

first baptist church

A L E X A N D E R C I T Y , A L A B A M A

Worship God • Love People • Make Disciples

May 2019

Dear Church family,

Our music/worship team is wonderful! April was so rich and rewarding because our choir and other musicians under Dave's leadership labored so hard to lead us in various Easter worship opportunities. Additionally, I appreciate the Ministry Staff sending out daily devotional readings to go along with your Easter Code book. I hope that was personally helpful to all of you. I'm also grateful for your sacrifices that gave nearly \$3,000 above our Annie Armstrong goal of \$18,500. In preparation for Easter Sunday, we had nearly 50 people help with our Spring Cleaning at our campus. That's about 150 man hours of service to keep things looking good at our facilities. Yes, in so many ways it was a great Easter at First Baptist.

The month of May will be another special month for our church. Beyond normal ongoing activities, here's a sampling of things we can look forward to...

- Hosting prayer breakfast and lunch on National Day of prayer
- Senior Adult Associational Event @ FBC
- Faith Bigger Than Fear Women's Banquet
- Associational Missions Fair
- Dave's third year anniversary @ FBC
- Baby dedication service
- Veritas recognition
- Children's musical
- Senior Adult Evangelism Conference (Birmingham)
- Mother's Day
- Senior Graduate Recognition
- One Worship dates – 19th & 26th (due to sound system improvements)
- Memorial Day Recognition
- VBS National Day of Prayer emphasis
- Kids Choir trips

There is a lot of opportunity this month for you to grow in your love for God, love for others, and to become a more fully devoted follower of Christ. God is so good to the First Baptist Family. Let's enter this month with thanksgiving, expectation and devotion to our Lord.

Pastor Steve

ONE
WORSHIP
5.19.19

9:45 am Sunday School / Small Groups
11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

ONE
WORSHIP
5.26.19

8:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 am Sunday School / Small Groups

Flowers:

- May 5th *The flowers this Sunday are in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Baker, sons Tommy Baker, and T.J. and Mr. & Mrs. Leon Baker and daughter Jewell McDonald by the family.*
- May 12th *The flowers this Sunday are in memory of Chester & Sarah Nell Jones' birthday by the family.*
- May 19th *The flowers this Sunday are in memory of Merrell & Ann Caldwell by the family.*
- May 26th *The flowers this Sunday are in memory Mr. & Mrs. John C. Blake, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. George W. Forbus by the John C. Blake, Jr. family.*

Deacons of the Week:

- May 5th..... Cam Caldwell & Dr, Mike Courtney
 May 12th..... Stacey Davis & Russell Dewberry
 May 19th..... Ed Meigs & Scott Blake
 May 26th Michael Durr & Brian Cummings

First Family Announcements

National Day of Prayer Service

May 2ndSanctuary 12:00 noon

Tablescapes Brunch

May 4th.....FLC 10:00 am

Band of Brothers

May 7th..... Fireside Room 8:00 am

MnMs

May 7th Fireside Room 5:30 pm

Baptist Bold Women

May 13th..... Fireside Room 5:30 pm

ELC PreK Graduation

May 14th.....Sanctuary 5:30 pm

Partners in Mission

May 20th..... Fireside Room 11:00 am

Deacon Meeting

May 20th..... Chapel 6:00 pm



happy hearts news

The Senior Adult Ministry of FBC

Tuesday, May 2 – 10:00 am Seniors ALIVE! Associational Worship and Lunch. FBC/Alex City. Worship led by Frank Jones.

Thursday, May 23 – DAY TRIP to SEC Baseball Tournament. Cost: \$20. Sign-up in Church Office.

FALL TRIP to the Billy Graham Conference Center – The COVE in Asheville, North Carolina. September 23-26. Brochures available in Church Office.

Dave Briley • Worship Pastor

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Psalm 150



THIS IS US

One of the most popular TV shows of the past 2 years is NBC's This Is Us. An American dramatic television series with tragic elements, it's a series that follows the lives and families of two parents, and their three children, in several different time frames. It is truly a look inward to American family life and has coined the phrase, "wow, this is us." It has prompted me to look inward to the worship life of churches and more specifically FBC/Alex City.

