May 19, 2022

First Baptist Church of Eatonton

Messenger

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE WITH ALL

FROM THE PASTOR,

As the school year comes to a close, we also change rhythms a little here at FBC. I hope that the break from Wednesday's weekly activities gives our children's volunteers a well- deserved break. How much we appreciate the Wednesday volunteers who work with Awana and other Wednesday activities! Supper and Awana will continue again August 17, once the new school year has had time to settle.

Youth Bible study will continue on Wednesdays through the summer under the leadership of Jared Coronado and the youth volunteers. Jared has some summer activities planned for the youth, which will kick off with a trip to see the Braves play May 26! I am excited to hear Jared planning events for the youth and hearing about the connections Jared is making with our youth! Thanks to Jared and thanks be to God.

VBS 2022, *Make Waves*, is planned for June 20-23! Be sure to share the dates with your family, friends and others. They can register online at firstbaptisteatonton.org or stop by the office – or just call in the old fashion way if you like and someone will walk you through the process. Oh, and volunteers are needed to teach, assist in arts and crafts, music and recreation. Encourage those you know that are gifted in these areas to serve together for a great week of teaching, leading and blessing children. Teaching these little ones is such a critical part of their spiritual formation. God help us to see the gift such an opportunity is and use it well to teach and love God's children. Please contact Cindy Williams to volunteer, or for further information.

The **Personnel Committee** continues to work toward calling an Associate Pastor. Some good candidates are rising to the top, but no commitments have been made at this point. Pray, pray, pray! This is such a vital decision. The Personnel Committee will be talking to some candidates in person in the near future. And the Personnel Committee is also listening to your thoughts and ideas, attempting to balance everyone's needs while staying focused upon the needs of our youth. It would be great if there was a definitive way to know how someone will work with us. To know they would love our community! And know they would easily integrate into the congregation and our youth! Those are only a few of the things the Personnel Committee is seeking to discover. May God give clarity, patience and discernment to the committee.

Practice Resurrection,

Craig

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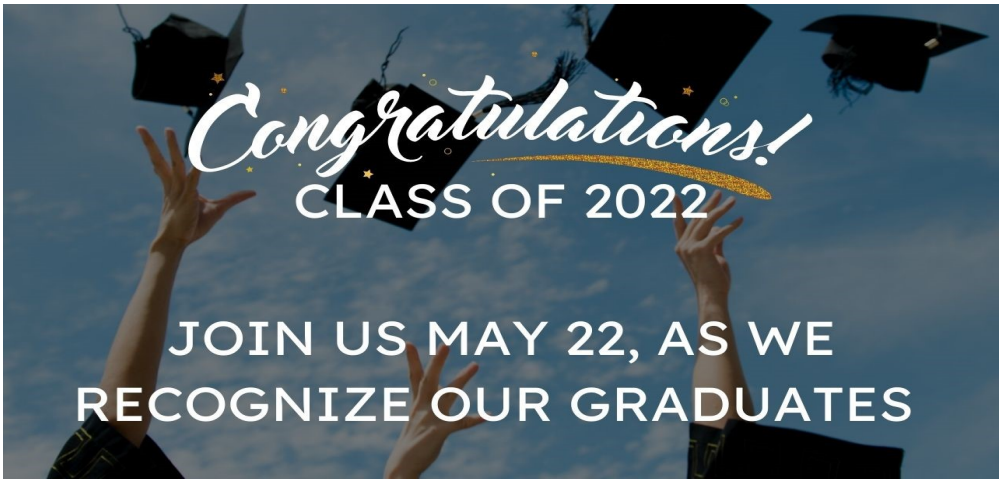
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (closed 12 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Summer Choir invites you to come sing with us! Beginning May 29 through Labor Day, our Summer Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:00, finishing before Sunday School. The music will be sound theologically, but familiar and fun, with an occasional bit of Southern Gospel flavor. You don't have to read music or sing "parts," just be able to carry a tune. We'll not wear robes, and we will not stay in the choir loft after we sing. There's no long term commitment, just come when you can. Open to all ages willing to give it a shot. Come sing with us!

