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Dr. John Barber **SENIOR PASTOR**

Last Wednesday night, our Facilities team reported to the church the final project cost and financing terms for our Faith Forward Building Project. The final project cost is \$6,215,918. This is just over \$70,000 more than what was projected a year ago when the concept was first presented to the church. This includes the building contract with Womack, Lewis and Smith, architectural and engineering fees, contingency and furnishing costs. River City Bank will provide the financing for our project.

Demolition of the existing Preschool building is set to begin on September 14th. The demolition process should take five to six weeks. The total project should be completed in 12 months, with a priority placed on construction of the new Preschool building.

Our Preschool staff has worked very hard to transition out of the old building and set up classrooms inside the pastorium, the CLC, and on the first and second floors of our facilities. Many thanks to Kelly Brittain and her staff for efforts to make this temporary arrangement work for our weekday Preschool as well as the other ministries of the church. Thanks as well to the adult classes who will be sharing space on Sundays to make room for our little ones during the week.

We are in a strong financial position to begin this facilities project thanks to the faithful and generous giving of our First Family. Our First Family has pledged to give \$1,906,728 over a three-year period, over and above our regular tithes and offerings. Since May 17th, we have received \$351,690 in Faith Forward offerings. With other designated gifts, we have almost \$700,000 in the bank to start this project. Doxology!

We have been blessed in recent weeks to see several young people make professions of faith and follow the Lord in believer's baptism. What a joy to be part of the Lord's work and see spiritual fruit. Thank you, First Family, for prioritizing next generation ministries.

This Sunday is our annual Friend Day and Church Picnic. We are challenging all our Sunday school classes to have their biggest attendance of the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite folks you know who need to be in church and under the sound of the gospel. I will be sharing a message of encouragement and challenge from Mark 2:1-12, entitled "Through the Roof." I hope you and your family will invite others and be present with you and your First Family as we "live in pursuit of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission."

Blessings!
Pastor John

Dr. Lance Cole

MUSIC MINISTRY

It's finally here! Preschool Puppets & Music Time and Children's Choirs have returned and are meeting at 6:00 PM in the CLC and the Kids Area. I am so thankful to have many of our leadership team members returning this year:

- **Teeny Tykes 'N Tunes Lead:** Jill Repp
- **Older Preschoolers Lead:** Jessica Brown
- **Children's Choir Lead:** Robin Cole

We are also blessed with many dedicated helpers in each group who make these music and worship ministries possible. Plus, our preschoolers will be making new furry friends with the likes of Liono, Tigrah, and Sno-Meow!

Our Worship Choir's "Jittery Jams" summer contest is coming to a messy end! The winning team will get to deliver a pie to my face on Wednesday, September 16th, right after choir rehearsal. It's been a fantastic summer of singing, fellowship, and service. A huge "way to go" to our choir for collecting over 650 cans of food for the Blewer Food Ministry!

Please join me in recognizing **Steve Davenport** for five years of faithful service as the head of our technology ministry at Calhoun FBC. Tech is one of those behind-the-scenes roles that often only gets noticed when something goes awry. Steve not only mixes live sound on Sunday mornings, but he also coordinates, trains, and leads the team running our presentation software, cameras, and livestream. Steve, we are abundantly thankful for you, your family, and your servant heart. You are a huge blessing to our church family!

Finally, mark your calendars for our **Church Picnic & Cookout on the evening of Sunday, September 13th!** After we enjoy burgers together, our Worship Choir will sing a few favorites. It promises to be an outstanding evening of food, fun, fellowship, and praising Jesus through music in the park. See you there!

*Joyfully,
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 2nd Floor

Preschool Puppets & Choirs

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Friend Day & Church Picnic

September 13

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Friend Day & Church Picnic
September 13

C.R.O.S.S. Team Meeting
September 15

Deacon Election
September 20

Deacons & Finance Meeting
September 21

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Dr. Steven Waters

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & ADMINISTRATION

Friend Day

Friend Day is coming up this Sunday, September 13th. I can't think of a better time to reach out to that friend or relative who is unchurched or under-churched and invite them to join our First Family of Faith in Sunday School and worship. We have classes for everyone, but the best class to invite them to is yours. All of our classes have welcoming members who will make your friends and family feel right at home. So spend the next few days reaching out to those whom the Lord has laid on your minds and ask them to join our family for Sunday School and worship. Think of it this way: no matter how long you have been a member, someone had to invite you to join them here at First Baptist. It is time to return the favor!

