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Dr. John Barber
SENIOR PASTOR

Congratulations to Steven Waters on nine years of service on our Pastoral Staff this June. Over the years, Steven has faithfully served in many roles at CFBC. In his current leadership of Discipleship and Administration, he makes a vital contribution to the health and effectiveness of our church. First Family, please join me in thanking Steven for his faithful service and strong leadership.

The month of June is a significant month of ministry events for our First Family…

Student Mission Trip - Our Student Mission Team (11 High School Students and 3 Adult Leaders) are traveling to Clarkston, GA next week (June 6-12th). They will be partnering with our North American Mission Board and other SBC church student groups for missions and evangelism with the refugee population in this area.

Children's Camp - Fourteen children in grades 3–5 and six counselors will head to Fort Bluff for camp June 8–12th. This is always a significant week of spiritual formation for our boys and girls.

Reception for Betty Vaughan - We will have a reception in our People Street from 2 to 4PM on Sunday, June 14th, to honor Betty for her 46 years of service at CFBC. You are welcome to bring a personal card or gift to the reception. Betty, we love you and appreciate all you have done to honor the Lord and serve our First Family over these 46 years!

Father's Day - We will be honoring all our dads on Sunday, June 21st, and will share a message of encouragement and challenge for our fathers.

VBS Week - VBS is scheduled for June 22-26th. Special thanks to Kelly Brittain, our VBS director, and the many other volunteers who will give of their time and energy to share the Good News of Jesus with so many boys and girls. Only time will tell the hearts that will be changed through this week of ministry.

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Dr. John Barber
SENIOR PASTOR

[continued from previous page...] **Student and Children's Ministry on Wednesday Nights** - I want to highlight what our Student and Children's Ministry is doing on Wednesday nights this summer. Their program, "Squad Wars," features weekly games and competitions as students and children are divided into teams. Even more important than the competition are the opportunities for discipleship and fellowship. During the first two weeks of summer, more than one hundred kids attended each night. Thank you to Andrew Crawford, Travis Hurd, and all the adult volunteers who make these ministries possible.

I am so grateful for the Faith Forward commitments made by our First Family. We have had 183 families/individuals make commitments of $1,859,928 over the next three years. Combined with the $175,000 anticipated from our Weekday Preschool over the same period, this brings our total commitment to $2,034,928. Doxology!

We are pleased to welcome Andrea Smith to our office staff as our new Financial Secretary. Andrea and her husband, Seth, have two children, Greyson and London, and have been part of our First Family since June 2025. With her strong accounting background, Andrea will be a valuable addition to our ministry team. I hope you will join us in welcoming her as she begins this new role of service.

As you may be aware, I will be having surgery later this month to deal with a ruptured Achilles tendon in my right leg. Thanks for your prayers and concern on my behalf as well as your understanding concerning my limitations in the upcoming weeks of recovery. I am grateful to Steven, Andrew, and Lance as they step up to cover for me during this recovery period.

I look forward to sharing about the "Certainties of Our Salvation" this Sunday. I hope you will be present with your First Family as we GATHER, GROW, SERVE, and SHARE!

Blessings,
Pastor John

Dr. Lance Cole

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Summer Choir campaign is now underway and YOU are invited to participate! In addition to learning some great new music, you'll have the opportunity to compete in our Jittery Jams Choir Competition. You'll make new friends and get to worship the Lord through song as you do. We'll be looking for you on Wednesdays at 6:45 in the Choir Room. More information on the poster below…

Joyfully,
Lance



GENERAL INFORMATION

Adult Worship Choir
Wednesday Rehearsal
6:45 PM in the Choir Room

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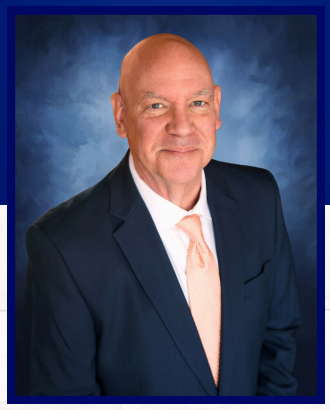

MEET OUR TEAMS



Dr. Steven Waters

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & ADMINISTRATION

Growing as Disciples Together

IMPORTANT DATES

Mission Trip
June 6 - 12

Children's Camp
June 8-12

VBS
June 22 - 26

FUGE Camp
July 6 - 10

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Discipleship is not simply another ministry on the church calendar. It is the calling Jesus gave to His church. In Matthew 28, Jesus commanded His followers to "make disciples," teaching them to observe all that He commanded. That means discipleship is not just about learning more information; it is about becoming more faithful followers of Christ.

