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# *Dr. John Barber* **SENIOR PASTOR**

Last Sunday began our week of prayer for North American Missions and our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering emphasis. Our First Family has adopted a goal of \$14,500 as we join with other Southern Baptist Churches to raise eighty million dollars to help fund the ministry of our missionaries and church planters serving in North America.

Every dollar given goes to train and resource more than 3,000 missionaries and their families involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada, and their territories. To learn more about the mission and ministry we support through the Annie Armstrong Easter offering, you can go to [www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net). I hope you will join me in praying for the Great Commission work done through our NAMB and give to the AAEO this Easter season. Special offering envelopes and prayer guides will be made available for this purpose.

The month of March marks Betty Vaughan's 46th anniversary of service at CFBC. I know of no one else who has given more of themselves in service to their church than Betty has given to our First Family. Betty, it has been a joy to serve with you these last 13 years. First Family, I hope you will find an opportunity to thank Betty for all she does to serve us and further the ministry of our church.

We also extend our thanks to Emily Hurd as this month marks her 12th anniversary of service as our Preschool Ministry Director. So much of Emily's work in managing our Nursery and Extended Session is behind the scenes and goes unnoticed by many in our congregation. Emily, thanks for your diligence and your love for the "little ones" of our church family. First Family, please find an opportunity to express your appreciation to Emily for her faithful service to our little ones and their families.

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# *Dr. John Barber* **SENIOR PASTOR**

*[Continued from previous page...]* Last Sunday, I introduced our new Faith Forward Stewardship Campaign and the Lead Partner Team (David and Jill Repp, Steven Waters, Jesse Vaughn, Meagan Walraven, and Jason Holland) that will help lead us as we move

forward in faith.

Throughout this stewardship campaign, we will emphasize the CALL of God, the WORD of God, the AWE of God, and the RESPONSE of God's people. Through prayer, consideration of God's Word, and our personal commitment, I am confident we can accomplish this Facilities Project together. Our emphasis will be "equal sacrifice," not "equal gifts." Some can do much. Some can do less. All can do something as God leads and enables. When we come together as a spiritual family to exercise faith and entrust our resources to God, He promises to bless us *"beyond measure."* For He is *"able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us"* (Ephesians 3:20).

I look forward to beginning my Easter preaching this Sunday. I hope you will be present with your First Family as we worship our risen Savior by "Looking to the Cross."

## **Pastor John**



*[Faith Forward Lead Partner Team]*



# Dr. Lance Cole

## MUSIC MINISTRY

I am excited to announce that our Worship Choir and Instrumentalists will present Easter music on the morning of March 22nd entitled, "Eyes on Calvary." For the first time our Children's Choir will be a part of the Easter music presentation as well. Pastor John and our deacons will serve the Lord's Supper to conclude the service that morning. This service is always a blessing to be a part of, and I encourage you to invite a friend or family member to join you.

Over the last week and a half, we have completed the installation of new sound equipment. In full disclosure, this was not planned, but necessary as our previous soundboard gave up the ghost and required replacement. I greatly appreciate Steve Davenport and our tech crew for working overtime with Input Group (who are based in Chattanooga) to facilitate this process. We are already seeing improvement in our overall sound because of the change, and I ask you to please be patient with our tech guys as they learn a new system and how it works in our setting. This also applies to the livestream that goes out of the same board to those who watch at home.

While it is probably a dated term, "kudos" to you as you've embraced a couple of new songs over the past few weeks. It's so encouraging to look around and see you closely watching the screens and singing, even though it's obviously still a learning experience. Then to lead right into a song like "Goodness of God" and hear the room fill with your voices lifted to the Lord is like a little preview of heaven. I am thankful to serve in a singing church! Well done!

Blessings to you as you focus on the final week of Jesus' earthly life, His resurrection, and His ascension into heaven.

Lance



### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Adult Worship Choir**

Wednesday Rehearsal  
6:45 PM in the Choir Room

#### **Children's Choirs**

Wednesday Rehearsal  
6:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### **Preschool Choirs**

Wednesday Rehearsal  
6:00 PM in the CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **"Eyes on Calvary"**

#### **Easter Musical**

Sunday, March 22

#### **Children's Choir Special**

Wednesday, May 6

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Mision Trip Interest Meeting**  
March 8

**Mission Trip**  
May 31 - June 5

**Children's Camp**  
June 8-12

**VBS**  
June 22 - 26

**FUGE Camp**  
July 6 - 10

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# Dr. Steven Waters

## MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & ADMINISTRATION

### Gather. Grow. Serve. Share. | Mission Trip 2026

This summer, we have an exciting opportunity to live out our church mission in a tangible way as we travel to West Virginia to serve families in low-income communities.

