

March 3, 2022

First Baptist Church of Eatonton Messenger

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

FROM THE PASTOR,

An **update on the beginnings** of the search for an Associate Pastor of Youth and Children – The Personnel Committee wishes to invite your ideas about the position. Not simply recommendations of names or sources to consider, but ideas about the position itself, your vision for the future of the position or any other thoughts you wish to share. All that you are thinking or feeling are welcome. Please share with members of the committee or with me. The search is a **collective project in which all are invited to engage**. And everyone's prayers are vital. May the Lord bless and lead as needed.

An interim youth minister will hopefully be in place before Jacob leaves. More information will be announced as it is available. The search has already been set into play through conversations and connections. Join with us in the process. And thanks to Jacob for his blessing upon the search, even now, as we close his service with us!

In a little **less than fifty-six days we will celebrate Easter!** To prepare for Easter, our Christian ancestors developed a season patterned after the "40-day system," of which scripture testifies, called Lent. Lent composes the 40 **days** before Holy Week and Easter, excluding the Sundays. It began this year this past Wednesday, March 2 also known as Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of reflection, confession, repentance and penitence (acts of repentance) focused on growing in your relationship with God. The hopes are to wake up on Resurrection Sunday in a closer, deeper, redeeming relationship with God! To experience a resurrection within us that celebrates Christ's resurrection!

A **few collected suggestions** for Lent as you move toward celebrating Easter:

Ask yourself: Is there a habit or sin in my life that repeatedly gets in the way of loving God with my whole heart or loving my neighbor as myself? How do I address that habit over the next 40 days?

Ask yourself: Is there something you've been meaning to do but haven't gotten around to it that would bring peace, order, joy to yourself or another? Commit to doing it over the next 40 days.

Read meditatively a Psalm each of the 40 days.

Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it, start with yourself. Give yourself the blessing for 40 days from Psalm 139:14 – "I am wonderfully made." Give another the blessing – "You are wonderfully made."

Write someone a thank you note/text each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.

Volunteer one hour or more each week with a local community service group like Putnam Christian Outreach, a local nursing home or an assisted living home.

Spend 20 minutes a day in silence sitting before the Lord. Set a timer and just sit. Count your breaths. When you lose count, start over and give thanks for such breath. Let your mind ramble and rumble, and settle before the Lord.

**Grace and Peace,
Craig**

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN UPDATE

Church Family,

This newsletter is the most challenging Youth, and Children update to write. Exciting things are happening in the Youth and children; Youth have D Now weekend this weekend, and we hired a new children's director, Cindy Williams. There is a lot to be excited about in the life of FBCE.

However, this newsletter is the hardest to write because it is my last. There is not enough space to write about how much impact this church has had on my family throughout the last 4 1/2 years. You all have truly become more than church members but rather family.

This update is not goodbye to our story together but simply a pause as we will reunite as a family throughout the years to come. First Baptist is a special place to us as our children were born and dedicated here. Therefore, you all will always be our family, and while we might not see each other every week, that doesn't mean we will not see each other again.

We will pray for you as you pray for us because I know this is not the end of our story together. I look forward to seeing God continue to use you and First Baptist as a light in the community. Thank you to all of you; without people like you, First Baptist would not be a success, nor would I be able to call it home. We love you!

Romans 1: 8

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you because your faith is being reported all over the world.

Thank you for everything!!!!
Jacob, Sarah, Declan, and Adeline :)))



SURGE MUSIC CAMP



SURGE 150
music camp for children and students

YOU ARE INVITED!
YOU ARE INVITED!
YOU ARE INVITED!

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD! – PSALM 150:6

JUNE 20-25 2022

Shorter University
Rome, Georgia

WE OFFER THREE SEPARATE CAMPS:

- Children (3rd-6th grades)*
- Middle School (6th-8th grades)
- High School (9th - college freshman)

*Those completing 6th grade have the option of attending the children or middle school camp.

2022 COSTS: \$325 BY APRIL 1 • \$355 BY MAY 1 • \$385 AFTER MAY 1

Many of the students and children in our churches have God-given musical abilities, but they aren't sure how to hone them. SURGE150 is a music camp designed to help students develop their talents in a safe environment. Each age group will have opportunities specific to learn from well-qualified faculty. This camp includes mass rehearsals, elective classes in music and the arts, devotionals, worship times, praise band training, and more.

REGISTER ONLINE AT GABAPTIST.ORG/WORSHIPANDMUSIC.

MEMBERS OF GEORGIA BAPTISTS THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ENABLE US TO PARTNER TOGETHER IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION.



Surge 150 Music Camp

June 20-25, 2022

**Shorter University,
Rome, Georgia**

Do you have students and children with God-given musical abilities, but aren't sure how best to hone them?

Surge150 is a Christian music camp designed to help them develop their talents in a safe environment.

Each age group will have opportunities specific to their level, taught by a well vetted, well qualified faculty. (John Cotten has been on the faculty since the mid-70s.)

This camp includes mass rehearsals, elective classes in music and the arts, devotionals, worship times, praise band training, and more.

There are three separate, simultaneous camps on the same campus.

- Children (grades 3-6, with those who completed 6th grade having the option of attending the children or Youth I camp);
- Youth I (Middle School);
- High School (9th-college freshmen).