A disciple is someone who walks with Jesus, learns from His Word, depends on His Spirit, and lives on mission for His glory. None of us ever outgrow the need to be discipled. Whether we are new believers or have followed Christ for many years, God is still shaping us to look more like His Son.

One of the great blessings of the local church is that we do not grow alone. We grow together. Through worship, Sunday School, Bible study, prayer, serving, and encouragement, God uses His people to strengthen one another. Every conversation, every lesson, every act of service, and every word of encouragement can be part of helping someone take the next step in following Jesus.

At our church, we want to be intentional about helping people Gather, Grow, Serve, and Share. We gather to worship Christ, grow in the truth of God's Word, serve with the gifts He has given us, and share the gospel with those around us.

May we never settle for simply attending church. May we become a people who follow Jesus closely and help others follow Him too. That is the work of discipleship, and it is the mission Christ has given us.

On August 23, we will have an opportunity to continue to grow as a church and as individuals as we attend the SPARK conference at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Cartersville. There will be over 40 different breakout sessions as we continue to grow in our walk. Look for more information in the coming weeks!!

Blessings,
Steven

Rev. Andrew Crawford

YOUTH MINISTRY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Youth / Kids Activities
Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Sunday School
9:45 AM on the 3rd Floor

IMPORTANT DATES

Mission Trip
June 6 - 12

FUGE Camp
July 6 - 10

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Student Ministry Update

Church family, thank you for the way you continue to support and pray for our students. God is moving in meaningful ways this summer!

Squad Wars Summer Outreach

Squad Wars is off to the races! In just 2 weeks we have reached more students than the entirety of last summer's efforts. What a blessing! We have already drafted more than 100 students and each week brings a new competition along with a gospel centered Bible study. Our goals remain simple: we want to create an easy entry point for new students, build friendships across grades, strengthen unity, and give every student a clear opportunity to hear the gospel. Thank you for praying for these nights.

Mission Trip to Clarkston

This Saturday our team leaves for Clarkston to serve with Send Relief. Thank you to everyone who has prayed and given to make this trip possible. Throughout the week our students will serve refugee families, help with meal distribution, work alongside NAMB missionaries, and learn how to share the gospel across cultures.

Please pray for:

- *Safe travel*
- *The Clarkston community*
- *The missionaries serving there daily*
- *The people we will minister to*



Youth Camp Reminder

Youth camp is coming up July 6 through 10 at Centrifuge at WorldSong in Birmingham. Camp is one of the best weeks of the summer to set everything aside and focus on the Lord. We are currently full, but a waitlist is available if your student would like to be added.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We are looking for youth volunteers to help with VBS. If your student wants to serve, talk to Kelly or myself to get signed up. What a great way to serve this summer – VBS is so much fun and honestly very rewarding!

Thank you, church family, for loving and supporting our students so well.

Travis & Emily Hurd

CHILDREN'S & PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Parents,

June has some exciting events for our FBCKids. We are now in full force with Squad Wars our summer ministry program. I'm extremely excited about the level of participation so far. I hope the kids will continue to be excited about bringing their friends.

Please pray for our campers as we take 14 kids to Camp Fort Bluff this year during the week of June 8th through June 12th. I ask that you pray for our safety and most importantly, for the spiritual opportunities to grow closer to God.

VBS will run from June 22nd through June 26th. This is always a great week and we are excited about what God will do during this week.

Please remember that I send all information regarding our FBCKids' events through our FBCkids group.me app. If you are not getting notifications or are not signed up, please contact me at 678-986-5060.