As a church family, we are called to more than just meet together on Sundays—we are called to gather in worship, grow in Christ, serve others, and share the Gospel. This mission trip is a powerful expression of all four.

We will Gather as a team in unity and prayer, seeking the Lord's direction and strength.

We will Grow as disciples by stepping outside our comfort zones, learning to trust the Lord more deeply, and seeing firsthand how He is at work in other communities.

We will Serve by assisting families who need practical help—whether through home repairs, community projects, children's ministry, or encouragement.

We will Share the hope of Christ through our words, our testimony, and our actions. Our goal is not only to meet physical needs but to point people to the lasting hope found in Jesus.

This trip is open to anyone with a willing heart. You don't have to be a contractor or skilled laborer—just willing to be used by God. There will be opportunities for all ages and ability levels to participate.

### INTEREST MEETING THIS SUNDAY

We will hold an Interest Meeting this Sunday, March 8th, right after worship in the Faithseekers classroom for anyone who would like to learn more. At this meeting, we will cover:

- Trip dates
- Cost and fundraising opportunities
- Types of ministry projects
- Who can participate
- Preparation and training schedule

If you have ever felt the Lord stirring your heart about missions—or if you simply want to know more—this meeting is for you. Come gather with us and see how God might use you this summer.

*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* – Ephesians 2:10



# Rev. Andrew Crawford

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Youth Activities**

Wednesdays  
5:45 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

### **Sunday School**

9:45 AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **DNOW Weekend**

March 13 - 15

### **Mission Trip**

May 31 - June 5

### **FUGE Camp**

July 6 - 10

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## **Student Ministry Update**

The spring season is shaping up to be a meaningful one for our students, and I want to make sure your family has a clear picture of what is coming up in the weeks ahead.

## **West Virginia Mission Trip Interest Meeting**

We will hold an important interest meeting this Sunday right after the morning service for our upcoming West Virginia mission trip, which is May 31st - June 5th. Students in ninth grade and above are eligible to participate. If your student has even a small spark of curiosity about serving on this trip, this meeting is the place to start. We will gather in the Faithseekers classroom as soon as church ends. Your presence does not commit you to the trip, but it will help you understand the heart behind it and what the week will look like.

## **DNOW Weekend**

DNOW is almost here. As our students prepare for a weekend built around learning to pause and focus on God, I want to invite our church family to pray. Pray for open hearts, for real conversations, and for students to hear the voice of God in the middle of all the noise that usually fills their world. Weekends like this often become turning points, and your prayers matter more than you know.

## **Senior Sunday**

Senior Sunday is scheduled for May 3. This is always a special morning as we celebrate our graduating seniors and speak blessing over the next chapter of their lives. Parents of seniors, please mark your calendars. Registration for Senior Sunday will open next week, so you can begin submitting photos and details for the service.



# Travis & Emily Hurd

## CHILDREN'S & PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Parents,

As we move into spring, there are exciting events happening in our children's ministry.

On March 15th at 9:45 AM, we will be serving Pop-Tarts during Sunday School. This is a great opportunity for your kids to invite their friends to Sunday School. I believe Sunday School is extremely important for our kids' spiritual development, so let's invite our friends and eat some Pop-Tarts as we learn about God.

Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza! It will be April 4th at 10:00 AM. This is always a fun event for all of our kids.

Registration for Fort Bluff Camp is open. Camp dates are June 8th through the 12th. Cost is \$300.

May God Bless,  
**Travis**

Hello parents!

We are entering another busy time of year with so many wonderful things going on in the life of our church. Please make sure you are part of our "GroupMe" alerts. That is the best way to get details for activities that apply specifically to your family.

Mark your calendars now! Our annual church Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4th, beginning at 10:00 AM. Please invite your friends to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite someone to church who may not have a church home.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

God bless,  
**Emily**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Children's Choirs**

Wednesday Rehearsal  
6:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### **Teamkids**

Wednesdays  
6:45 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### **Preschool Choirs**

Wednesday Rehearsal  
6:00 PM in the CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### **Mission Friends**

Wednesdays  
6:45 PM in the Preschool

#### **Children's Sunday School**

9:45 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Eggstravaganza**

April 4

#### **Children's Camp**

June 8 - 12

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# 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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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!**



### Deacon of the Day

|      |    |               |
|------|----|---------------|
| Mar. | 1  | Jason Holland |
|      | 8  | Gary Owen     |
|      | 15 | Jeff Ruddell  |
|      | 22 | Tom Shanahan  |
|      | 29 | Will Engel    |

