

# June Newsletter



## 2020

First Baptist Church Family,

I would like to share with you 2 things:

As the state of Georgia begins to open up different types of businesses the conversation often turns to church. When can we open church? When are we going to get to meet again? Please know that the Church Staff misses seeing you during the week in the office, Sundays, and Wednesdays. I want you to know that our Church Staff Anna, Bill, Christie, and I are working diligently to begin to consider and work through logistics to make FBC Jasper a safe place to congregate. The Church Staff with the coordination of the Deacons has created a Task Force. The Task Force is made up of folks from medical, legal, and insurance backgrounds. The Task Force is going to be making recommendations as they work hand in hand with the Deacons and Staff. The Task Force asked the staff to create a document to think through layers and logistics. Anna, Bill, Christie, and I worked to create an 85 page document of logistics and recommendations that was presented to the Task Force in our last meeting on May 12th. This document will be a guide to help the Task Force make decisions. We want to be thoughtful and careful in our approach. We will keep you informed as the Task Force, Deacons, and Staff make decisions.

It has been humbling and beautiful to see how the people of FBC Jasper have given to God during such an uncertain time. Your generosity shows your love and commitment to God and this church.

We will continue to move forward as the people of God at FBC Jasper seeking to be the church in Pickens County. These times are uncertain, but what is certain is the Spirit of God that is in this community through the FBC of Jasper. Let us look for ways to build the Kingdom of God and be the presence of God in this community.

I am honored to serve as your pastor, *Preston*

Dear FBCJ Congregation,

For the past 40+ years, our church has participated in Youth Mission Trips. We have traveled far, worked hard, fellowshiped together, worshipped together, and been the hands and feet of Christ wherever He sent us. The Youth Mission Trip has always been prayerfully and financially supported by our church and has impacted those who have served and were being served. As you may be aware, YMT was destined for Waycross, GA this summer to help at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. In addition, we had reserved a large portion of Laura S. Walker State Park for our home away from home during that week. Many people were depending on our group for financial reasons as well as for assistance. It was shaping up to be a wonderful week for our church, for the State Park, and for the Camp.

Many of the campers at the Camp for the Blind have auto-immune disorders and would be considered "at risk" if they had camp during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the camp has canceled their summer program. After many conversations and prayers, it has been decided that we do the same and YMT 2020 will be canceled for this summer. The safety of our participants and the logistics of a full-blown YMT, while following CDC guidelines, ultimately made our decision a lot easier. This is a hard pill to swallow because, even with the pandemic, we are still supposed to be on mission! I'm upset for the children, youth, and adults who look forward to this trip every year.

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## Happy June Birthday!

- 2 - Bill Hall, Ethel Hicks
- 5 - Emma Barnes
- 6 - Clint Chapman, Laurie Hearn,  
Lynn New, Sandra Payne
- 7 - Treva Lee
- 8 - Dwayne Daniels, Sara Williams
- 9 - Edward Johnson
- 10 - Lucas Pilla, Javy Zuniga
- 11 - Brad Rutledge, Bree Stone,  
Georgie Weaver
- 12 - Ashley Preisinger, Helen Stuart
- 13 - Gus Craig, JJ Roper
- 14 - Jerry Bohannon, Claire Callahan,  
Robert Kelley, Mary Zuidema
- 16 - Lynn Kellogg
- 17 - June Ingram
- 18 - Tucker Burch, Cleve Kiser
- 19 - Seth Cronic, Alan Jent
- 20 - Jordan Gayton,  
Ashton McWhirter,  
Mike Westbrook, Hettie Young
- 21 - Angie Higgins
- 23 - Michael Bravo, Neil Boggan,  
Earl Gaskins, Holly Miller
- 24 - Melanie McCurdy, Frances Wagner
- 25 - Sandi Denson, Chuck Payne,  
Justin Pilla, Brody Stone
- 26 - Ray Hall, Brian Russell
- 27 - Marla Callahan, W. C. Copeland
- 28 - Harper Childers, Henley Childers,  
Rebecca Forrester
- 29 - Will Denson, Tripp Shaw
- 30 - Gerald Allen, Sam Davis,  
Misty Henderson, Mack Phillips,  
Merrimeth Phillips, Sharon Wofford

