

# First Baptist Church of Eatonton Messenger

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



## FROM THE PASTOR

She is quiet and unassuming. Unassuming? I guess that's the word – when someone is consistently present but seldom vocal. It's the word you think of when you see people like her who are most always present. They have little to say. They are not anywhere near effusive. They just “are.” And they “are” in quiet serving ways that garner little, if any attention. Thus she was, and is.

In my few years in her church, she served on the committee that does some of the most work, but unassuming work with zero status. They prepare the space for dinners – fifth Sunday dinners and any other large church dinners held randomly throughout the church year. They often help and assist with the dinners shared with a grieving family before or after a funeral service. They set the tables, arrange the food and clean up. The clean-up part is the least glamorous. People start to leave, taking their left-over dirty dishes and go their merry way. Meanwhile, this committee stays behind cleaning the crumbs off the table, sweeping the floor, washing and putting away the serving utensils and cleaning up the occasional mess made by a spill. They work in tandem with one another like ants in an ant hill, tidying up the place after someone has knocked the top off it.

She served in this way. She made sure the food was shared evenly among all. If any real gifters showed up, she let me know I would have to corral them at a table till all had been through the line at least once. And of course, I obliged. She spoke so rarely, that when she did speak, you listened. She had an unassuming authority that I found endearing.

She has two beautiful granddaughters that attended with her – Emma and Ellie – often enough I should have known their names, but rare enough that I'd forget the names in between their visits. The young Associate with whom I serve had to remind me each time of their names. They hid behind her presence more often than not. An indication of how safe she was for two, growing needy girls.

Anyway, enough of all of that. She is moving! To Texas! Many of you may already know this. Some may think it is insignificant. But the truth to which I point – to which she points – is people like her who serve in unassuming ways, humbling doing what needs to be done to give people a table at which to sit to enjoy good food in the company of others make the church, maybe the world, go 'round in peace. They steady the ship in unassuming ways that allow people to be the people God has created people to be. And when they move on – to Texas or otherwise – they are missed and celebrated. So thank you, Sheryl Hall for years of service and love. Thank you to the many Sheryl Halls who are so unassuming some don't know you exist. You live graciously so that all are blessed. Thank you, and may the God of grace make Texas as unassumingly good for you as you have been for us. Amen.

There are others just like her who make the church what it is. Sheryl may rebuff the attention. However, to miss the time to say these things would be a tragedy. Thus, the brief note, to her and the many unassuming people who serve as she does. I am grateful to be in this place in this time. I hope you are also!

*Practice Resurrection,*  
*Craig*

# “Worthy is the Lamb: Finding Hope in Heavenly Worship”

This month, I've found myself returning again and again to the powerful imagery of Revelation chapters 4 and 5, particularly as expressed in contemporary worship music that draws from these biblical passages. There's something profoundly comforting about contemplating the scene John describes—the throne room of heaven where worship never ceases and God's glory fills everything.

This Sunday, we will sing in our Worship Service, Chris Tomlin's "Revelation Song" which captures the essence of this heavenly worship, weaving together the biblical declarations of God's holiness with the recognition of Christ as the Lamb who was slain. The song reminds us that our earthly struggles and uncertainties are held within the context of God's eternal sovereignty and perfect plan.

When we sing songs rooted in these Revelation passages, we're doing more than just participating in a worship service—we're aligning our hearts with the eternal rhythm of heaven. The repetitive nature of phrases like "Holy, Holy, Holy" isn't mere repetition; it's the overflow of hearts so overwhelmed by God's majesty that words seem inadequate.

What particularly moves me about worship songs drawn from Revelation is how they shift our perspective from temporal concerns to eternal realities. In a world filled with anxiety and uncertainty, these songs anchor us in the truth that God reigns supreme, that every knee will bow, and that His purposes will ultimately prevail.

The imagery of the rainbow around the throne, mentioned in Revelation 4:3, serves as a beautiful reminder of God's covenant faithfulness. Just as the rainbow after Noah's flood symbolizes God's promise, the rainbow in John's vision speaks to His unchanging nature and trustworthy character.

