

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Baccalaureate Service, 10:30 a.m.	8	9	10	11 Parent/Child Dedication Orientation, 7 p.m. Stewardship Mtg. 6pm	12	13 Pitmaster Cook-off, 6 p.m.
14 Parent/Child Dedic- ation Service, 10:30 a.m.	15	16	17 Pre-K Graduation, 7 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Deacons' Meeting, 3 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Silver Streaks Din- ner Outing, 5:30 p.m.	26 Choir Rehearsal, 10 a.m. Low Country Boil, 6 p.m.	27
28 Congregational vote for Walt Brown following 10:30 a.m. service	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30	31			

Monthly Summary March, 2017	
Monthly Offering.....	\$39,044.21
Monthly Budget.....	\$48,748.58
Year-to-Date Offering .....	\$116,527.50
Year-to-Date Budget .....	\$146,245.71
Year-to-Date Expenses.....	\$106,940.22
Designated Receipts.....	\$10,979.00
Sunday School Average Attendance .....	176
Worship Attendance .....	171

**Wednesday Regular Schedule:**  
 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:**  
 Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Night Life, 6 p.m.

# The Fellowship

Monthly Newsletter from First Baptist Church of Washington, Georgia

May  
2017

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Introducing...  
**Walt & Gayla Brown!**

We are very excited to welcome Walt & Gayla Brown to First Baptist Church on **May 27 & 28** for a "view of call" weekend.

The Music & Worship Search Committee along with the FBC Deacons unanimously recommend Walt Brown as a candidate for the First Baptist Church Minister of Music position.

The schedule for Saturday, May 27th includes a choir rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. along with a church-wide "Low Country Boil" at 6:00 p.m. This is a time to get to know Walt & Gayla and for them to also spend some time with our church family. (Please make your reservations for the meal by calling the church office or submitting your reservation cards that will be arriving in the mail. **The reservation deadline is May 17th.**)

We will have our regular Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. on May 28th which will feature Walt's leadership through music. The service will be followed by a congregational vote.

Copies of Walt's complete resume along with the position profile are available from the church office if you did not attend the April 23rd Family Gathering.

This is an incredibly important time in the life of our church as we take this significant step forward to provide essential leadership for our music and worship ministry here at First Baptist Church. We look forward to seeing you on May 27 & 28!

## It Starts at Home

**A new series beginning May 7th!**

Sunday mornings will include practical messages from the Bible about strengthening our Christian faith in our homes.

This series also includes 6 Sunday Night Life sessions (May 7—June 25) with video interviews featuring everyday parents talking about their own doubts, fears and desires. We will explore biblical and tangible ways that parents—couples, single parents, blended families and grandparents—can build a legacy of faith for their children.

Please join us for this important and practical family series called – "It Starts at Home."

### Our Church Staff

Kevin Madden	Senior Pastor
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Scott Yaikow	Youth Pastor
Traci Steward	Lead Min. Assistant
Tammy Echols	Ministry Assistant
Louise McClearen	Ministry Assistant
Jane Newsome	Organist
Angie Williams	Pre-K Lead Teacher
Ed Smith	Building Superintendent
Janet Clayton	Nursery Attendant

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**FIRST BAPTIST BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

We will recognize our High School graduates at a Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 7th during the morning service.



**PITMASTER FUNDRAISER**

The Youth are hosting a BBQ Pitmaster fundraiser on Saturday, May 13th at 6 p.m. We are looking for men or women who believe they are the best pitmasters around. As a contestant, you will supply your own meat of choice, grill, and cooking fuel for your entry. Each entry will be judged and a champion will be crowned. For those who are not pitmasters, we want you to come as well. We will be selling the meat that is cooked and some other BBQ along with all the fixings. Cost is adults \$10 and children \$5. There will be a sign-up on the Connection Card for both pitmaster entries and for those who just want to enjoy the labors of the pitmasters.



**PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE**

Our church will have a Parent/Child Dedication on Mother’s Day, May 14th. There will be a brief orientation meeting on Thursday, May 11th at 7 p.m. for parents prior to the dedication service. If you would like to participate, contact the church office.



**SILVER STREAKS DINNER OUT**

The Silver Streaks will have an evening out on Thursday, May 25th when they will have dinner at Old McDonald Fish Camp in North Augusta, SC. We will leave from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. A \$3 gas fee will be collected the day of. Make your reservation by May 19th by calling the church office or on your Connection Card.



**HOMEPOINTE CELEBRATES MOTHERS**

The HomePointe Center is excited to celebrate our mothers in May. We encourage all mothers to drop by our beautiful resource center and register for a special “Mother’s Day Basket” to be given away the middle of May. Congratulations to Patsy Winn, who won the lovely spring wreath in our March drawing. This month for the children, we have the new Superbook, LAZARUS, and for young people and adults, we have two new DVDs RISEN and SON OF GOD to checkout. These are excellent DVDs to watch and enjoy with your family following the Easter season. We encourage you to drop by during the week or anytime on Sunday. We have numerous resources to encourage you in your faith walk.