Cost is \$325 by April 1 (rising to \$355 before May 1, and \$385 afterward).
Scholarships are available, see John Cotten.

Register online at GABAPTIST.ORG/WORSHIPANDMUSIC.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

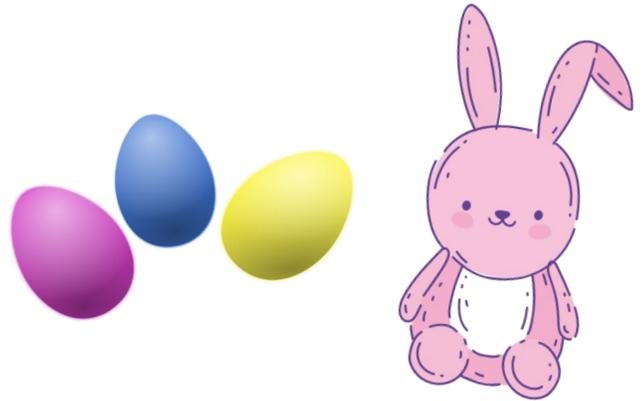


Easter Baskets for Foster Kids

We will be collecting items for Easter Baskets for foster kids. Some donation items include: journals, devotionals, pens, small toys, card games, and stuffed animals.

There will be a donation box in the Foyer. We will also have a jar for cash donations.

The deadline is March 13.



Putnam Christian Outreach Food Drive

We will be collecting non-perishable foods for the Putnam Christian Outreach until March 27.

Bring food to the sanctuary.

We will deliver food on Tuesday, March 29.



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/03 - Martha Strube, Brynson Willis
3/05 - Helen Benshoof, Charlee Anne Brown,
Ryan Carmichael
3/06 - Don Masson, Paula Rossee
3/12 - Mary Culberson
3/13 - Annie McMillen
3/14 - Ronnie Williams
3/16 - Marie Rainey
3/17 - Tammy Baker, Miranda Rossee

ANNIVERSARY

- 3/08 - Carl and Elaine Haizlip
3/10 - Tim and Kim Camp

FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 20 AND 27, 2022

<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>\$21,040.00</u>
<u>Budget Receipts</u>	<u>\$13,022.00</u>
<u>Budget Needs YTD</u>	<u>\$94,680.00</u>
<u>Budget Receipts YTD</u>	<u>\$79,927.00</u>

WORSHIP REPORT

<u>Sunday, February 06</u>	<u>101</u>
<u>Sunday, February 20</u>	<u>118</u>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOMING FOR MARCH: Cary Walton

USHERS FOR MARCH: Marvin Franklin, Gene Adams,
Edge Farley, Clayton Lancaster, Steve Tubbs

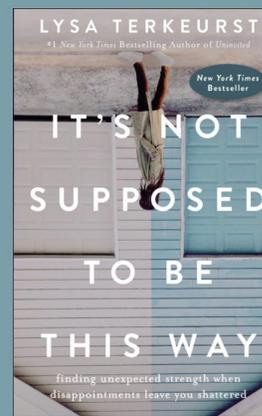
DEACON MARCH 6: Cherry Leverette

Deacon Families: Barry Chambers family,
Anne Marie Horton family, Jim Kauffmann family,
John Patient, Jean Rich, Ronnie Williams family,

DEACON MARCH 13: Harris McCollum

Deacon Families: Ralph Barclay family,
Grady Strube family, Sharon Thomas,
Lynda Walker family, Cary Walton family,
Sug Walton

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ladies Bible Study

Monday, March 7
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Kim Camp's Home
361 Lower Harmony Rd.
Spaghetti Dinner Provided

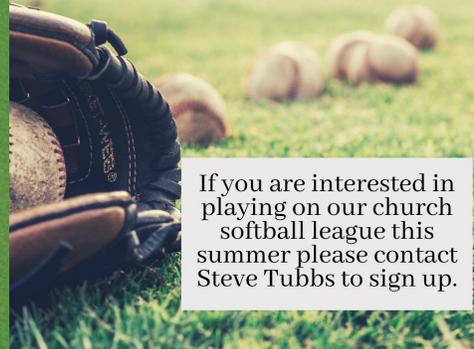
Contact Kim Camp at
706-318-9438 for questions.

SPRING FORWARD

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, March 13

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



If you are interested in playing on our church softball league this summer please contact Steve Tubbs to sign up.

3rd Annual
GOSPEL ON THE AVENUE

KAREN PECK
newriver

PUTNAM COUNTY
GOSPEL ENSEMBLE
OF PRAISE

JOSEPH BANK
RESURRECTION

MARCH 20 2022 - 3:00PM

THE PLAZA ARTS CENTER
305 N. MADISON AVE. EATONTON GA

\$25.00 TICKETS 706.923.1655
GROUP OF 10 - \$20.00 TICKETS WWW.PLAZACENTER.ORG

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Return Service Requested

Join us on March 13 at 10:50a.m. during
the Morning Worship Service for

*A Celebration and Blessing
for the Robert's Family*

Rev. Jacob Roberts will be serving as the Senior Pastor
at Second Avenue Baptist Church in Rome, GA.

A covered dish luncheon continues the Celebration.
The church will provide the meat, bread and tea. Please
bring large casseroles, vegetables, salads and desserts.

