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Dr. John Barber **SENIOR PASTOR**

Last Sunday was a day of celebration and commitment for our First Family as we honored 13 of our High School graduates and made our Faith Forward commitments. We were also blessed to have strong attendance and the addition of a new First Family member.

Speaking of our FAITH FORWARD Commitment Day, it was a “beautiful thing (Mark 14:6)” to see individuals and families come forward to make their commitments to the Lord and His church. Our commitments to give to Faith Forward, over and above our tithes, represent our faith in action as we move towards our Facilities Project.

For those who could not make their commitments this past Sunday, commitment cards will be mailed out this week. You can also find commitment cards at the Welcome Desk in the People Street. These can be filled out and placed in a privacy box at tables located near the worship center on Sunday May 10th or May 17th. Commitment cards MAY also be picked up and turned in at the church office before May 20th.

Our first day of giving for the three-year commitment period will begin next Sunday May 17th. The total commitments will be announced to the church on May 24th. Should you have any other questions about our FAITH FORWARD commitment process, please contact the church office.

The month of May marks 12 years of service for Lance Cole. Lance is a friend and an important member of our leadership team/pastoral staff. Many thanks to Lance and to Robin for their faithful ministry here at Calhoun First Baptist. First Family, I hope you will find opportunity to express your love and appreciation to the Cole's.

This Sunday we will have the opportunity to celebrate our moms and observe parent/child dedication with 8 families that are part of our First Family. I will be sharing a message of challenge and encouragement entitled, “Bring Them Up,” based on Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Ephesians 6:1-4.

Blessings!
Pastor John

Dr. Lance Cole

MUSIC MINISTRY

Kudos to the amazing children at Calhoun FBC for their presentation on Wednesday night! I want to extend a hearty thank you to our little ones, our preschool and children's music leaders, and our puppeteers, for an outstanding year of making music together. If you attended the night of music, puppets, and drama, then you were blessed to see just a portion of what happens each time these groups come together. Parents and grandparents, thank you for entrusting your children and grandchildren to the care of our leaders. As is the case in any musical presentation of this kind, the growth comes in the journey of preparation as well as the final performance. A special shout out also goes to those who built the set and worked on the technical side of things.

I want to thank the church for sending me to the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference that was held at First Baptist of Jacksonville, Florida in April. The conference featured many worship leaders and small group leaders who were excellent encouragers and instructors. The primary focus of the conference was "Let the People Sing," and emphasized the importance of congregational singing as we worship together. I look forward to sharing more about this with you in the weeks to come.

Summer is always a good time for people to sing with the choir for a time when their schedule is a bit lighter. If you find yourself in that category and would enjoy trying out the choir, we would love to have you join us for a rehearsal. Simply come to the choir room on a Wednesday at 6:45 PM and we will set you up with music and some friends to make music to the Lord with. Consider yourself invited!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Adult Worship Choir

Wednesday Rehearsal
6:45 PM in the Choir Room

Children's Choirs

Wednesday Rehearsal
6:00 PM on the 2nd Floor

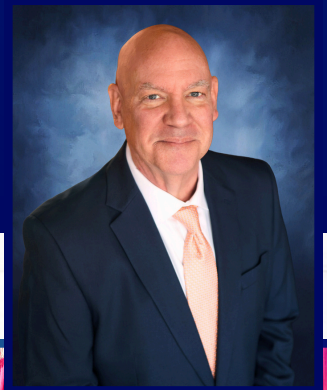
Preschool Choirs

Wednesday Rehearsal
6:00 PM in the CLC 2nd Floor

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Joyfully,
Lance



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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Dr. Steven Waters

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & ADMINISTRATION

**Discipleship Training: Growing People Who Help
Others Grow**

One of the great responsibilities of the church is not only to reach people with the gospel, but to help believers grow into maturity in Christ. Jesus did not simply tell us to make converts; He told us to “make disciples” (Matthew 28:19). That calling belongs to the whole church. Every believer is called to follow Jesus, grow in Jesus, and help others take their next step with Jesus.

