

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.
 5-10-26
Attendance: 242
Visitors: 2
Enrollment: 502

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

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

NAME

ATTENTION

MEALS RESUME



AUGUST 12, 2026

WMU Groups

Meet Monday, May 18

Bettie Addleton Group
 3:30 pm
 Growing & Exploring SS Classroom

Clarice Stephens Group
 10:30 am
 At Home Senior Living

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Join us for **WORSHIP**

Sunday May 17

9:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups
 10:30 am Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)-
 Recognition of Graduates Service
 4:00 pm Deacon Meeting (Conference room)
 5:30 pm Quarterly Conference (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday May 20

6:00 pm Meal Served Outside (Grassy Area)
 5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Fellowship
 6:45 pm Sounds of Summer Worship night (Grassy Area)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 101 SOUTH SECOND STREET
 COCHRAN GA 31014

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TITLE FIRST LAST
 ADDRESS
 CITY, STATE ZIP

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CLASS OF 2026

The following students will be recognized on 5/17/26:

- Emilie Bowen
 - Presley Elizabeth DuBois
 - Tabitha Little
 - Samuel Mullis
 - Stanley Chris Sheppard
 - Dylan Strickland
 - Emmie Williams
- Congratulations!**

DEACONS' MEETING

MAY 17, 2026

4:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM

DEACON FOR THE WEEK
 MAY 17 - MAY 23
 JOE MEADOWS & BUTCH LUCAS
Following to Lead, Leading to Serve

New Schedule starts this week 5/17/26:

9:15 am Sunday small groups
 10:30 am Combined worship (Sanctuary)

IF I WERE THE DEVIL “If I were the Prince of Darkness, I’d want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I’d have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn’t be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — thee. So I’d set about however necessary to take over the United States. I’d subvert the churches first — I’d begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: ‘Do as you please.’

“To the young, I would whisper that ‘The Bible is a myth.’ I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what’s bad is good, and what’s good is ‘square.’ And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, ‘Our Father, which art in Washington...’

“And then I’d get organized. I’d educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I’d threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I’d pedal narcotics to whom I could. I’d sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I’d tranquilize the rest with pills.

“If I were the devil I’d soon have families that war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings I’d have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions — just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you’d have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

“Within a decade I’d have prisons overflowing, I’d have judges promoting pornography — soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil I’d make the symbols of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

“If I were the devil I’d take from those who have, and give to those who want until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

“And what do you bet I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I would caution against extremes in hard work, in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I’d just keep right on doing what he’s doing.”

On April 3, 1965, Paul Harvey broadcast “If I Were the Devil” on his radio program; you can find the audio on YouTube. It is truly amazing how contemporary this diabolical strategy sounds 61 years later. Yet the devil’s strategy has been the same since the Garden of Eden: poison whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, or worthy of praise. But don’t lose heart, my friends...greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world!! God’s love wins; His grace always overcomes poison!! Grace & peace, love you. PK.

CHURCH-WIDE

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

**SUNDAY
MAY 17
5:30 PM**

A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, May 10 +
No Sunday Evening Activities

Sunday, May 17 +
Summer Schedule Begins
9:15 am- Sunday Morning Small Groups
10:30 am Combined Worship Service,
Recognition of Graduates,
Sanctuary

+ **Sunday, May 24**
No Sunday Evening Activities

AN OUTDOOR NIGHT OF WORSHIP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

MAY 20 DINNER @ 6 PM MUSIC @ 6:45

BRING THE FAMILY
BRING YOUR FRIENDS
BRING A CHAIR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COCHRAN

MARRIAGE

TUNE UP

WITH **JEFF & DEBBY MCELROY**

Who Says Working On Your Marriage Has To Feel Like Work?

September 11 & 12

Hosted by:
FBC Cochran

SCAN ME!

ILLUMINATION STATION

REGISTER HERE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COCHRAN

JUNE 1-5
9AM-12PM

Family and friends are invited to attend

**Little Light Preschool
End-of-Year Ceremony**

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026
Time: 9:30 am
Location: First Baptist Church
Info: Please join us to celebrate the end of a successful preschool year with a ceremony and refreshments.

Preschool Class of 2026