And let's not forget about those who are already part of our family, but for some reason or another have gotten out of the habit of being here for Sunday School. Now is the time to remind them how important this time of discipleship really is. Some folks just need a gentle nudge in the right direction to get back in the habit of being here and engaging. Let them know they are missed.

Parking Update

In the coming days, we will begin the first steps in our Faith Forward building project as we begin the demolition of the current preschool building. During this time, in all likelihood, the city will begin the upgrades to the storm water area in the lot on the south side of the CLC.

Please remember our off-site shuttle. You can park in the Government Plaza parking lot as well as the parking lot for the City Park. The shuttle will pick you up and drop you off! Couldn't be easier! Let me know if you have any questions.

*Blessings,
Steven*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Youth Activities

Wednesdays
6:15 - 8:00 PM

Sunday School

9:45 AM on the 3rd Floor

IMPORTANT DATES

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September 13

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Rev. Andrew Crawford YOUTH MINISTRY

As fall sports get underway, we know many of our students and families are juggling packed schedules, late practices, games, homework, and everything else that comes with this season. With that in mind, we have made a small adjustment to our Wednesday night student ministry schedule to help more students stay connected and involved.

New Wednesday Night Schedule

6:15 PM – Hangout Time

6:45 PM – Bible Study

7:30 PM – Small Groups

Our hope is that this schedule creates a little more flexibility for students coming from practices while still preserving the most important parts of our evening together.

At the same time, we want to encourage families not to let a busy season crowd out what matters most. We understand that some Wednesdays will be challenging. Some nights students may arrive late. Some may need to bring homework. That's okay. We would rather see a student walk in halfway through the night than not come at all.

First, your student is being disciplined and loved by adults who care deeply about them. Our leaders pray for students, invest in them, listen to their struggles, celebrate their victories, and point them toward Christ. Those relationships don't happen overnight. They are built through consistent presence and shared life together.

Second, your student is putting down roots in the local church and growing within a community of faith. A brief devotional after practice can be encouraging, but it will not replace the depth of belonging that comes from regularly gathering with the body of Christ. Students need more than just spiritual content. They need community.

Third, your student's presence matters. The church is not a place they attend. It is a body of which they are a part. When they're absent, they are missed. Their friends feel it. Their small group feels it. Their encouragement, personality, gifts, and perspective contribute to the spiritual health of the whole group. God has uniquely placed them in this community for a reason.

Finally, a personal relationship with Jesus was never intended to be a private relationship. We worship a Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, existing in perfect relationship and community. As followers of Christ, we reflect that reality by living in loving, committed community with one another. The Christian life is something we walk together.

So this fall, make Wednesday nights (and Sunday mornings!) a priority whenever possible. Come late if you have to. Bring your homework if you need to. It's worth the effort.

*God bless,
Andrew*

Travis & Emily Hurd

CHILDREN'S & PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Parents,

We are excited about our upcoming midweek programming, which began this past Wednesday night, September 9th. Our children's choir starts at 6:00 PM and Teamkids starts at 6:45 PM. We finish the night at 7:30 PM.

Also, Sunday, Sept 13th, is Friend Day. If any kid brings 5 or more visitors to Sunday School or Children's Church, they will get to pie me in the face!

*May God bless,
Travis*

Hello Parents,

We are excited to be back in the swing of regularly scheduled activities this week. This week marks the return of Wednesday night Teeny Tykes and Puppet Time! We are excited to have you join us and bring friends! Everything starts at 6:00 PM and ends at 7:30 PM. Now is a great time to jump in to Wednesday activities if you've never joined us before. We have something for all ages. Just a reminder, that all children kindergarten or younger MUST have a parent or guardian remain on campus at all times.

Also, mark your calendars: this Sunday, September 13th, is Friend Day. We hope you invite someone to come to Sunday school with you as we try to hit our goal. Sunday evening we will have a picnic in the park with live music.

Looking ahead...our annual Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 31st, and we hope everyone will join us. It is always a wonderful night of fellowship!

