

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Pre-K Parent Meeting, 7 p.m. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Pre-K Open House, 2 p.m. | 7 Pre-K First Day of School | 8 | 9 ALL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES BEGIN (See below) | 10 Stewardship Meeting, 6 p.m. | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Deacons' Meeting, 3 p.m. | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Committee Night, 6 p.m. Children & Youth Meeting, 6:30 p.m. | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Silver Streaks Dinner Theater, 5 p.m. |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

| Monthly Summary June, 2017 | |
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| Monthly Offering..... | \$41,744.49 |
| Monthly Budget..... | \$48,748.58 |
| Year-to-Date Offering | \$229,270.27 |
| Year-to-Date Budget | \$281,241.75 |
| Year-to-Date Expenses..... | \$210,405.84 |
| Designated Receipts..... | \$2,728.34 |
| Sunday School Average Attendance | 170 |
| Worship Attendance | 171 |

| Wednesday Regular Schedule: |
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| Southern Manor, 10 a.m. |
| Fellowship Supper, 5:45 p.m. |
| Youth Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. |
| Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. |
| Preschool Music & Missions, 6:30 p.m. |
| G.A.s & R.A.s, 6:30 p.m. |
| Worship Choir, 6:30 p.m. |

| Sunday Regular Schedule: |
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| Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. |
| Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. |
| No Sunday Night Life in August |

The Fellowship

Monthly Newsletter from First Baptist Church of Washington, Georgia

August 2017

Don't miss these exciting ministry opportunities coming this fall!

Wednesday Night Schedule Begins... August 9th
5:45 pm – meal
6:30 pm - activities

IT'S TIME FOR... COMMITTEE NIGHT August 20th
@ 6:00 p.m.

Love [WASHINGTON] A Kindness Explosion! Sharing God's Love in practical ways... no strings attached! September 15-16, 2017

Sunday Night Community Groups Sept. 10 – October 8

First Baptist Church
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Following Jesus
Loving Others
Impacting the World!

Words from Walt



Gayla and I want to thank you for making us feel so much at home. You are a gracious people and we love you already. Thank you for the food pound-ing, gift cards, desserts, vegetables and visits. What a great blessing! We are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the days ahead!

Speaking of days ahead, there are two Kickoffs right around the corner.

First, our **Worship Choir Kickoff** is set for **Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30** in the choir room. We'll have some delicious goodies for you to enjoy, fun, fellowship and rehearsing. If you have sung in choir in the past or feel like the Lord is calling you to **"Make His Praise Glorious"** then come join us at 6:30 on August 9th.

Next, the **Children's Choir Ministry** will begin on **Tuesday, September 12th at 3:30**. This is for grades 1-5. This group will meet in the choir room. The Children's Choir staff is coming together under the direction of my wife, Gayla. We will have more details coming soon. In the meantime, parents, please make plans for your children to be here on Tuesday afternoons beginning September 12th for a great time of worship and learning. Let's talk it up and invite other children to join us from our community.

These are exciting days at First Baptist and I encourage you to be a part of all that is going on. I pray that the Lord will bless you all during these important days in the life of our church. Together let's **"Make His Praise Glorious!"**

Because of Grace,
Pastor Walt

Our Church Staff

Kevin Madden Senior Pastor
706-401-6124
Scott Yaikow Youth Pastor
Walt Brown Minister of Music
Traci Steward Lead Min. Assistant
Tammy Echols Ministry Assistant
Louise McClearen Ministry Assistant
Angie Williams Pre-K Lead Teacher
Ed Smith Building Superintendent
Janet Clayton Nursery Attendant

DEACON SELECTION PROCESS

Please be in prayer for this process as we select leaders for this important ministry.

July 30th – Final day for Nomination Forms to be submitted

August 13th – Deacon Ballot is published

August 27th – Congregational vote following morning worship service



Save the date for HOMECOMING 2017...

This year marks our 190th anniversary as a church! That means we are having a special time of celebration for our **2017 Homecoming Weekend on October 14th-15th**. Dr. John Childers will be returning to Washington along with his family (Jeannie, Amy & Jennifer!) to worship and to celebrate with us. Mark your calendars and look for more details to come!!



COMMITTEE NIGHT is August 20th @ 6:00 p.m. as we kick-off a new year of church ministry. All committee members are encouraged to attend this inspirational time led by the new Church Council as we begin an exciting year of ministry together.



IMPORTANT CHILDREN & YOUTH WORKER MEETING!

All children and youth volunteers are asked to attend a very important meeting immediately following Committee Night. We will briefly introduce the new mandatory safety policies being implemented by our church as we make the safety of our children and youth a top priority. This is a mandatory meeting for all volunteers and staff who will be working with children and/or youth at FBC. The meeting will begin @ 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 20th in the sanctuary.



SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE...