May God bless,
Travis

GENERAL INFORMATION

Youth / Kids Activities
Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Children's Sunday School
9:45 AM on the 2nd Floor

Nursery & Preschool - Kindergarten Sunday School
9:45 AM in the Preschool

IMPORTANT DATES

Children's Camp
June 8 - 12

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Parents,

One of the most important things we can do is make sure God is in our everday conversations with our children. Talk about Him everyday at home, not just in church. Below are some fun summer themed ideas for having those conversations with your preschooler!

- **Vacation:** Psalm 121:4 – While we go on vacation to take a break from our normal routine, God never takes a break from loving us and watching over us.
- **Summer/Seashells/Flowers:** Psalm 74:17 – God created all different seasons for us to enjoy.
- **Gardening/Seeds:** 2 Peter 3:18 – Show how a tiny seed needs water and sun to grow into a beautiful plant. When children learn about Jesus they are growing in God's garden.

These are just a few everyday ideas that give you an opportunity to teach your child about God! Praying for God's blessings on your families!

God bless,
Emily



Sunday School Information

GROW WITH US

We also offer Sunday School classes for every age group!

Children / Youth

- Babies
- Toddlers and 2's
- 3's and Pre-K
- Kindergarten
- First Grade
- Second Grade
- Third Grade
- Fourth Grade
- Fifth Grade
- Sixth - Eighth Grade Girls
- Sixth - Eighth Grade Boys
- Ninth - Twelfth Grade Girls
- Ninth - Twelfth Grade Boys

College / Adult

- College & Careers
  - Young Single Adults
- Young Married Adults
  - Young Adults Co-ed
- Fish Finders
  - Median Adult Co-ed
- Vine and Branches
  - Median Adult Co-ed
- Genesis
  - Median Adult Co-ed
- Cornerstone
  - Median Adult Co-ed
- Joy
  - Median Adult Ladies

Senior Adult

- Fishers of Men
  - Senior Men
- Mary-Martha
  - Senior Ladies
- Becomers Co-ed
  - Senior Co-ed
- New Men
  - Senior Men
- Faithseekers
  - Senior Co-Ed
- Mattie Lou Strain
  - Senior Ladies
- Becomers Ladies
  - Senior Ladies

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Sunday School begins at 9:45 AM on Sundays and will dismiss just before the Worship Service starts at 11:00 AM.

We have classes for every age – from babies to our wisest of senior adults, there is a small group that is perfect for you!

We also have a nursery service for our youngest members and visitors.
See the welcome desk for more information!



Monthly Church Information

OFFERING UPDATES

Deacon of the Day		
June	7	David Repp
	14	Chet Utz
	21	Jesse Vaughn
	28	Larry Vickery

Usher Group of the Day		
June	7	Group III: Wes Alexander
	14	Group IV: Brad Brown
	21	Group V: David Repp
	28	Group VI: Jason Hawkins

Building 'B' Greeters		
June	7	Bill & Teresa Bishop
	14	Mary Sterling
	21	Tom & Carol Shanahan
	28	Harry & Jean Russell

CLC Greeters		
June	7	Sharon & Dennis Alexander
	14	Camille & Mike Hall
	21	Dena Wright
	28	Kim Hall

Children's Ministry Hall Greeters		
June	7	Logan & Wes Alexander
	14	Sharon & Dennis Alexander
	21	Kim Hall
	28	Laura & Stephen Ralston

Golf Cart Drivers		
June	7	Billy Brindle / Greg Green
	14	Tommy Holden / Michael Renfro
	21	Russ Edwards / Michael Engel
	28	Eric Dykes / Alan Krudzlo

Shuttle Bus Drivers		
June	7	Jonathan Wallin
	14	Will Harper
	21	Tommy Holden
	28	Robbie McCorkle

Offerings for May 2026

Budget Requirement Monthly	$	109,163.00
Budget Offering	$	149,286.83
Faith Forward Giving	$	72,023.47
Other Designated	$	6,865.00
Total	$	228,145.10

Year-To-Date

Budget Requirement thru 5/31/26	$	545,815.00
Budget Offering Given as of 5/31/26	$	790,710.04
Faith Forward giving since 5/17/26	$	71,553.33

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Betty Vaughan has faithfully served our church for the past 46 years.

She has recently announced her retirement and will be honored with a reception on Sunday, June 14th, from 2 - 4 PM in the People Street! Make sure to stop by and show your appreciation!