*God bless,
Emily*

GENERAL INFORMATION

**Children's Activities
+ Teamkids**
Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Preschool Activities
+ Mission Friends**
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 CLC

IMPORTANT DATES

Friend Day & Church Picnic
September 13

Trunk-or-Treat
October 31

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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

Sep	6	Mike Hall
	13	Bill Dillard
	20	Eric Jackson
	27	Steve Nelson

Usher Group of the Day

Sep	6	Group IV: Brad Brown
	13	Group V: David Repp
	20	Group VI: Jason Hawkins
	27	Group I: Craig Mashburn

Building 'B' Greeters

Sep	6	Mary Sterling
	13	Tom & Carol Shanahan
	20	Harry & Jean Russell
	27	Mary Ann Berryman

CLC Greeters

Sep	6	Camille & Mike Hall
	13	Dena Wright
	20	Clint & Jenny Hayes
	27	Logan & Wes Alexander

Children's Ministry Hall Greeters

Sep	6	Gina & Robbie McCorkle
	13	Logan & Wes Alexander
	20	Sharon & Dennis Alexander
	27	Laura & Stephen Ralston

Golf Cart Drivers

Sep	6	Brandon Dillard / Alan Krudzlo
	13	Mike Hall / Tyron Johnson
	20	Greg Green / Russ Edwards
	27	Chad Crawford / Joe Jones

Shuttle Bus Drivers

Sep	6	Stephanie Brown
	13	Jeremy Bray
	20	Michael Schutz
	27	Brian Nation

OFFERING UPDATES

Offerings for August 2026

Budget Requirement Monthly	\$ 109,163.00
Budget Offering	\$ 155,635.00
Faith Forward Giving	\$ 59,927.00
Other Designated	\$ 3,834.00
Total	\$ 219,396.00

Year-To-Date

Budget Requirement thru 8/31/26.....	\$ 873,304.00
Budget Offering Given as of 8/31/26.....	\$ 1,153,378.00
Faith Forward giving since 5/17/26.....	\$ 351,690.00

FRIEND DAY / CHURCH PICNIC



Our **high attendance focus Sunday (Friend Day)** will be on **September 13th**! This will be a great day to invite your friends and family to Sunday School and Worship.

Our **annual church picnic** will follow in the City Park that afternoon! Serving will begin around 5:30 PM and the Worship Choir will begin singing a special selection of songs at 6:15 PM.

Please bring your own chair for the picnic!

AUGUST WORSHIP AVERAGE: 431

AUGUST SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE: 310

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Prayer List & Updates

FOR CHURCH FAMILY

Don Wilson, Joe Campbell, Peggy Pate, Dana McBurnett, Brenda Hughes, Hazel Moss, Charlie Williams, Russell Cochran, Martha Worley, Jean Warren, 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, 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

Justin Utz, Lydia Coker, Finley Wright, Tim Tidwell, David Smith, Randall Townsend, Amy & Angelia, Adam, Elizabeth, & Daisy Offutt, Thomas & Jennifer Pass, Regina Kinnie, Scott Weaver, 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

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Every **Wednesday at 6:45 PM** we have a prayer meeting and Bible study where we discuss church prayer needs and spend time in God's Word!

All are welcome to attend.

*[More information about
Wednesday activities on PAGE 11]*

**Current Wednesday
Bible Study: Ecclesiastes**



Wednesday Activities

Fellowship Meal

(Every other Wednesday)

5:15 PM in the CLC

Youth Hangout

6:15 PM / 3rd Floor

Preschool Puppets, Choirs & Mission Friends

6:00 PM / 2nd Floor CLC

Children's Choir & Team Kids

6:00 PM / 2nd Floor

Worship Choir Rehearsal

6:45 PM / Choir Room

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

6:45 PM / Sanctuary



Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Quilters GIVING BACK

September 10th, 10 AM - 2 PM

The quilting ministry will be meeting in the People Street, and all are invited to join!

FRIEND DAY - & - CHURCH PICNIC

September 13th

[Details on page 9]

C.R.O.S.S. Team

September 15th, 11 AM

C.R.O.S.S. Team will meet in the back room of Big John's Treat Shoppe. Anyone interested in this ministry may attend!

BIRTHDAY Night

Senior Adult

September 17th, 5:30 PM

Senior Adult Birthday Night is Thursday, August 20th at 5:30 PM in the back room of Big John's Treat Shoppe.

Deacons & Finance

September 21st



Finance Committee - 6:45 PM
Deacons Meeting - 7:30 PM

For information about any of these ministry opportunities and events, please contact the church office at 706-629-7714.

Looking ahead!

Trunk-or-Treat

October 31st

It's trunk time! If you'd like to sign up to host a trunk for this event, please contact **Travis** or **Emily Hurd** OR the **church office**.



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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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