

Sunday Small Groups is to
TEACH the Bible to change lives
REACH the lost with the Good
News of Jesus Christ and
CARE for people through prayer,
ministry and fellowship.



08-24-2025
Attendance: 313
Visitors: 18
Enrollment: 502

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Please submit your reservation
by noon Tuesday before the
meal on Wednesday.

NAME _____

Wednesday, September 03

5:15 pm to 6:00 pm

Smoked Pork Chops, Turnips,
Yams, & Cornbread

Alternate Choice: Chicken
Tenders & Fries

_____ Regular meal plate

\$5.00 per plate

_____ Chicken tenders & fries

\$3.00 per plate

_____ Yearly reservation

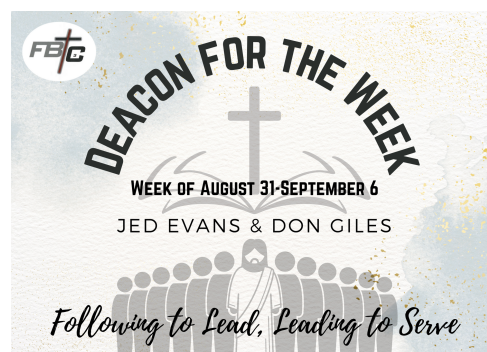
_____ I prefer to make
reservations on a weekly basis.

**Payment is expected for
cancellations after Tuesday,
12:00 pm.**

Adult Bible Study

Option 1
4:30 Sanctuary
Small Group
Singing/Prayer/
Bible Study

Option 2
5:30 Adult Small Group
Scripture Studies
Conference Room



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Sunday, August 31

8:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Sunday Morning Small Groups

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm Bible Drills (Children's Department)

4:30 pm Sanctuary Small Group (Sanctuary)

5:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Conference Room)

5:30 Awana (Upstairs Children's Department)

Wednesday, September 03

5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Fellowship (Summit)

6:30 pm First Kids Music & Missions (Multipurpose Room)

6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

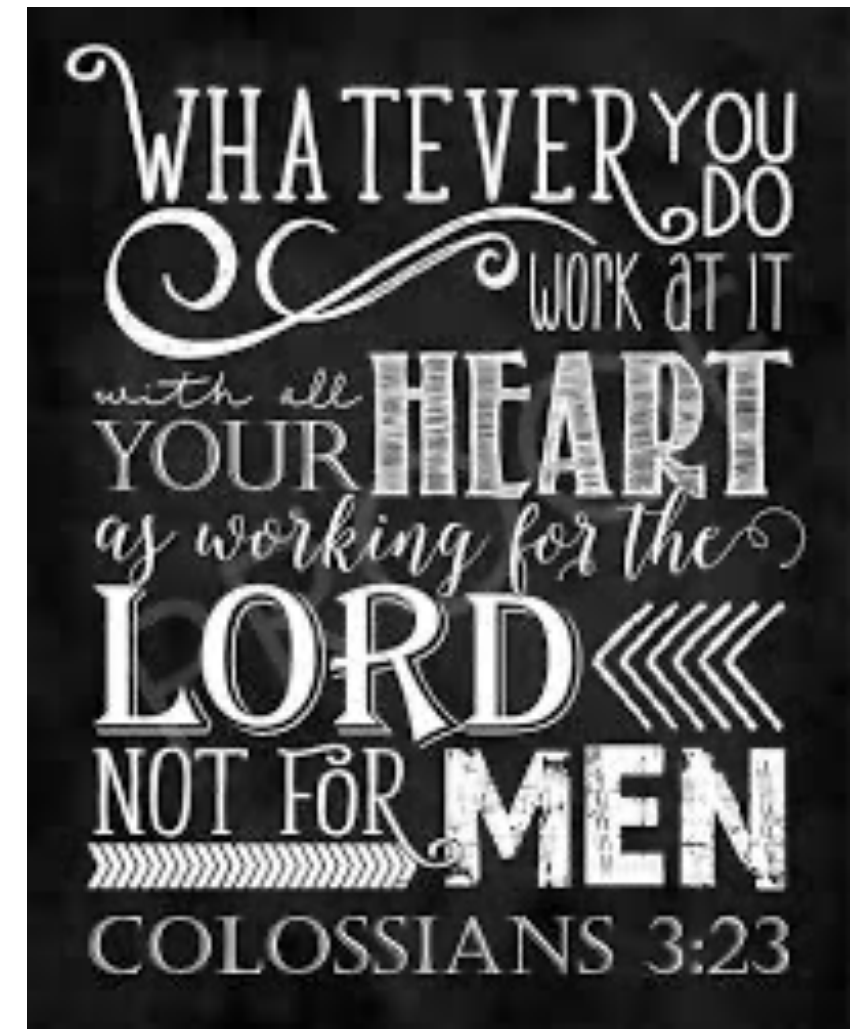
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 South Second Street
Cochran, GA 31014-6806