## Temporary Schedule



*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 Worship
- 11:00 Online Worship on FaceBook  
[www.facebook.com/firstbaptistjasper/](http://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistjasper/)  
and WYYZ (102.7 FM and 1490 AM)
- 12:30 Online Worship on YouTube  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
(search First Baptist Jasper Georgia)

### Other

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

Online Youth Ministry on FaceBook  
<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](http://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

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## Memorial & Honorarium Contributions

In Memory of Doug Brooks  
Gerald & Martha Allen  
Paul & Patricia Crissman  
Dan & Rebecca Forrester  
Bill & Debbie Pickett

In Memory of Leonard Joe Millsap  
Kyle & Cassie Rasco

In Memory of Jerry White  
Dan & Rebecca Forrester  
Judy Haynes  
David & Helen Stuart

In Honor of baby  
Charlotte Ann Aitken  
Kyle & Cassie Rasco

In Honor of baby  
Taysen Kytt Haney  
Kyle & Cassie Rasco

In Honor of Mark Hinton  
Gerald & Mary Jane Reid



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# Church Calendar

First Baptist Church of Jasper

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Modified Schedule: 11:00 Online Worship on FaceBook	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Tommy Lathem	Al & Terri Lawson	Donald Lear	Treva Lee	Delano Leonard	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11:00 Online Worship	5:30 Finance 6:30 Deacon Ian Leonard	Marena Leonard	John & Mary Long	Pam Long	Jim & Beverly Looney	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11:00 Online Worship	JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Gary Lowe	Jimmy & Alice Lowe	Mike & Decie Lowe	Ryker & Lisa Lowe	Slade & Neena Lowe	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
11:00 Online Worship	Jamie Lynch	Jean Mann	Bobby & Betty Martin	Farrol Anna Mashburn	Frank & Pauline Matureo	
28	29	30				
11:00 Online Worship	Joe & Kym McCrary	Carl & Melanie McCurdy				

**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)

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Yet, when one door is closed, God opens another.

As I stated earlier, many people are depending on us and it was decided that we would take a small group of adults/families on a shorter trip to complete an important and necessary project at the Camp for the Blind. In addition, we will be staying at Laura S. Walker State Park as a way to help with some of the financial loss they will incur. Fortunately, we will be more able to follow safety precautions set forth by our Task Force with a smaller group. On July 10-14th, 20-25 participants, who have already willingly agreed to go, will follow where God is leading. Unlike in

years past, I am not asking for financial gifts, food donations, or your participation. However, I covet your prayers and your understanding as we go into the mission field...a little lighter, a whole lot smaller, but just as necessary. In the weeks to come, you will hear more regarding our trip as details unfold for us.

If I haven't told you lately, thank you for always supporting the various mission opportunities we have at this church. The love that pours out from this congregation has flowed from generation to generation and has been felt despite our temporary separation. May God continue to bless us all in the weeks to come.

As Always, Kyle D. Rasco

## 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, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.**

ALONE we can do so little.  
TOGETHER we can do so **MUCH** -Helen Keller

When the coronavirus hit and the schools closed for the year, the distribution channel for the Weekend Snack Program ended as snack bags could no longer be delivered to the schools each week for distribution to students to take home with them. Another plan had to be initiated. It was decided that volunteers would go to five of the locations in the county where the school system furnished breakfast/lunch bags. In the latter part of April and all of May, approximately 550 snack bags were given out each week. Thanks to all the volunteers who work in the program and all those who contribute monetarily.



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Google Play or download online at  
<http://get.theapp.co/f451>

### *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 suggest the following items to shop for through the rest of the year.

- 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

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

Brenda Weaver, Chair of Deacons - [basw54@gmail.com](mailto:basw54@gmail.com)  
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