Summer Handbells - We'll be ringing this Summer! This is the perfect time for people who have never rung bells before to learn how. Since our Choir rehearsals are moving to Sunday mornings, our Summer Handbells will rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. If you can count to 4 with a steady beat, you're in! We'll teach you the rest. We'll begin on June 8, with the goal of playing in worship 2-3 times before Labor Day. Open to all ages. Please call the church office, 706-485-3331, to let John Cotten know you're coming.

Janice Turner, our beloved Organist for the past 15 years, is retiring at the end of June, though she and Sonny will remain in our church. Janice has been a keyboard minister since she was 15. We would like to honor her long, faithful service, and invite you to give toward a love offering for her. If you wish to give a love offering to Janice Turner, please place checks made out to Janice or cash in an envelope marked for Janice in the offering plate. (Also, let the church office or John Cotten know of any well qualified organists who might be interested in this ministry position.)



Rose Carmichael

Rose graduated from Putnam and will be attending Georgia College.

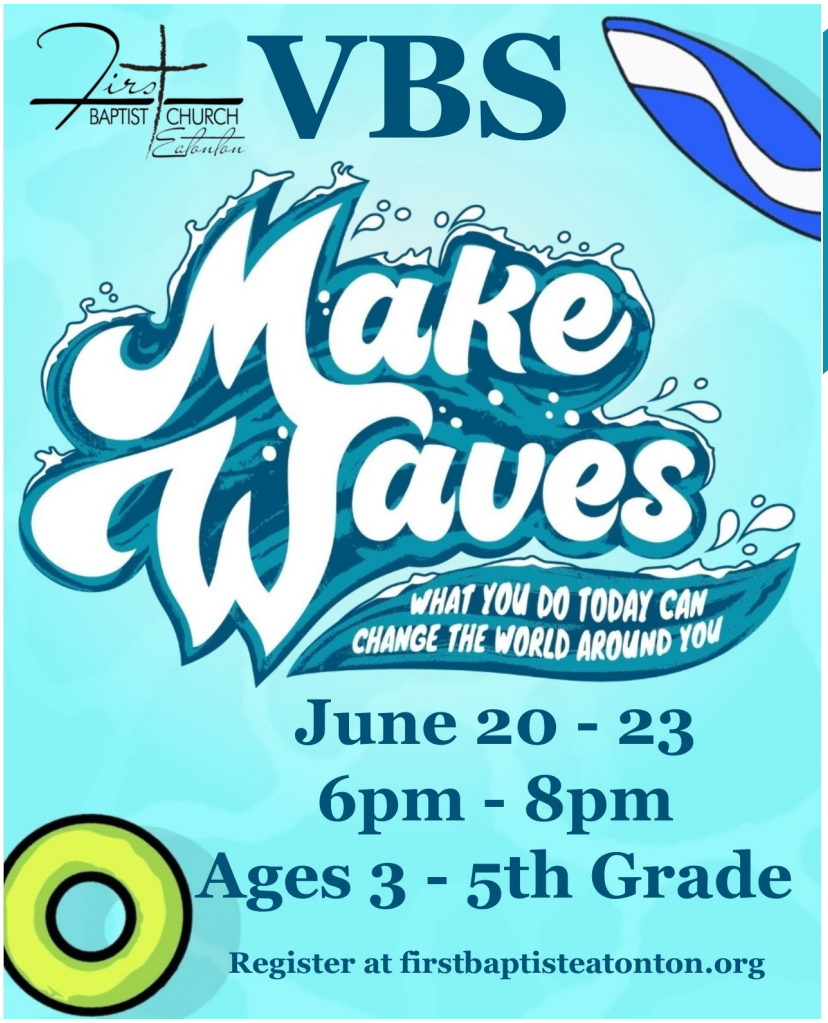
She is the daughter of Ryan and Denise Carmichael and the granddaughter of Harris and Janette McCollum.