Discipleship training helps us remember that spiritual growth is intentional. We do not drift into maturity. We grow as we open God’s Word, walk alongside other believers, pray together, serve faithfully, and allow the Holy Spirit to shape our lives. Discipleship is grounded in the authority of Scripture, centered on the gospel of Christ, and lived out through the ministry of our church.

As Minister of Discipleship, my desire is to see every person in our church take a next step. For some, that next step may be joining a Sunday School class. For others, it may be learning how to study the Bible more faithfully, beginning to serve in a ministry, mentoring a younger believer, or becoming better equipped to teach and lead. Discipleship training is not just for your staff. Teachers, leaders, and volunteers all need to look for opportunities to take next steps.

With that in mind, I want to encourage our church family to take advantage of an upcoming discipleship training opportunity at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Cartersville on August 23, 2026. This will be a wonderful opportunity for teachers, leaders and volunteers to grow in their ability to disciple others. I hope you will prayerfully consider attending and being further equipped for the work God has given us.

A healthy church is not measured only by how many people gather, but by how deeply people are being formed into the likeness of Christ. When disciples are growing, families are strengthened, classes become more intentional, ministries become more fruitful, and the church becomes better equipped to carry the gospel into the world.

My prayer is that our church will continue to be a place where people are gathered, grounded, equipped, and sent. May we be faithful not only to attend church, but to grow as disciples who help make more disciples — for the glory of God and the good of others.

***Blessings,
Steven***

Rev. Andrew Crawford

YOUTH MINISTRY

Student Ministry Update

This past Sunday, May 3rd, we celebrated Senior Celebration Sunday, and it was a privilege to honor our graduating seniors and commission them to carry Christ with them wherever their journey leads next.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Youth Activities

Wednesdays
5:45 PM on the 3rd Floor

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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Our 2026 graduating seniors are:

Kirk Wallin
Walker Hurd
Camden Stewart
Michael Engel
Peyton Joy
Houston Wilson
Noah Schutz
Cason Lane Crawford
Garrett Hasty
Hamp Holbert
Nate Nation
Malakhi Lane
Max Ford

We also want to thank our scholarship sponsors:

Allgood/McClurd Scholarship
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Kenny Fuquea Scholarship
John Wayne Hall Scholarship
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Jack and Dymple Knight Scholarship
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Christopher Nelson Scholarship
Ernest Owens Scholarship
Putnam Scholarship
Sam and Annette Thomas Scholarship

Thank you for praying for these students and supporting them as they step into a new chapter of life. Their stories remind us that God is actively shaping the next generation right here in our church! **[Article continued on next page.]**



CONGRATULATIONS



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YOUTH MINISTRY

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Mission Trip Update: New Dates & Location

We also want to share an important update regarding our summer mission trip. Due to a medical emergency involving the leader of our original partner ministry, we needed to adjust our plans. Please continue praying for their full recovery. In God's kindness, a new opportunity opened quickly. Our team will now serve with NAMB/Send Relief in Clarkston, Georgia, from June 6–12th.

Clarkston is one of the most diverse square miles in America, often called the "Ellis Island of the South." Through Send Relief's Atlanta Ministry Center, our students will engage in hands-on compassion ministry among refugees, immigrants, and families facing significant challenges. The week will include community outreach, meal distribution, ministry alongside local churches, and opportunities to learn how to serve cross-culturally with humility and the heart of Christ. This trip will stretch our students' faith and deepen their understanding of what it means to live out the gospel in action.

Squad Wars: Summer Outreach Begins May 20th

As we look ahead to summer, we're gearing up for one of our biggest outreach opportunities of the year, Squad Wars! We launch with our Draft Night on May 20th, where every student will be placed on one of three squads. Throughout the summer, these teams will compete in challenges, games, and service projects for the ultimate prize: a free trip to Six Flags.

But the heart behind Squad Wars is much bigger than competition.

First, it creates an open door for new students. Every year, teenagers who have never been part of our ministry come because a friend invited them, and many begin their faith journey through that first connection.

Second, Squad Wars helps our students build relationships outside their usual friend groups. It strengthens unity, fosters new friendships, and creates a welcoming environment for everyone who walks through our doors.

If you have a student who has been waiting for the right moment to jump in, summer is the perfect time.

