bell
- 4 - Lisa Jones
- 6 - Frank Eubanks,
Tim Jordan,
Anslee Stone
- 7 - Lisa Barnett, Matt Maturo
- 8 - Eydie Jones
- 9 - LeeAnn Lucas
- 10 - Jonathan Hyatt
- 12 - Fran Copeland,
Kym McCrary
- 13 - Bennett Anthony,
Savannah Anthony,
Lindsey Logan,
Christian Rasco,
Kiptyn Rasco
- 14 - Alex Raisor
- 17 - Rick Harris
- 18 - Bug Stone
- 19 - Judy Haynes,
Marilyn McMahan
- 20 - Jane Hollingsworth
- 21 - Robbie Lassiter,
Joe Pickett
- 22 - Caleb Wilson
- 23 - Ken Harmon
- 25 - Norma Wilson
- 26 - Judy Ray
- 27 - Tiffany Griffis
- 28 - Ethan Brooks,
Andrew Westbrook
- 30 - Bill Pickett

Dear Church Family,

A question I often get from people is, "When are we going to be able to go back to church?" That question also prays on my mind. We all miss being able to be together and we look forward to the day when we can do it again. However, when we gather, I know that there will be some anxiety about a crowd of folks being together.

Creating a healthy environment is a top priority of the Staff and the Deacons. The Staff and Deacon body have begun to consider ways to ease the anxiety of folks when they enter FBC Jasper again. This will mean some "transitional changes" to how we do church and how we do worship. The Staff and the Deacon body want to create a sacred space where people feel like they can worship and feel safe when they enter the doors of FBCJ.

We continue to monitor the news from our local and state governments about when it will be a safe time to begin to gather. As much as we want to be together, we want to do it thoughtfully and carefully. I look forward to the day we can meet at church.

Your Pastor,
Preston



Temporary Schedule

Dear Church Family,

I like to think of our spiritual life as a four-legged stool. Each leg represents a spiritual practice which serves to hold the stool upright. The four practices are prayer, Bible study, service to others, and fellowship with like believers. At this time our ability to fellowship with others is being severely challenged. While we can't gather as the body of Christ in our normal way, I would like to suggest some actions we can take to keep our spiritual stool balanced. Most of the suggestions are common sense and you are probably already doing some, or all, of them.

First, establish a routine for spiritual exercise. You exercise your body and your mind, why not your spirit? Start your day with a morning devotion. You can do this alone or, better yet, with your family. It can include scripture, prayer, and a devotional reading. Go to d365.org on the internet for extremely good daily devotions. This takes care of two of the four legs on your stool.

Since most of us find music to be uplifting you might want to add some music to your devotional time. YouTube is full of inspiration Christian music videos. Jane Hollingsworth put me onto a great one last week entitled "It Is Well with My Soul" by the Nashville Studio Singers.

It's okay to repeat this exercise before retiring for the evening. Ending the day with a conversation with God might help you sleep.

About that fellowship thing. Call and check on others. You can talk with family, friends, and someone from church (maybe even someone from church that you really don't know very well). This might be a good time to get to know them better. If you are internet savvy, check out Zoom or Skype for a family teleconference call with live video.

Another way to fellowship is by watching the Church's Sunday morning service on the internet. Our staff continues to get better every week. Oh, and if you have children at home, make sure they check out Anna's Facebook videos. She has one with donkeys which is a must see, even if you are not a child.

This is also a good time to read or re-read a Christian book if you have one around the house. If you are one of those who doesn't study their Sunday school lesson before Sunday, not naming any names, this might be a good time to study the lesson each week.

None of this is a substitute for gathering to worship. We all hope and pray that we will meet together as soon as it safe to do so. In the meantime, don't forget to exercise your spirit so you don't fall off your stool.

Grace and Peace, *Bill*



Physically distance...

Socially Connect.

Doing our part to keep our members and community safer, we have temporarily modified how we worship and gather until further notice. Please join us online...

Sundays

- 10:30 **ETC Chanel 3** broadcast of previous week Worship
- 11:00 Online Worship video on our **FaceBook**
www.facebook.com/firstbaptistjasper/
and WYYZ (102.7 FM and 1490 AM)
- 12:30 Online Worship video on our **YouTube**
www.youtube.com
(search First Baptist Jasper Georgia)

Other

Online Children's Ministry FaceBook page
Search First Baptist Church of Jasper, Georgia
Children's Ministry

Online Youth Ministry FaceBook page
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistJasperYouth/>

Wednesday @ 8 pm: Women's study on Zoom -
Contact Karrie Poole for link

Sunday Youth Meeting on Zoom

Past Worship Services can be found on our web page at
www.fbcjasper.com.