Lillian Kathryn McElhenney

Lily Kate graduated from Gatewood and will be attending University of North Georgia.

She is the daughter of Tommy and Amy McElhenney and the granddaughter of Gary McElhenney.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



"Whoever believes in me…
rivers of living water
will flow from within them."
John 7:38, NIV

Join us this summer as we dive into God's Word through games, crafts, music, snacks, and Bible stories

Join us for Dinner before at 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm.
Call the church office to sign up.

Childcare will be provided for volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, contact Cindy Williams or the Church Office.

Dairy Festival Parade
Saturday, June 4

If you are interested in riding on the church float during the Dairy Festival Parade, contact Cindy Williams.

The parade begins at 10 a.m.
We hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Connections

CONNECT
GROW
SERVE

The Wednesday Connections information will be posted in the newsletter on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month during the summer.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please continue to call the church office if you have prayer requests or updates to the prayer list. An urgent prayer request can always be sent out to the church by way of email.

Join us for a

FISH FRY

Wednesday, May 25

6:00 PM

RSVP by May 20
to the Church Office at 706-485-3331

ROMEO MEN'S GROUP

JOIN US ON JUNE 14 FOR LUNCH
AT OLD CLINTON BBQ IN GRAY

THE BUS WILL LEAVE THE CHURCH AT 11:30 AM

CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE
TO SIGN UP!

Juliet Women's Group

JOIN US ON JUNE 7 FOR LUNCH
AT MYSTIC GRILL IN COVINGTON

THE BUS WILL LEAVE AT 10:30 AM

CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE
TO SIGN UP!

Ladies Summer Bible Study

MONDAYS AT 6PM

WE WILL BE STUDYING WOMEN OF THE BIBLE
JUMP IN ON ANY WEEK
NO HOMEWORK OR STUDY MATERIALS
BRING APPETIZERS TO SHARE

BEGINS JUNE 27 AT THE HOME OF PAM LANCASTER
CONTACT KIM CAMP 7063189438 FOR MORE INFO

BIRTHDAYS

5/21 - Patrice Underkofler
5/26 - Dot Eaton, Tristan Lower, Linda Reagin
5/27 - Tara Rocker
5/28 - Edge Farley
5/29 - David Dixon
5/30 - James Cheney
5/31 - Joni Dixon, Thomas Ralston
6/01 - Lily Kate McElhenney
6/02 - Blake McDaniel

ANNIVERSARY

5/23 - Ronald and Gail Harley
5/25 - Ennis and Caroline Lankford
5/31 - Grady and Martha Strube
6/02 - Mark and Joann Smith

THANK YOU

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your prayers for us. Please continue to pray for our family as we continue to grieve the loss of Tommy, Evelyn, and Luke. Prayers are what we need the most. We are trusting God to give us strength.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
Richard and Donna Hawk and family

FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 15, 2022

Budget Needs	$21,040.00
Budget Receipts	$27,592.25
Budget Needs YTD	$210,400.00
Budget Receipts YTD	$189,057.75

WORSHIP REPORT

Sunday, May 8	115
Sunday, May 15	92

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOMING FOR MAY:

Steve and Robin Benton

USHERS FOR MAY:

Steve Benton, Randall McCook, Steven Prance, Cooper Rainey, Charles Winslette

DEACON May 22:

Clayton Lancaster

DEACON FAMILIES:

Jeff Davis family, Chad Davis family, Wade Odum family, David Stickley family, Jimy Williams

DEACON MAY 29:

Joni Dixon

DEACON FAMILIES:

Carl Haizlip family, Clayton Lancaster family, Ennis Lankford family, Thomas Ralston family, Joann Smith family, Tom Thompson family

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