### Usher Group of the Day

|      |    |                          |
|------|----|--------------------------|
| Mar. | 1  | Group I: Craig Mashburn  |
|      | 8  | Group II: Harry Harwell  |
|      | 15 | Group III: Wes Alexander |
|      | 22 | Group IV: Brad Brown     |
|      | 29 | Group V: David Repp      |

### Building 'B' Greeters

|      |    |                         |
|------|----|-------------------------|
| Mar. | 1  | Mary Ann Berryman       |
|      | 8  | Laura & Stephen Ralston |
|      | 15 | Bill & Teresa Bishop    |
|      | 22 | Mary Sterling           |
|      | 29 | Tom & Carol Shanahan    |

### CLC Greeters

|      |    |                           |
|------|----|---------------------------|
| Mar. | 1  | Logan & Wes Alexander     |
|      | 8  | Clint & Jenny Hayes       |
|      | 15 | Sharon & Dennis Alexander |
|      | 22 | Camille & Mike Hall       |
|      | 29 | Dena Wright               |

### Children's Ministry Hall Greeters

|      |    |                           |
|------|----|---------------------------|
| Mar. | 1  | Sharon & Dennis Alexander |
|      | 8  | Kim Hall                  |
|      | 15 | Laura & Stephen Ralston   |
|      | 22 | Gina & Robbie McCorkle    |
|      | 29 | Logan & Wes Alexander     |

### Golf Cart Drivers

|      |    |                                 |
|------|----|---------------------------------|
| Mar. | 1  | Eric Dykes / Michael Engel      |
|      | 8  | Mike Barton / Tyron Johnson     |
|      | 15 | Mike Hall / Alan Krudzlo        |
|      | 22 | George Walraven / Joe Jones     |
|      | 29 | Stephen Ralston / Ricky Boswell |

### Shuttle Bus Drivers

|      |    |                 |
|------|----|-----------------|
| Mar. | 1  | Stephanie Brown |
|      | 8  | Jeremy Bray     |
|      | 15 | Michael Schutz  |
|      | 22 | Brian Nation    |
|      | 29 | Aaron Paradis   |

# Monthly Church Information

## OFFERING UPDATES

### Offerings for February 2026

|                                  |    |            |
|----------------------------------|----|------------|
| Budget Requirement Monthly ..... | \$ | 109,163.00 |
| Budget Offering .....            | \$ | 114,030.30 |
| Faith Forward Giving .....       | \$ | 8,660.00   |
| Other Designated .....           | \$ | 8,348.00   |
| Total .....                      | \$ | 131,038.30 |

### Year-To-Date

|                                          |    |            |
|------------------------------------------|----|------------|
| Budget Requirement thru 2/28/26.....     | \$ | 218,326.00 |
| Budget Offering Given as of 2/28/26..... | \$ | 215,924.64 |
| Faith Forward Giving as of 2/28/26.....  | \$ | 15,527.00  |

## AAEO GIVING

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FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS



**OUR CHURCH GOAL**  
**\$14,500**

**GIVEN TO DATE**  
**\$1,840**

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**FEBRUARY WORSHIP AVERAGE: 381**

**FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE: 298**

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# Prayer List & Updates

## FOR CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Lumbard, Laura Payne, Russell Cochran, Twila Blankenship, Martha Worley, Tanya Johnson, Jean Warren, Rebecca Brown, Sylvia Brumbelow, Martha Miller, 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, Mike Miller, Grant Glaze, Milton Kean, Kayanne Walraven, Wesley Daniel, Kyle Holbert Brown, Truett and Peggy Grogan

## FROM CHURCH FAMILY

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

## NOTE OF THANKS

Vickie Spence would like to thank those who offered prayers and support after the passing of her sister, Vi Parramore.

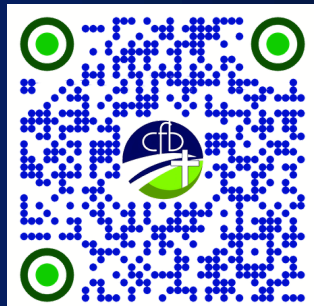
## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Please be in prayer for the families of the following during this time of bereavement:  
*Norma Highfield & Ramona Reese*

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# Upcoming Events



## Celebration Banquet

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Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM in the CLC



SHINING A LIGHT ON  
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION  
STATION

JOHN 8:12

VBS: June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Want to help with VBS this year? There are plenty of opportunities!

Contact Kelly Brittain (706-625-1133) or the church office (706-629-7714) to volunteer!



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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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