There will be no Sunday Night Life activities during the month of August, but starting on September 10th we will have two Sunday night options including several “home groups” as well as a “Chapel Service” meeting at the church under the leadership of Pastor Walt. Sign-up sheets will be available at church and if you would be willing to host or facilitate one of our Community Groups—please contact Pastor Kevin @ 706-401-6124.



SILVER STREAKS TO DINNER THEATER

The Silver Streaks will be going to the Dinner Theater in Elberton on August 26th at 5 p.m. by cars. Cost is \$37.45 each. Sign up by paying in the church office by August 18th



FIRST BAPTIST TO HOST SENIOR ADULT RALLY

On Monday, September 18th, First Baptist will be the Host Church for the annual Georgia Baptist Association Senior Adult Rally. Rev. Jerrell Beatty, Pastor of Tate's Creek Baptist Church, Toccoa, Ga. will be the guest speaker, and provide entertainment. The program will begin at 3:00 pm. in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy, an afternoon of laughter, music, and encouragement from the Scriptures, with a meal to follow in the Fellowship Hall after the program. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Sign up will be required so that we will know how much food to prepare. You can sign up on your Connection Card or by calling the church office.

Children's Ministry

Wednesday Night

Activities Begin

August 9th @ 6:30 p.m.



Preschool Music & Missions

(ages 3–5)

Led by Paula Stevens



G.A.s

(Girls 1st grade–5th grade)

Led by Michelle Smith, Paula Denard & Paige Denard



R.A.s

(Boys 1st grade–5th grade)

Led by Bruce Bailey & Ed Pope

CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12th!

Gayla Brown will begin an after-school children's choir on Tuesdays for grades 1-5. Look for updates on the rehearsal schedule to begin this fall.

Pre-K Corner

Anticipating Another Awesome Year in Pre-K!

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of 17 preschoolers who will attend the FBC Pre-K School beginning on August 7th! As always, our daily focus is that these young boys and girls will learn and grow through Jesus as we teach them that they are "Special Creations" of God. Our main Bible verse for this school year is: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!* Psalm 150:6.

We are privileged to offer a Bible-based, Christ-centered school that offers an age-appropriate, quality learning environment. As our main resource, we use the **Weekday Early Education (WEE)** curriculum to provide opportunities for our 3 and 4-year olds to learn about God's world and how to live in it. It is our responsibility, as a Christian school, to teach, model, and encourage the love of God to our students through example.

Staff members for the 2017-18 school year are Angie Williams & Brandy Phillips, teachers, and Dashia Cox & Paige Denard, paraprofessionals. Board members are Daphne Albertson, Judy Coxwell, and Cindy Hardy. Gayla Brown will be leading music and Pastor Kevin will lead chapel time. We are blessed to have many volunteers, and invite anyone who is interested in volunteering in pre-k to contact the church office.

We give praise and thanks to God for His continued provision in making this program a success. We covet all of your prayers and on-going support for this exemplary pre-k school ministry!

Youth Ministry

Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study

We are having Youth Bible Study on Wednesday nights in The Ark. We begin around 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited and come even if you have practice or a game. I do not mind if you smell bad or if you are a few minutes late.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

The youth will be preparing a meal for the church family on the second Wednesday night of each month. This is a fundraiser to help to pay for M-Fuge. We will be preparing hamburgers and hotdogs. You must participate in the meals to get credit to help pay for M-Fuge. The first one that we have is August 9th. You need to meet in the kitchen at 4:45 or as soon as you possibly can.

Sunday Night Life

Sunday Night Life will not be meeting in August except for Committee Night on August 20th. This is at 6:30 p.m.

Youth/Parent Meeting

There will be a Youth/Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 20th at 4:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time that I will explain how the ministry operates and the goals that we have for it. I will also be giving dates of important events that will take place in the new year.

Winter Retreat 2017

Winter Retreat 2017 will be in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The dates are December 30, 2017-January 3, 2018. We will be staying in a cabin and going to Dollywood on New Year's Day. The cost is \$200. We will be doing fundraising to help with the cost. There is a \$50 deposit that is due. Your deposit puts you on the list and secures your spot. It is first come, first served.

In His Love,
Pastor Scott





LOVE Washington Weekend!

September 15-16, 2017

The FBC family will once again come together to serve our community as we partner with other churches and Christians in a unified effort to show God's love. We will enjoy wonderful times of worship and prayer and ministry. Put it on your calendar... and watch for more details coming soon!



KICK-OFF

Friday, Sept. 15th @ 7 pm

KINDNESS EXPLOSION

Sat. Sept. 16th (between 9-1)

CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sat., Sept. 16th @ 7 pm



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Our regular Wednesday night schedule will resume on August 9th and will begin with our fellowship supper at 5:45 p.m. followed at 6:30 p.m. with Preschool Music & Missions, RA's/GA's, Youth Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal and Adult Prayer Meeting.