Some people think about singing in worship this way: I can't really sing. If I sang it would bother other people. I'd rather hear other people sing. And, how many times have people said to me, "I can't carry a tune in a bucket and if I sang it would run everybody out of the building." And if you are one of the people that say those things, let me challenge you to think differently.

The Bible talks about two important types of worship – personal and corporate. Personal worship is that every day occurrence as we spend time alone with God in Bible reading, prayer, and just the daily exercise of living our lives as Romans 12:1 says, as a spiritual act of worship. Everyday as we walk with the Lord through our daily coming and going, we are building towards our corporate worship expression of worship. And as we gather together in worship, that corporate expression can only be made in one place, at one time, with everybody else. Our corporate worship is not provided for us to come and get something. We come to empty out all of the corporate worship that has built up all week long.

The Bible makes clear that corporate worship, as the Body of Christ, comes together to express our worship together in praise. Hebrews 10:22-25 describes it for us – "Since we have been saved by our Great High Priest, Jesus, let us draw near, let us hold fast to our confession, and let us watch out and encourage each other." It goes on to say that we should not neglect gathering together. The key word is "us." And that means all of us.

Some might respond, "But, my worship is personal. I just don't want to be distracted or be a distraction in worship. That's why I don't sing." Yes, private worship is personal. But, when the body gathers, our worship should be anything but personal. When we gather, we join together to express one voice of worship to God, with everyone singing. If your voice is missing, the song is incomplete.

When you stand and stare, you are not engaging in what the writer is talking about. You are focused on yourself and in the name of not being a distraction, you become a huge distraction and a horrible example of corporate worship to your family.

Rather than drawing near, you remain a distant observer. Instead of holding fast to the confession, you are making no confession at all. Far from watching out for and encouraging the rest of us, you are calling into question whether or not you even believe what we are expressing together. Our song is not what it should be because you aren't doing your part.

Please hear my heartfelt encouragement as your Worship Pastor – it doesn't matter what you sound like! It doesn't matter how much you like the song or not! It doesn't even matter how well you know it. **But it matters if you sing.** Parents, it's extremely important that your children see you participating and singing in worship, especially Dad! Older adults should set the example for the younger generation by passionately engaging in worship and singing. And our children can always lead us by their singing and innocent and pure love for God in their worship.

The point is, the rest of us are less than we should be without your voice. If nothing else, move your lips for the sake of others. Psalm 40:3 says the song of worship should be seen by others.

This is us. And we need you!

ONE WORSHIP

Sunday, May 19 – 11:00 in Sanctuary (Graduate Recognition)

Sunday, May 26 – 8:30 in Sanctuary (Memorial Day Weekend)

Audio/Video/Lighting Renovations to OASIS Stage

Is scheduled for the latter part of May

Education

Rev. Bill Stinson • Education/Administration Pastor

The month of May is full of celebrations beginning with May Day, National Day of Prayer, Cinco de Mayo, V-E Day, Mothers Day, Graduations from various schools and of course Memorial Day. Out of all of these perhaps one of the most special is Mothers Day followed close behind by Fathers Day in the month of June. I believe it is appropriate that we set aside a day to honor our parents therefore, it is to parents that I want to direct my comments.

Would you agree that one of the most daunting tasks parents and even grandparents face is to clearly and accurately communicate the truth of God's word to our children? Assuming that you answered yes to that question let me point you to a resource that can help you as you search for ways to clearly and adequately communicate God's word to your children. New City Catechism is a great way to teach your children to think Biblically and learn the truth of scripture in a question and answer format. You can order the material or they even have a free app that you can download. You can set the app for children or to the adult mode if you wish to learn yourself, an option I would recommend.

