

# July Newsletter 2020

## What to Expect

As we transition through phases returning to worship inside the church, the staff and leadership at FBCJ continue to monitor the current pandemic situation so we can best ensure we provide an environment for worship that promotes protecting our church family. We have all seen how fluid things are and how fast responses must occur as changes arise. We continue to practice flexibility and resiliency with the first concern being the well-being of our church family and community. Currently we are in "Phase 2" and the following is in place for FBCJ. Should changes be required, we will keep everyone informed.

**There will be ONE 10:00 am  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary.  
There will be no Sunday School,  
Children's Church, or nursery.**

Online Worship will continue on Facebook and YouTube for those that remain at home:  
[www.facebook.com/firstbaptistjasper/](http://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistjasper/)  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
(search First Baptist Church Jasper Georgia)

Service will be broadcast on  
WYYZ (102.7 FM and 1490 AM)

Past Worship Services are always available on our church web page at [www.fbcjasper.com](http://www.fbcjasper.com)

Meetings, Youth, and Wednesday Women's group continue online during this time.

We love and miss seeing all of you, but more important than that is we want everyone to stay healthy.

## IMPORTANT!

The following modifications have been put into place during this reopening phase:

- During this phase there will be only **3 entrances in use**. The front narthex door, the side Sanctuary door, and the Welcome Center door by the preschool.
- Temperature taking is required.
- Masks are required. We will provide masks for those who do not have their own.
- Social distancing guidelines have been implemented for seating and conducting the service. As singing increases risks, we will have instrumental musical worship only at this time.
- We ask everyone to respect social distancing guidelines out of love and respect for others.
- There will be a limit on the number of people we may have in attendance.
- Access is limited to the Sanctuary, entry area from the back/preschool entrance and to the elevator area, and 2 bathrooms. *All other areas are closed.*
- If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, feel ill, or have been exposed to someone who may have COVID-19 we ask that you responsibly choose to stay home and enjoy the service online, television, or radio.



## Happy July Birthday!

- 1 - Ryker Lowe
- 2 - Bernard Jones Jr.
- 3 - Leslie Dobbs, Meya Mosley
- 4 - Judy Pinson
- 5 - Bradley Barnard, Patti Brown, Robbi Brown, David Ward
- 6 - Reeder Burch, Earline Crooke, Frank Maturo
- 8 - Solitair Lowe
- 9 - Ryan Mosley, Judy Terry
- 11 - Dave Garner
- 12 - Gail Dilbeck
- 13 - Peggie Chapman, Debra Hinton
- 14 - Doris Burton, Andrew Noland
- 15 - Sue Callahan, Bill Stone
- 16 - Lori Chastain, Mike Denson, Hannah Stuart
- 17 - Tammy Darnell
- 18 - Jacob Anthony
- 19 - Eugene Bishop, Mallory Childers
- 20 - Luke Burch, Jerry Denson, Alex Goble, Gary Lowe, Danny Sanchez Flores
- 21 - Tracey Chastain, Mike Davis, Sandra Mullinax
- 22 - Gregg Burgess, Bobby Martin, Chance Rasco, Julie Anne Roper
- 23 - Carol Cheney, Phillip Landrum, Glenn Rasco
- 24 - Michael Maturo
- 25 - Benjamin Stuart
- 26 - Lorena Brown
- 28 - Elijah Carter, Betty Ferrell, Juliana Payne
- 29 - Dwight Barnett
- 30 - Earl Brooks
- 31 - Joshua Cottrell



### Music

I rejoice with you in our return to worship together in our beautiful building, but, like you, I miss many things – the chance to see your smiles unfettered by masks, the loving hugs and handshakes that are so much a part of our congregational life, and, of course, vocal and choral music as a part of our services. For some of us old dogs it is not easy learning these new tricks! But the Bible tells us that whenever two or more are gathered in His name, God is there. There is no indication that we have to have singing to rejoice!

For now, to protect the safety of all our members, we must change the ways we worship. We are exploring new ways to share musically. If you have a skill on a stringed instrument that you have been too shy to share before – violin, cello, guitar, mandolin, autoharp – now is your chance to shine! If you play piano and haven't played for church before – now is your chance! You don't have to play for an entire service, just one special song will do. Please contact me ([jehuddle@gmail.com](mailto:jehuddle@gmail.com)) or Ruth Mehari ([rfmehari@yahoo.com](mailto:rfmehari@yahoo.com)) and we will find a way to let you show your gifts. We will even provide you an accompanist if needed.

We are looking for ways to safely include vocal music and wind instruments again, but until that time, let us remember these words of the apostle Paul who wrote in 1 Corinthians 14:15: "What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also." Maybe we cannot sing the new songs we are learning out loud, but we can sing them together in our hearts.

*Joy Huddlestun*

**"When words fail, music speaks."  
-Hans Christian Andersen**

### Memorial Contributions



In Memory of Hayes Brooks  
Johnny Brooks  
In Memory of Jim Young  
David & Helen Stuart

# Church Calendar

First Baptist Church of Jasper

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Modified Schedule: 11:00 Online Worship on FaceBook			1  Carrie McCurdy	2  Doris McCurdy	3  Carl & Melanie McCurdy	4  <i>God bless America</i>
5 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary	6  Marcia McDaniel	7  Johnny & Laurie McEntyre	8  Linda McGhee	9  Marilyn McMahan	10  Joyce McWaters	11  <b>MISSION TRIP</b>
12 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary	13 5:30 Finance 6:30 Deacon	14	15 AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16	17	18
	Michael & Stephanie McWhirter	Melton Family	Chad & Holly Miller	Mark & Leslie Miller	Robert Miller	
19 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary	20  Nate & Kelly Morgan	21  Bobbie Mosley	22  Ryan Mosley	23  Warren Mosley	24  Bruce & Tina Mulkey	25
26 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary	27  Glenn & Betty Mullinax	28  Melinda Mullinax	29  Sandra Mullinax	30  Rose Ann Muse	31  The Neighbor Family	

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)

## 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, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.



The flowers on June 28<sup>th</sup>  
were given in honor of  
Gerald Allen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday  
on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 2020 BUDGET

Budgeted Through June 30:  
\$231,762.44

Actual Received as of May 31:  
\$196,806.21

Actual Spent as of May 31:  
\$195,032.42



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search "FBC Jasper" in the App Store or  
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.

- 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:

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