This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection with our church family. Different groups provide our Wednesday night meals and we are looking for additional volunteers to help with this important ministry. We ask for \$6/person with a maximum charge of \$18/family. We average 60 people each week and the money brought in this past year enabled our church to contribute \$1500 to our youth ministry for their trip to M-Fuge, \$750 to our children's ministry for their trip to CentriKid, \$1,000 to our adult mission trip fund that helped send our mission team to Canada, and \$500 to our Brotherhood to build wheelchair ramps.

This is an opportunity to help promote fellowship within our church, build unity, strengthen relationships and provide generous support for our children, youth and missions. All you need is a small team of helpers (families, Sunday School Class, Missions group) and a simple, kid friendly menu.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please indicate on your Connection Card and someone will contact you with more information.



HOMEPOINTE NEWS

You are invited to visit our lovely HomePointe Center during the month of August. Drop by and discover the many resources we have to help you in your faith walk. During the month of August, we invite you to register for a \$50.00 gift card. We are hoping this "gift" will enable you and your family to enjoy something special (a movie night, extra school supplies/clothes, a special dinner on us, etc... you fill in the blank.) We are here to encourage you and make you feel special.

We have a new book for you to check out entitled "Hope Heals" by Katherine and Jay Wolf. Katherine's life nearly ended because of a catastrophic stroke. Miraculously, she survived and continues her recover to this day. Katherine is from Athens and her father worked at Merrill Lynch with Mike Reese. (A special thanks to Mike and Pam for donating this story of hope to our HomePointe Center.) We also have a new SUPERBOOK video for the children, "Peter and Cornelius".

Congratulations to Lloyd Johnson who won the patriotic painting in our July drawing.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE TO HONOR DEBBIE LINDSEY

The History and Heritage Committee will be honoring Debbie Lindsey for her years of service to our church and community with a display in their cabinet in the Grice Wing. Debbie has served faithfully at the Pre-K for the past thirteen years. Prior to working with Pre-K, she taught in the public school system for thirty years. Through tireless efforts, she has helped to assure that the FBC Pre-K maintained its original focus as a quality Christian-centered outreach for preschoolers in the community. Also, her experience and expertise as a primary school teacher has greatly enhanced her contributions to the Pre-K as an educational program as she has mentored many staff members through her years as the director of the Pre-K.

Save the date for HOMECOMING 2017...

Celebrating 190 years of ministry!

Homecoming Weekend on October 14th-15th

Featuring Dr. John Childers

Mark your calendars and look for more details to come!!



NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH

"Lord I Want To Know You" is a Precept Upon Precept Bible Study by Kay Arthur. This study takes an in-depth look at the Names of God in scripture... what they mean, and how they apply to our lives. When you know God more fully by studying His names - Creator, Healer, Protector, Provider, and many others- you'll gain power to stand strong and your walk with God will be transformed. The study group will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 starting September 13th. Participant books will need to be ordered prior to the first class (\$12)... so please sign-up on your Connection Card or at the church office. Talisha Allgood will be facilitating the study.

Wednesday Activities to begin August 9th.

Supper, 5:45 p.m.

(Reservations made on your Connection Card
or by calling church office by noon on Tuesday)

Cost is \$6/person with a maximum of
\$18/family.

Prayer Meeting, 6:30

Preschool Music & Missions, 6:30

(Ages 3-5 years old)

G.A.s/R.A.s, 6:30

(1st-5th grade)

Youth Bible Study, 6:30

Worship Choir, 6:30

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Contributions have been given to the **General Fund** in memory of James L. McAvoy and W.J. Denard by Mr. and Mrs. Kerry McAvoy.

A contribution has been made to **VBS** in memory of Ashton Andrews by Rebecca Pollock.

A contribution has been made to the **Silver Streaks** in memory of Pat Mack and Richard Anderson by Ann Gage.

Contributions have been made to the **Benevolence Ministry** in memory of Austin Meadows and Martha Hopkins by Dr. and M.R. Clayton.

A contribution has been made to the **Bereavement Ministry** in memory of O.A. Denard and Faye McAvoy by Mr. and Mrs. James Denard.

A contribution has been made to the **Youth Ministry** in memory of Wayne Cowart by Farris Nunn and Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Bearse & Family.

Contributions have been made to the **General Fund** in honor of Willard Lance by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Conway; in honor of Jane Burton and Cheryl Edwards by Rebecca Pollock.

A contribution has been made to the **Silver Streaks** in honor of Ruth Holes and John Webster by Ann Gage.

A contribution has been made to the **Pre-K Ministry** in honor of Debbie Lindsey by Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Callaway.

A contribution has been made to the **Benevolence Ministry** in honor of Donald Wheatley and Dr. Gene Pollock by Dr. and M.R. Clayton.

A contribution has been made to the **Youth Ministry** in honor of Norma Hopkins and Catherine Thurmond by Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Callaway.