Parents I hope you will take advantage of this and teach your children diligently as Deuteronomy 6 instructs us to. Dad's you should be the chief theologian in your household and moms you should be the second. Teach and learn with your children and memorize these passages together with them. I hear a lot of concern for our country today and rightfully so but if we are going to affect real change in our churches and then our country it will begin with us as parents. Teach your children faithfully and consistently and within a generation those who have learned to see things through the lens of scripture and think theologically they will impact the culture. It all starts at home.

Follow this link and check it out <http://newcitycatechism.com/> Make this years Mothers Day or Fathers Day a time of personal commitment to disciple your children like never before.

Bro. Bill

Children's Ministry

Marie Parks • Children's Ministry Director

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -Jeremiah 29:11

Saturday 5/4 - Tallapoosa Baptist Associational Children's Mission Day in Camp Hill, 10am-2pm

Sunday 5/5 - Kids Choir Concert "Live What I Believe" 6pm

Sunday 5/26 - VBS Day of Prayer Walk

Tuesday 5/28 - 3rd thru 6th Kids Choir End of the Year Trip Next Level Trampoline Park in Birmingham

Wednesday 5/29 - Merge Kids Camp Final Payment Due \$145

Thursday 5/30 - K thru 2nd Kids Choir End of the Year Trip Surge Trampoline Park in Auburn



Sunday 6/2 - Family Night Kickoff Dinner 5-7:30pm
Monday 6/3 thru Thursday 6/6 - VBS Week 8am-12pm

Ways you can help make this VBS a successful church-wide ministry:

1. Pray
2. Volunteer
3. Invite
4. Pre-register children starting May 5th

Students

Brad Averette • Student & Missions Pastor

Student Ministry News

We have a busy summer ahead. Here are some of the upcoming student events:

May 18. Graduate Lunch, Gail and Henry Herring's

May 19. Graduate Recognition, 11 AM Sanctuary Service

June 16-21. Summer Camp, River Rafting, Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee

July 8-12. Super Summer Leadership Development, Sanford University, Birmingham, AL

July 19-20. Speak Conference, Montgomery, AL

July 21-29. Alaska Mission Trip, Solid Rock Bible Camp, Kenai Peninsula

If you have a high school graduate, please email five pictures, birth through present day, to Stacy ataverette.catering@yahoo.com. The deadline is May 5.

If you are not receiving group text messages from the youth ministry, please text me at 205-442-5495 to be added.

If you need more details about anything, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mission News

Our mission trip to Alaska is taking shape. The dates range between July 21-31. The cost is around \$1,200. We will be staying and working at a camp much like Shocco Springs. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the group. The deadline is Sunday, May 19. There is an interest meeting Sunday, May 5, at 5pm in the Fireside Room in the Family Life Center.

Please pray for the following church members as they travel and serve.

Dr. Michael Courtney will be going to Malawi, Africa, May 26-June 9 for medical missions.

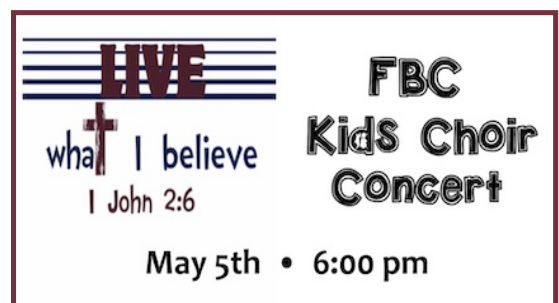
Randy Dawkins and Margi, Laura, and Libby Thames will be going to Ecuador July 6-12.

Brad



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sundays:** Sunday School..... 9:45 am
TEAMKIDS / Bible Skills 5:30 pm
- Wednesdays:** Mission Friends, RAs, & GAs..... 6:00 pm





Andi Moseley • Director – 256-392-4438

We had so much fun at our annual Easter party! We told the children the true reason of why we celebrate Easter as well as had an egg hunt and a visit from the Easter bunny. They loved it so much! Please contact me if you ever want to volunteer!



New Member



Shirley Smith

Administrative Assistant Day

Our Staff appreciates our Administrative Assistants!



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