As we prepare our hearts for worship this Sunday, let's remember that we're joining a song that began in eternity past and will continue into the future. Our voices become part of that great multitude from every tribe and nation, all united in proclaiming the worthiness of the Lamb.

*Dylan*

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Steve Marshall: In c/o Cheryl Marshall, 733 McCullough Rd, Stockbridge, GA 30281

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

Terry Blanton, Felice Dissmeyer, George Dissmeyer, Norman Holle, Gwen Ralston, Kyle Ralston, Scott Sharp, Tom Thompson, Jimmy Williams, Nell Wright, Unspoken

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Nancy Banister, Martha Benner, Lynn Butterworth, Warren Camp, Neile Chambers, Gloria Covington, Michael Homiere, Nancy Joiner, Cathy Ledford, Zellie Marbury, Everett Marsh, Lisa Morgan, Eleanor Moye, Sheryl Murphy, Owen Nauert, Walt Rocker Jr., Earnest Rogers, Steven Sharp, Ted Sills, Linda Stowe, Kristy Trice, Emmett Vining, Wayne Waddell, Katherine Warner, Leigh Ann Willis

### ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING HOME, & HOMEBOUND:

Mary Jo Balas, Jo Ann Clay, Maxine Godin, Luceil Harrison, Mary Ann Heath, Gaye Lankford, Sug Walton

### MISSIONARY FRIENDS:

Trey and Kaitlyn Lancaster in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe & Matt and Michelle Norman in Catalunya, Spain



# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## WELCOMING FOR JUNE

Randall McCook

## USHERS FOR JUNE

Mike Reagin, Don Baker, Tim Camp,  
Hollis Harrison, Jim Ryan

## DEACON FOR JUNE 22

Mike Faulk

## DEACON FAMILIES

Ryan Carmichael Family, Julia Davis,  
David Dixon Family, Clyde Harper Family,  
Julie Harper, Gaye Lankford, Jill Vaughan

## DEACON FOR JUNE 29

Jim Hall

## DEACON FAMILIES

Howell Cardwell Family, Barry Chambers Family,  
Jeff Davis Family, Bill Kitchen Family,  
Tommy McElhenney Family, Joseph Rainey Family,  
Kay Stevens Family, Jimmy Williams

## WORSHIP REPORT

Sunday, June 01	86
Sunday, June 08	88
Sunday, June 15	115

## BIRTHDAYS

06/20 - Steve Marshall  
06/21 - Anne Marie Horton  
06/23 - Wyatt Hewette, Phyllis Blanton,  
Whitley Cannon, Randall McCook  
06/27 - Sara Beck  
06/28 - Wreese Cannon  
06/29 - Linda Copelan, Cindy Williams  
06/30 - Kyle Ralston, Tracy Stickley  
07/01 - Daryl Covington

## ANNIVERSARIES

06/20 - Stew and Ashley Rich  
06/22 - Sammy and Lynda Walker  
06/26 - Jim and Vicki Hall  
06/29 - Donald and Tammy Baker

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Summer MUSIC CLASSES

Tuesday Mornings at 11:00AM and  
Wednesday Evenings at 6:15PM  
Beginning Tuesday, June 10

This is for anyone interested in learning to read music, work on vocal technique, read music better, or just to have something to do. This is open to 9th Grade students and older. Contact Rev. Dylan Bowden to sign up.

## COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY,  
JUNE 29



## 5th Sunday Lunch



SUNDAY, JUNE 29

THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT, BREAD AND DRINKS.  
PLEASE BRING CASSEROLES, VEGETABLES, SALADS AND DESSERTS.

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## SUMMER 2025 SCHEDULE

JULY 16

POOL PARTY!

JULY 23

MACON BACON GAME NIGHT

JULY 30

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# HAPPY INDEPENDENCE ★ DAY ★

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDENCE DAY.  
WE HOPE YOU HAVE A BLESSED DAY  
WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!