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org
U.S. Permit Pd.
Permit No. 2
Cochran, GA 31014

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ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP

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Church is hard.
Church is hard for the person walking through the doors,
afraid of judgement.
Church is hard for the preacher's family, under the microscope
of an entire body.
Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home,
broken and battered by the world.
Church is hard for the girl who looks like she
has it all together, but doesn't.
Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.
Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding
hands, and seemingly perfect families.
Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation
to lunch after service.
Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.
Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed
by the weight of the lyrics.
Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.
Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.
Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who
desperately longs for a baby to love.
Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying
God brings them a mate.
Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter,
ashamed of her mistakes.
Church is hard for the sinners. Church is hard for me.

*It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday
best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a
body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives. But, here is the
beauty of church—*

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.
Church is a body.
Church is a gathering of repentant sinners, saved by grace,
living in fellowship as saints.
Church is a body of Christ followers bound as brothers and sisters
by an eternal Spirit and divinely sourced love.
Church is a holy ground where saved sinners stand as equals
before the Throne of Grace.
Church is a refuge for restoring broken hearts and
a training ground for mighty warriors.
Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is
confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.
Church is a lesson in faith and trust.
Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.
Church is a family - a family coming together, setting aside differences,
forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.
Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He
resides, and if we gather, He is faithful to come.
(Arianna Freelen)

C.S. Lewis writes, "We don't come to church, to be a church. We
come to Christ, and then we are built up as a church. If we come to
church just to be with one another, one another is all we'll get. And it isn't
enough. Inevitably, our hearts will grow empty, and then angry. If we put
community first, we will destroy community. But if we come to Christ first
and submit ourselves to Him and draw life from Him, community gets
traction." Martin Luther exhorted, "To gather with God's people in united
adoration of our Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer." I
hope to see you Sunday! Grace & peace, love you. PK

Available upon request

Threadbearers

Cancer Care Bags

Port Pillows

Contact the church office if you know
someone in need



FBTC Legacy Builders
May all who come behind
us find us faithful

Looking Ahead:

September 14
Elijah Project Meet & Greet

October 09
Legacy Builder Luncheon



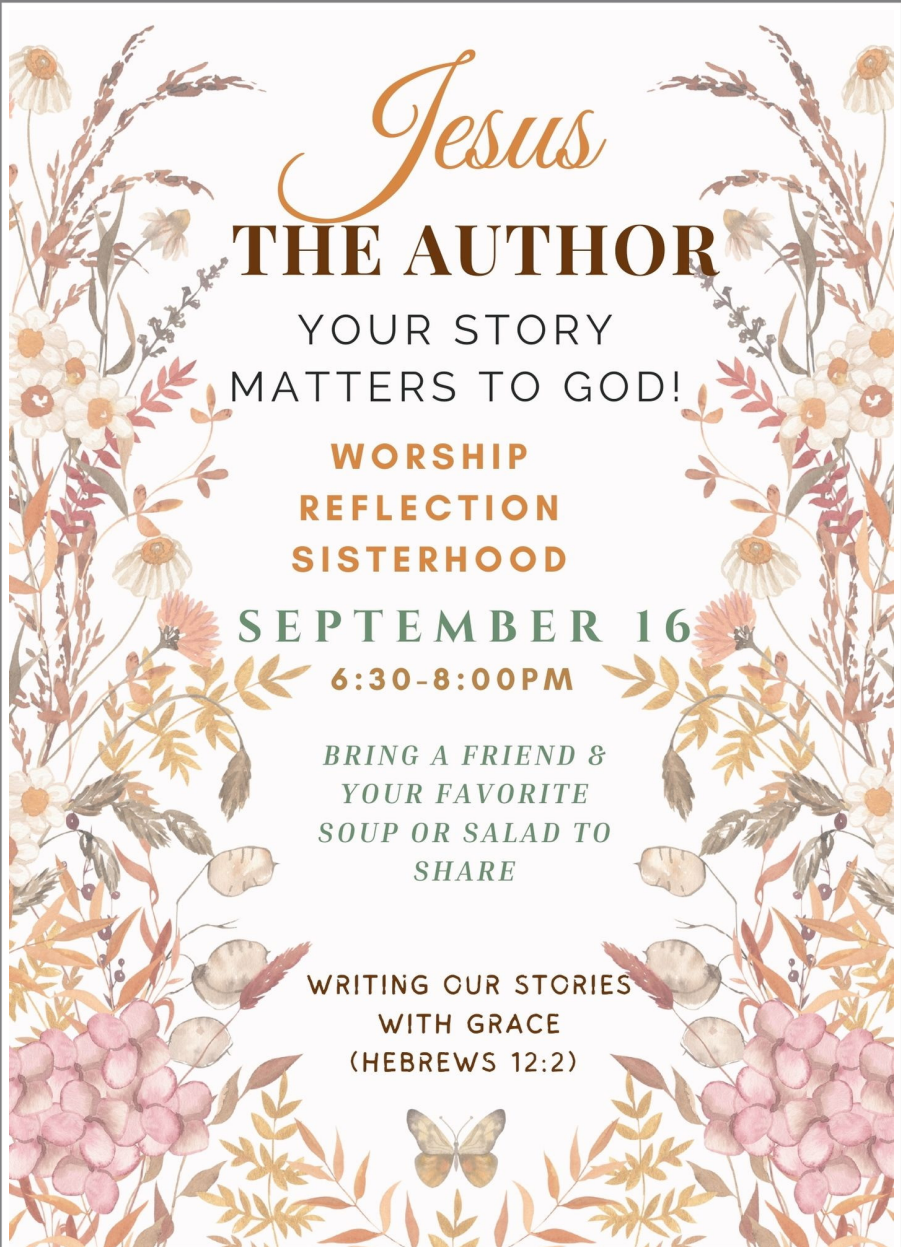
Jesus
THE AUTHOR
YOUR STORY
MATTERS TO GOD!

WORSHIP
REFLECTION
SISTERHOOD

SEPTEMBER 16
6:30-8:00PM

BRING A FRIEND &
YOUR FAVORITE
SOUP OR SALAD TO
SHARE

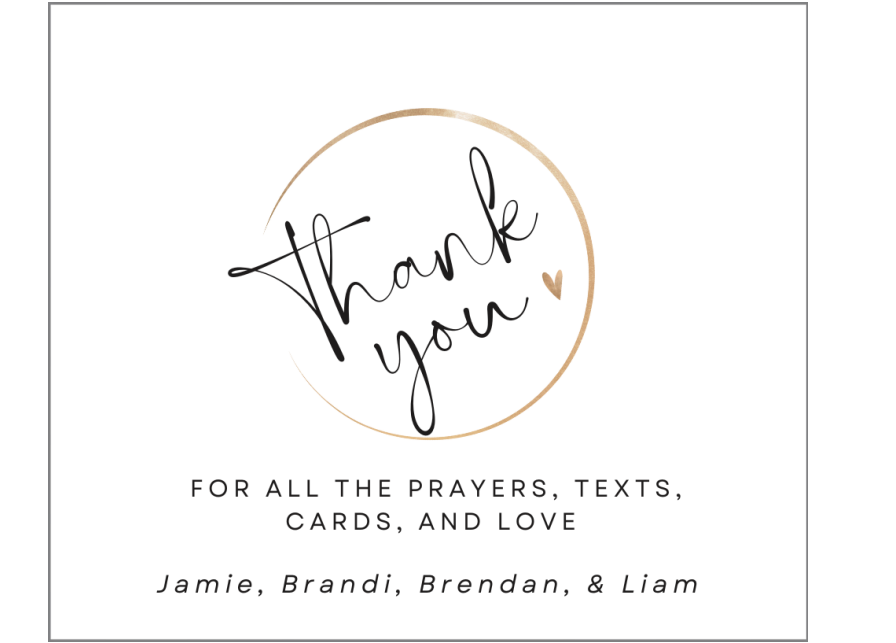
WRITING OUR STORIES
WITH GRACE
(HEBREWS 12:2)



Thank you

FOR ALL THE PRAYERS, TEXTS,
CARDS, AND LOVE

Jamie, Brandi, Brendan, & Liam



men Discipling men

Kayaking trip September 27
Details to Follow

Kayaks & Canoes
needed

Contact the church office