**VBS 2017**

Our VBS will be June 19th-23rd; 9 a.m.—Noon. This is for ages 4 years—5th grade. Sign your child up on our church’s webpage [www.fbcwashingtonga.org](http://www.fbcwashingtonga.org).



**MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES**

On May 5th we will celebrate 200 days of consecutive morning prayer in our sanctuary. The sanctuary is open each morning from 7:00-8:00 a.m. for personal prayer. There are dozens of prayer requests on our altar as we continue to cry out to God in prayer for miracles. God can! “For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37

**HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS**

Contributions have been given to the **General Fund** in memory of Greg Blackburn by Mr. and Mrs. Henry McAvoy, Nancy Madden; in memory of Janice Leavenworth by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Gunter, Nancy Madden; in memory of Lydia Jean Maloney by Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Clayton.

Contributions have been given to the **Youth Missions** in memory of Janice Leavenworth by Louis Mell and Mr. and Mrs. John Webster.

Contributions have been given to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** in memory of Janice Leavenworth by Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Hearn and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pope; in memory of Bill Mobley, Greg Blackburn, Richard Anderson, Buck Echols, and Jerry Hackney by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pope; in memory of Richard Anderson by Mr. and Mrs. John Webster.

Contribution have been given to the Benevolence Ministry in memory of Janice Leavenworth by Mr. and Mrs. James Denard; in memory of Gene Davenport by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Chafin.

A contribution has been given to the **Silver Streaks Ministry** in honor of our Senior Adults by Mr. and Mr. Tom Wells.

Contributions have been given to the **General Fund** in honor of Debbie Lindsey and Karin Lindsey by Donna Hardy; in honor of Kathryn Hunter, Paula Zeta, Dennis Palmer, and Jeremiah Rambo by Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Clayton.

Children's  
Ministry

Vacation Bible  
School

June 19th –23th  
9 a.m.—Noon  
Ages 4 years—5th grade



Pre-K Corner

As the school year comes to a close, we are filled with gratitude because of the many ways the FBC staff, deacons, volunteers, and members continue to help to support the Pre-K Program. The pre-k board, staff, parents, and students want to say "Thank You" for the use of the church facilities and buses, the monetary support, and the prayers that make this ministry an exceptional outreach to three and four year olds in our community. We continue to be aware of God's leading and blessings as seen through the spiritual growth of our students.

We want to invite everyone to our end-of-the-year program and graduation on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 pm. Students will present songs and bible verses that will be a blessing to all of those in attendance. Sixteen of our students will be graduating to Kindergarten and we wish for them much success and happiness in their futures. Graduates are: Addie Armour, Emma Callaway, Hayden Cox, Banks Dawson, Josephine Filipiak, Collin Gilland, Holden Guin, Alex Jenkins, Blake Lamar, Andrew Lance, Kinsley Leard, Mariah Norman, Sophia Reville, Pearson Wells, Hally Wheatley, and Taylor Wheatley.

We want to thank Audrea Ezzell, pre-k 3 teacher, for her four years of dedicated service to our school. We pray for her and her family as they relocate to the Atlanta area this summer. We love you so much, Miss Audrea!!!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Youth  
Ministry

**M-Fuge 2017**

M-Fuge 2017 is going to take place at North Greenville University in Greenville, South Carolina. The dates are June 12th-17th. The cost of the trip is \$300. We are doing fundraisers to help with the cost. I will be sending paperwork along with a letter this month letting you know how much you still owe for the trip .

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals**

Do not forget that the next fellowship meal we host is Wednesday, May 17th.Youth need to be there at 4:45 on Wednesday afternoon (or as soon as possible) to help. Remember that you must work to get credit for your mission trips. This will be the last one for this school year that the youth cook.

**Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study**

We are still having Youth Bible Study on Wednesday nights in The Ark. We begin around 6:30 pm. and end at 7:30 pm. Come even if you have practice or a game. You can come a little late and/or with your practice clothes on.

**Baccalaureate Service (Graduate Day)**

First Baptist Church will be celebrating our High School Graduates on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am. service. There will be a breakfast at 9 am for the graduates and their immediate family. See Scott for more details.

**Sunday Night Life**

We will be having Sunday Night Life in The Ark during May. It will begin at 6 pm and will be over around 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy this time of Bible study and fellowship.

**Pitmaster Fundraiser**

We will be having our Pitmaster BBQ Cookoff on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The youth need to be present at 5 pm to help get everything ready for the night. This is a fundraiser for MFuge and you must work to get credit.

**Winter Retreat 2017**

Just wanted to give an early heads up for Winter Retreat 2017. It will be in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The dates are December 30, 2017-January 3, 2018. Put it on your calendar because it is going to be a great time together. See Scott to sign up.

In His Love,  
Pastor Scott