Thank you, church family, for investing in our students. God is moving, and it is a joy to shepherd this ministry.



Travis & Emily Hurd

CHILDREN'S & PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Parents,

We have some exciting events headed into the summer. Wednesday, May 6th was our children's choir musical. May 13th is our end of year party, and May 20th is our Squad Wars draft. June 8th through the 12th is the week of Camp Fort Bluff.

As always, I communicate all events through our GroupMe app, so if you aren't on it please feel free to reach out to me.

*May God Bless,
Travis*

Parents,

We are nearing the end of the school year, which is always a busy time for everyone! Please join us for our last Wednesday night of regular activities on May 13th. We will have food, activities, and a special treat for everyone!

As we move into our summer schedule, please remember that while our music programs will not meet, we still hold a preschool nursery for Kindergarten and under for those attending prayer meeting each week. I have some fun activities planned for them! Reach out if you have any scheduling questions!

*God bless,
Emily*



GENERAL INFORMATION

Children's Choirs

Wednesday Rehearsal
6:00 PM on the 2nd Floor

Teamkids

Wednesdays
6:45 PM on the 2nd Floor

Preschool Choirs

Wednesday Rehearsal
6:00 PM in the CLC 2nd Floor

Mission Friends

Wednesdays
6:45 PM in the Preschool

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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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!

Monthly Church Information

Deacon of the Day

May	3	Steve Nelson
	10	Bart Walraven
	17	Scott Clements
	24	Brad Brown
	31	Harry Harwell

Usher Group of the Day

May	3	Group IV: Brad Brown
	10	Group V: David Repp
	17	Group VI: Jason Hawkins
	24	Group I: Craig Mashburn
	31	Group II: Harry Harwell

Building 'B' Greeters

May	3	Mary Sterling
	10	Tom & Carol Shanahan
	17	Harry & Jean Russell
	24	Mary Ann Berryman
	31	Laura & Stephen Ralston

CLC Greeters

May	3	Camille & Mike Hall
	10	Dena Wright
	17	Kim Hall
	24	Logan & Wes Alexander
	31	Clint & Jenny Hayes

Children's Ministry Hall Greeters

May	3	Logan & Wes Alexander
	10	Kim Hall
	17	Sharon & Dennis Alexander
	24	Laura & Stephen Ralston
	31	Gina & Robbie McCorkle

Golf Cart Drivers

May	3	Tyron Johnson / Mike Barton
	10	Alan Krudzlo / Mike Hall
	17	Joe Jones / George Walraven
	24	Ricky Boswell / Stephen Ralston
	31	Ron Lee / Ken Hollaran

Shuttle Bus Drivers

May	3	Stephanie Brown
	10	Jeremy Bray
	17	Michael Schutz
	24	Brian Nation
	31	Stephanie Brown

OFFERING UPDATES

Offerings for April 2026

Budget Requirement Monthly	\$	109,163.00
Budget Offering	\$	97,749.29
Faith Forward Giving	\$	27,558.22
Other Designated	\$	21,262.64
Total	\$	146,570.16

Year-To-Date

Budget Requirement thru 4/30/26.....	\$	436,652.00
Budget Offering Given as of 4/30/26.....	\$	640,584.72
Faith Forward Giving as of 4/30/26.....	\$	43,085.22

LAST WEDNESDAY MEAL



APRIL WORSHIP AVERAGE: 504
APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE: 302

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Prayer List & Updates

FOR CHURCH FAMILY

William White, Al Davis, Joe Campbell, Charlie Williams, Pam Krudzlo, Hazel Moss, Jane Lumbard, Russell Cochran, 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

Lily & Nicki Grace Faulkner, Tim Tidwell, David Smith, Randall Townsend, Amy & Angelia, Adam, Elizabeth, & Daisy Offutt, 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, 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

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear church family,

I could never say how much your thoughts and prayers, calls, and visits during my procedure and with mother's fall have meant. Everyone always goes over the top and it means so much.

We love y'all, Susan & Ricky Boswell & Marie Jarrett

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Upcoming Events

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

VBS: June 22nd - 26th

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

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



Pictures from
VBS
2025

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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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