We will make a joyous announcement when we can begin joining together again and will share at that time a schedule for Worship, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Choir, Band, events, etc. We will also be checking phone messages and emails:

office @fbcjasper.com

706-253-5015

The great theologian, Martin Luther, once said, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." During this time of social distancing, thank you to the wonderful musicians who have managed to share their talents with us online. I hope we always remember that even though we are apart, we are still joined in heart.

I hope that soon we will be able to gather safely as a church again. When that happens, remember that we want to invite you to join us in praising God through song.

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

Sing and make music from your heart the Lord." Ephesians 5:19

Yours, *Joy Huddleston*





May 2020 Church Calendar

First Baptist Church of Jasper

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Modified Schedule: 11:00 Online Worship on FaceBook					1 Jim & Amanda Jones	2
3 11:00 Online Worship	4 Joseph & Lisa Jones	5 Kathie Jones	6 Ralph Jones	7 Trudy Jones	8 Jennifer Jordan	9
10 11:00 Online Worship	11 5:30 Finance 6:30 Deacon Tim & Kelly Jordan	12 Ryan & Freida Keeter	13 Hannah Keeter	14 Robert Kelley	15 JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Larry & Lynn Kellogg	16
17 11:00 Online Worship	18 Larry & Lynn Kellogg	19 Clever & Joy Kiser	20 John Kistler	21 Jay Kown	22 Margarette Kown	23
24/31 11:00 Online Worship	25 Memorial Day Charlie Land	26 Rick & Mary Land	27 Phillip & Elaine Landrum	28 Phillip & Crystal Landrum	29 Charles & Robbie Lassiter	30

Pray for One Another: 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. (James 5:16)

During this season, we know that there are many things on your mind. We are hoping to walk alongside you during this season in the safest and most comforting way possible. With the safety and health of our children and volunteers being of utmost importance, we have decided to cancel Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2020. Though this is upsetting, we are confident that this is the right decision. This decision comes after much time in prayer and conversations with other staff members and our Children's Committee.

We made this decision this early so we can begin work on other fun and impactful ways to reach our kids and families during the current situation and for when our family of faith is back together and I felt it important to let you know as soon as possible about our decision about VBS. Thank you for your prayers and continued support of our Children's Ministry and Church.

Love for this Journey, Rev. Anna Walker

We deeply appreciate your expressions of sympathy and kindness during this difficult time for our family. Thank you for your prayers. We are grateful for our church family & friends.

*In Christ,
Jim & Alice Lowe and Family*

2020 Deacon Body

Brenda Weaver, Chair

Tommy Shaw, Vice-Chair

Lana Callahan, Secretary

**Kevin Crowe
Lisa Duckett
Bill Eubanks
Kirk Garner
Deborah Gay**

**Rick Harris
Marcia McDaniel
Cliff Owen
Judy Pinson
Karrie Poole**

**Kyle Rasco
Kathy Westbrook
Mike Westbrook
Dennis Woodard
Leigh Young**

Next Deacons Meeting: Monday, May 11 at 6:30 P.M.

The Spirit of Christmas Throughout the Year

The Lamplighters Women on Missions group will have a shoe-box packing party in October. If you would like to help collect items for us to use at our packing party, you can begin shopping now, or you can add items to your online shopping cart to pack your own shoe-boxes. The Lamplighters suggests the following items to shop for through the rest of the year.

May: hygiene items like soap, tooth-brushes, washcloth, combs, or brush
June: toys

July: clothing items
August: school supplies
September: games

October: Write a letter with a photo
November: turn in your shoe-boxes with \$9 postage
December: PRAY



School Snack Pack Program

Thank you again for all of your generous donations to our school snack program. Your donations help our School Snack Pack Ministry provide snacks for almost 600 of our needy, local students! If you would like to make a contribution, we have an account here at FBCJ which is used for this ministry. Please make your check out to FBCJ and note "Snack Program" in the memo section of the check. Marcia McDaniel (706-692-8364)



ONLINE APP & GIVING
search "FBC Jasper" in the App Store or Google Play or download online at <http://get.theapp.co/f451>

Memorial & Honorarium Contributions

In Memory of Douglas C. Brooks
Betty S. Brooks
Reeder & Robin Burch
Sandra Payne
Kyle & Cassie Rasco
Gerald & Mary Jane Reid
David & Helen Stuart

In Memory of Coy Lowe
Kyle & Cassie Rasco

In Memory of Janelle Toffie Smith Phillips
Kyle & Cassie Rasco

In Memory of Midge Raiford
Dan & Rebecca Forrester

In Memory of Terri Reid Wages
Gerald & Mary Jane Reid

In Honor of Tom & Kathy Wallace
Kathryn L. Holden

**In the spirit of Jesus who said,
"The first shall be last and the last shall be first,"
the staff is listed alphabetically backward:**

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