

JUNE 5, 2025

First Baptist Church of Eatonton Messenger

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



JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Something
grrrrreat is
coming!**

**Vacation Bible School
First Baptist Church
Eatonton, GA
June 8 – 11, 2025
6:00pm-8:00pm
(Dinner begins @5:30pm)**

Register at <https://www.myvbs.org/Fbcetruenorthvbs>



"PENTECOSTAL POWER"

As we approach the season of Pentecost, I've been drawn to one of our beloved hymns that captures the transformative spirit of that first Pentecost morning. "Pentecostal Power" reminds us of the dynamic work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our worship together.

This hymn, written in the late 19th century during the height of the revival movement, speaks to the hunger many believers feel for a deeper spiritual experience. The text calls us to seek the same power that filled the disciples in the upper room - not as a one-time historical event, but as a present reality available to us today.

What strikes me most about this hymn is how it connects our personal spiritual journey with our corporate worship. When we sing these verses together, we're not just recalling an ancient story; we're inviting the Holy Spirit to move among us with fresh power and purpose. The melody itself seems to build with anticipation, much like the disciples waiting in Jerusalem.

In our worship service Sunday, I encourage you to listen carefully to the words we're singing. Notice how the hymn progresses from recognition of our need to confident expectation of God's response. This pattern mirrors our own spiritual growth - from awareness of our dependence on God to bold faith in His promises.

As your minister of music, I see firsthand how the Holy Spirit works through our congregational singing. There's something powerful that happens when voices unite in common petition and praise. "Pentecostal Power" serves as both prayer and proclamation, asking God to fill us while declaring our faith that He will.

I invite you to spend time with this hymn outside of Sunday morning. Read through the verses slowly, perhaps making them your personal prayer. Consider what it means to seek the same spirit that empowered the early church for their mission in the world.

May our music continue to be a gateway for encountering the living God, and may we sing with hearts open to the transforming power of His Spirit.

Blessings,

Dylan

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

It was so nice to be with you this past Sunday. Thank you so much for your fellowship and your continued support financially for the ministry in Spain. You continue to be such a blessing to our family. We can't serve without you. Many thanks for the wedding gift to Cayden and Grey. They loved it.

Blessings, Matt and Michelle Norman

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SYMPATHY:

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Gwen Ralston and family in the loss of her husband, Thomas Ralston.

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, Wane 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 8

Barry Chambers

DEACON FAMILIES

Dylan Bowden, Lisa Herndon Family,
Anne Marie Horton Family, Leslie Peebles Family,
Jean Rich, Roger Vining Family,
Ronnie Williams Family, Sara Williams Family

DEACON FOR JUNE 15

Joni Dixon

DEACON FAMILIES

Jene Etheridge Family, Don Masson Family,
Karen McGinnis, Steven Prance Family,
Cooper Rainey Family, Mac Rainey Family,
Faith Thomas, Andrea Welch

WORSHIP REPORT

<u>Sunday, May 18</u>	<u>97</u>
<u>Sunday, May 25</u>	<u>92</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF MAY 31, 2025

<u>Budget Needs YTD</u>	<u>\$233,072.50</u>
<u>Total Receipts YTD</u>	<u>\$236,447.05</u>
<u>Budget Expenditures YTD</u>	<u>\$292,328.18</u>

BIRTHDAYS

06/07 - Barry Chambers
06/08 - Barbara Giddens
06/10 - Harrison Harper
06/14 - Peggy McMillen
06/16 - Pam Thompson, Tom Thompson
06/18 - Laura Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

06/07 - David and Leslie Peebles
06/09 - Don and Pat Turney
06/15 - Terry and Phyllis Blanton
06/15 - Victor and Kay Stevens
06/16 - Cooper and Marie Rainey
06/17 - Marvin and Annette Franklin

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.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

AT 10:50 AM

DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE



We will be voting on two additional nominees
for the 2025 Nominating Committee.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

It's a case of one of those people I met because I read a few of his writings. And then to my great regret, not long afterwards Brian Doyle died much younger than anyone wishes to die. But he still lives on my book shelves. And one of my favorite places to visit with him is in a collection of prayers he titled ***A Book of Uncommon Prayers***. Go with me to a prayer for opossums. Remember, it is a prayer book of "uncommon prayers." –

Prayer for Opossums, You Poor Ugly Disdained Perfect Creatures

Ah, we say they are ugly and they look like insane cats on major psychotropic drugs, but (a) other possums don't think they are ugly, and (b) the Lord of All Things set them in motion, so, you know, who are we to get snotty about appearance? Also can you imagine what they think of *our* appearance, our ludicrously brief tails and teeth as dense as fences? Maybe all beings are beautiful and we would be wise to admit this. Maybe all things that live are beautiful beyond understanding, even the New York Yankees. Maybe life is the very definition of beauty and all this attention on the exterior is shallow and stupid. I mean, look in your own life: Aren't the most beautiful souls you know hardly ever the most handsome or pretty ones? Isn't exterior beauty sort of dangerous for the person inside, who so easily can get sucked into believing it matters, or even worse learning how to use it for money and power? Aren't all women beautiful and all men handsome in their hilarious unhandsomeness? So let us join tails and teeth in celebration of the possum, the poster child for the beauty of what is; and ask the Designer to lend us wisdom in the matter of seeing miracles clearly all around us; including, unbelievably but truly, in the two incredible creatures hissing and snarling nasally on the fence above the garbage can. And so; amen.

Thanks writer Brian Doyle. May your wisdom and writing acuity continue to raise us in death as it did in life. May it be a miracle, of which we become a part ourselves. Amen.

Practice Resurrection,

Craig

YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

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FBCE YOUTH SUMMER 2025 SCHEDULE

MAY 31

7:30AM-1PM FISHING DAY

JUNE 4

ZAXBYS NIGHT

JUNE 18

MOVIE NIGHT

JULY 16

POOL PARTY!

JULY 23

MACON BACON GAME NIGHT

JULY 30

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY



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