MAY WORSHIP AVERAGE: 441

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE: 312

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Prayer List & Updates

FOR CHURCH FAMILY

William White, Charlie Williams, Pam Krudzlo, Hazel Moss, Jane Lumbard, Russell Cochran, Martha Worley, Tanya Johnson, Jean Warren, Rebecca Brown, Sylvia Brumbelow, Harry Russell, Charlotte Beard, Yvonne Elrod, Max Mashburn, Donald Gallman, Geneva Owens, Bob Bullard, Mary Ann Berryman, Judy Thomason, Annette Thomas, Charlie Reeves, Harriett Koen, Dan & Pat Autry, Carolyn Holbert, Madeline Erwin, Ron Hayes, Grant Glaze, Milton Kean, Kayanne Walraven, Wesley Daniel, Kyle Holbert Brown, Truett and Peggy Grogan

FROM CHURCH FAMILY

Finley Wright, Tim Tidwell, David Smith, Randall Townsend, Amy & Angelia, Adam, Elizabeth, & Daisy Offutt, Thomas & Jennifer Pass, Regina Kinnie, Scott Weaver, Harold Crump, Francis Payne, Charlene Henderson, Nicole Carter, Tony Crunkelton, Chris Mulkey, Marlin Sullivan, Tammi Faulkner, Cody Henderson, Daryl Goble, Monica Perkins, Bill Bryson, Julia Stansell, Drew Walraven, Herman Westbrook, Lisa McDonald Braden, Lou Helen Warren, Miller Creel, Darrell Goble, Randy McCorkle, Lisa Holden, Lloyd Pack, Mark Waters, Zoey Adolphi, Carol Cross, Shirley Willis, Ava Price, Margie Moss, Tricia Crump, Danny Elrod, Charlie Williams, Evan Koen, Turner Rogers

C.R.O.S.S. Team Meeting

This month's C.R.O.S.S. Team meeting will be June 16th at 11:00 AM in the back room of Big John's Treat Shoppe. This is a wonderful ministry that serves those of our First Family who are in care facilities or have trouble leaving home to attend church.

Those who are interested in serving in this ministry are welcome to attend the meeting!

All previous digital newsletters can be accessed in the online library at *calhounfbc.org*.

(Under the **CONNECTIONS** tab, click **Newsletters**.)

You can also scan this code to access the library on your mobile device!



Upcoming Events

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

VBS: June 22nd - 26th

VBS registration is open for 4-year-olds through 6th graders!

Sign up today!

We invite your kids to ***Illumination Station VBS*** for the brightest week of the year! While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. During VBS kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals.

VBS DRESS-UP DAYS

Day 1 – Neon Day / *Shine Bright for Jesus!* Wear your brightest neon colors and let your light shine for Him.

Day 2 – All White Day / *Jesus Is Spotless.* Dress in white to remind us that Jesus is pure and without sin. *(Please wear old clothes for Tie-Dye Day!)*

Day 3 – Shimmer & Metallic Day / *Jesus Is Powerful!* Sparkle and shine as we celebrate the power of Jesus.

Day 4 – Backwards Day / *Repent: Turn from yourself and turn to Jesus.* Wear clothes backwards to remind us of this truth.

Day 5 – 60's Tie-Dye / Disco Day *Jesus Isn't Just Someone Who Lived Long Ago.* Jesus is alive and active today — then, now, and forever! Wear your VBS tie-dye shirt.

Date: June 22nd - 26th

Time: 9 AM - 12 PM

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Construct

- new 9,466 sf, single story Education & Preschool Facility following demolition of current Preschool building
- new 1800 sf Choir Suite

Renovate

- existing racquetball court into 4 adult classrooms (doubles as Wednesday Youth Breakout rooms)
- existing Choir Suite into 3 adult classrooms



Total of 7 new adult classrooms, 5 rooms on the ground floor.



Add

- approximately 60 paved parking spaces following demolition of pastorum and playground
- new playground area on Fain Street side of the new preschool building

[Top left: preschool building rendering]

[Middle right: choir suite rendering]

[Lower left: preschool playground rendering]

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