

Sunday Small Groups are 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.
 4-26-26
Attendance: 295
Visitors: 4
Enrollment: 502

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

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

NAME

Wednesday, May 6

5:15 pm to 6:00 pm

Chicken Pot Pie
 Side Salad

Regular Meal
 \$5.00 per plate

Chicken Tenders & Fries \$3.00 per plate

Payment is expected for cancellations after Tuesday.

FB/C
 Legacy Builders



May 14, 2026

Bible study 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Please bring your favorite sandwiches or salad



Phil West will be the speaker.

DEACONS' MEETING
 MAY 3, 2026
 4:00 PM
 CONFERENCE ROOM

FB/C
DEACON FOR THE WEEK
 MAY 3 - MAY 9
 SCOTT KLETCKE & SAMMY HAUPT
Following to Lead, Leading to Serve



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Sunday May 3

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Sunday Morning Small Groups
- 11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Youth Band (Summit)
- 4:30 pm Sanctuary Small Group (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm Awana Closing Ceremony (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm Youth Bible Study (Summit)

Wednesday May 6

- 5:15 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Fellowship
- 6:30 pm First Kids Music & Missions (Multipurpose Rm)
- 6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm The 56

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 101 SOUTH SECOND STREET
 COCHRAN GA 31014

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TITLE FIRST LAST
 ADDRESS

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23RD ANNUAL
COCHRAN-BLECKLEY
Bible Reading
MARATHON

ONE WEEK.
 ONE BOOK.
 ONE PURPOSE.
 THE BIBLE.

MAY 1-7, 2026
7 Days. 1,001 Chapters. A Lifetime of Impact.

Opening Night Ceremony
May 1 at 6pm.
Hope you can come and support!



Newest Members:

Lori Smith,
 Maggie Smith,
 Tommy, Catherine & Addie
 Williams

I'm not smart enough to understand the "Why?" of this social media phenomenon but I do find myself wondering about the current propensity to explain life with simple yet catchy phrases that will (hopefully) be shared many times on social media (think #s). Many preachers have begun tweeting the carefully crafted major points of their sermons into the social media universe as a way of scattering seeds of Truth in the spiritually barren landscape of culture. Whereas people used to read an entire book by a respected author and mull over all that was written, the current trend is to prune an entire book down to two or three pithy quotes and cast them out into the cultural swamp. Every time I see someone posting a quote from the writings of Augustine or Bonhoeffer or Hurnard or Sproul or Lewis or Keller or Piper, I wonder if they have actually read the entire treatise from which comes the quote or if they are mostly amping up their public résumé by linking with such well known authors.

Googling "popular Christian life mottos" will bring forth a list of catchy, pithy sayings that attempt to define? explain? expound? interpret? clarify? the meaning of life. Here are some of the most popular life slogans according to Google:

- Disappointment — His appointment.
- It doesn't take much effort to do what everyone else is doing.
- A dead fish can float downstream; it takes a live one to swim upstream.
- If Satan can't make you bad, he'll make you busy.
- Seek to connect instead of seeking to correct.
- Better days are coming. Have faith.
- Do your best so that you can't blame yourself for anything.
- The secret of joy is Christ in me; not me in different circumstances.

Granted, there is a kernel of truth in at least some of these life slogans...but these tiny morsels of wisdom are lacking depth and perspective and the long view of living life in the shadow of the cross of Jesus. A catchy slogan can get us through a rough day - maybe even a rough season of life - but we all need something deeper and much more intimate than a slogan, a pithy catchphrase, to sustain us on the journey of life. We crave a relationship; a deep, abiding, trustworthy, and defining relationship which can serve as our anchor/hope/peace when all the pithy sayings of humanity have lost their mojo. God offers us such a relationship in Jesus Christ.

Without doubt the most powerful "life slogans" are found in the Bible. But just as those who like to quote well-known authors without truly reading the works of said authors are missing the bigger picture, so too are those who like to claim and quote Scripture without reading and studying the entire witness of Scripture. That being said, here are some great "life slogans" straight out of the Bible:

- Seek first the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33)
- Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. (Matthew 22:37)
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Love people; consider other people more important than yourself. (Philippians 2:3-4)
- God will transform suffering into joy. (John 16:20)
- Abundant life is found in Jesus, not circumstances or possessions. (John 10:10)
- Do not give up doing what is righteous. (Galatians 6:9)
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it. (Isaiah 40:8)

Let me close with the following quote from the 10/28/1949 journal entry of Jim Elliot: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Grace & peace, love you. PK

MY CUP RUNNETH Over

The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters.
— PSALM 23:1-2

Join us for a **BRUNCH** of faith, fellowship, and good food as we gather in His presence and celebrate His abundant goodness.

BRUNCH | FELLOWSHIP | TESTIMONY

SATURDAY MAY 9TH 10:30 AM FBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

SIGN UP BY MAY 3RD \$5 PER PERSON Grateful heart. Overflowing life.

Thank You for contributing To our Kids Camp!

FIRST KIDS

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Johna Bowen's BRIDAL SHOWER
Bride-elect of K'son Jones

SATURDAY 10:00 - 11:30 | 2 | MAY 2026

We'd like to give the couple something special. Please bring a copy of your favorite recipe along with your favorite verse. It will be a special way for them to remember you while creating a collection of cherished memories they can revisit for years to come.

THE WHIPPLE HOUSE
119 SE SECOND STREET
COCHRAN, GA 31014

GIFT REGISTRY:
AMAZON & WALMART

YOU ARE INVITED TO A DROP-IN WEDDING SHOWER HONORING

Gracely Gibbs
Bride Elect of
JT Mullis

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026
12:30 - 2:00 PM
THE WHIPPLE HOUSE
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COCHRAN, GA 31014

THE COUPLE IS REGISTERED AT TARGET & AMAZON

Care & Share Ministry

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
Hebrews 13:16

Submit prayer requests or hands-on needs 4 ways:

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COCHRAN

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

BRING THE FAMILY
BRING YOUR FRIENDS
BRING A CHAIR

MAY 20 @ 6:30

AN OUTDOOR NIGHT OF WORSHIP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

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