

Upcoming Opportunities with the Children's and Student's Ministries

Church Drill: April 4th - Youth & High School 6:30 pm, Children at 7:15 pm
Association Drill: April 15th - Tom's Creek Baptist Church, Martin GA at 2:00
Children's State Drill, Youth & High School Regional Drill: April 22nd - First Baptist Church, Monroe, GA from 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Youth & High School State Finals: May 12 - Mountain Park First Baptist, Stone Mountain, GA from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Kids K - 5th grade sign up now for our Spring Bound Camp April 16th - 19th. Times: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Cost is \$45.00
 Volunteers! We need you. If you are available and interested in helping with Spring Bound, please contact Lisa Wilder.

Parent & Baby Dedication is planned for Mother's Day, May 13th. If you'd like to participate, please email lisa@jacksonfbc.com.

Vacation Bible School for children is scheduled for July 9th - 13th during the day!

5th Sunday Dinner April 29th, 12:00 pm To Benefit the Children's Ministry (Summer Camp Costs)

Please contact Lisa if you are interested in learning more about how you might serve in this ministry!

CHILDREN GRADES 2-5 (COMPLETED)

JOIN US FOR A WEEK LONG SUMMER CAMP AS WE LEARN ABOUT HOW TO HAVE FAITH IN A FOREIGN LAND. THEME: 1 PETER 2:11
 DATE: JUNE 11TH - 15TH
 COST: \$225 (\$215 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL FOR REG. BY MAY 13TH!)
 REGISTRATION: VISIT WWW.JACKSONFBC.COM OR CONTACT LISA WILDER

Spring Break Student Tournament! April 16th - 18th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Cost \$10 per team (5 + a sub)
 *Contact Nate with questions.

Students! Sign up for DNow weekend. It's April 20th and 21st. The cost is \$40. Don't miss out!

IMPACT Student Summer Camp is June 18th - 22nd
 Cost is \$225, with an early bird special of \$215 if paid by May 13th. **1 Peter 2:11**

<p>Mission Trips this Quarter</p> <p>Malawi: April 27 - May 8</p> <p>Kentucky: June 23 - 30</p>	<p>Upcoming Mom Mondays</p> <p>April 2nd: Bloom in Serving</p> <p>May 7th: Spa Day</p>
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From the Pastor's Heart:

A Clear Focus

How would you respond if I said, "We need to detox ourselves from an overcrowded life?" I believe I can hear the saints of God in the grandstands of heaven saying, "Amen." I believe I can hear you responding with a hearty, "I know that's right."

As you look at the next three months of church activity you may be tempted to say, "That's an overcrowded schedule." The truth is, if only a few of us feel God's call to do His work, it will be an overcrowded schedule. But this is not what God intends for it to be. God intends for His people to see both the focus of service and their field of service. You ask, "What does this mean?"

Check out **Ephesians 5:15-16**, "look carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the best use of your time, because the days are evil."

The focus of our service is for others. Sadly, these others live in an evil (broken) world. The opportunities for the next three months are laser focused to lead us to reach others. But here is the truth, a few people cannot do it alone. God has called each of us to make the best use of our time.

Allow me to challenge you to look at your calendar for the next three months with a view to emphasize service to others. Be wise, God wants you to have family time, fun time, and focus time.

When we focus, we naturally ask God, "What is my field of service?" For us, it's Jackson, Georgia, the nation, and the world. As you look at the calendar, you will see ministry in all of these areas. Do not just look at them and turn a blind eye. Be wise and choose what fits the spiritual DNA of your life. Sign up, sign in, and set out for God's glory.

I promise you will not regret being focused with your time. For some of you, your task will be to pray for each of the focus moments. I plead with you to pray every day for the ministry of your church. Without prayer we are sure to fail.

As always, I want to thank you for being a partner with us at FBC Jackson. Many of you sacrificially give every week of your time, talent, and treasure. Without you, we would be doing zero ministry. "Thank you from the depths of my heart."

Let's keep it up for the glory of God,
 Pastor Keith

In Numbers 13, we read the history of how Moses sent spies into the land of Canaan. Twelve men were chosen, one from each of the twelve tribes, in order to conduct reconnaissance of the land that God had prepared for the nation of Israel. Of those twelve men, only two, Joshua and Caleb, believed that God could overcome the people who dwelt there, the fortified cities, and the giants. When they saw the land, rather than seeing the difficulty, they believed in the mighty power of God. Of all the Israelites alive that day, only Joshua and Caleb would ever see that land again. Over the next forty years, everyone who refused to trust God died. Only their descendants would enter into the land led by Joshua and Caleb.

It is important to understand that Joshua and Caleb didn't just become leaders the day Moses died, leading is simply what they did. It is "who" they were. Once Moses died, they just continued to lead, but were now appointed by God to lead the whole nation. Before the death of Moses, they led in their lane, the area they had been appointed to lead. I don't know if you've read the books of Exodus through Joshua before, but if you have, then you know that Moses, Joshua, and Caleb were three very different men. Moses, was a man of faith and through his faith in God, led. Joshua absolutely trusted in the power of God, but he was different than Moses in that he could think through the progression of war, and through God, lead a nation through the conquering of territory. Caleb, was a pure warrior! He once said, "Now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim (giants) were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said." Wow!!

These were three totally different men, with completely different purposes. They all led in their own areas, but they all completely believed in the same wonderful God who consumed them all. Here's why I have shared this story with you. God has brought our church body together during this time and season to serve His purpose in this building as we teach, in this community as we share, and in this world as we evangelize. God created every single one of us for a purpose. The catch is that we all have to fulfill that purpose or someone else who is not gifted in that area has to do it. We will only ever be our best when we all "do." What has God created you for . . . right now, in this time, and in this season? Let us all "do."

- Pastor Cary

Visit www.jacksonfbc.com regularly to view the church calendar and learn about upcoming opportunities!

A Continued Call to Serve

I recently had a visit from a church member who said, "I need to sign the list!" My response was, "Which list?" Do you ever feel this way too? So many lists and too little time to manage them. This time of year seems to bring tinges of anxiety, not because of the work at hand, but because I want to do my best as scripture states...

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men..." Colossians 3:23

Our Preschool/Children's ministries, here at FBC Jackson, are revving up and ready to explode with several events planned throughout the next quarter, April through June and on into July. The first weekend of April has arrived and our biggest community-wide outreach opportunity is in our yard and house... *The Great Surprise!* We welcome all families to come and visit with us from 4pm until 6pm as we meet and greet our neighbors. Not only will we have kid-friendly activities that will share the great surprise of Jesus' return from the grave but also an exciting time as we launch our new Children's and Students' Worship Room where the Word will be preached and praise, glory and exaltation will fill the room as adults and youth gather and share.

Right around the corner, April 16th-19th, we will be hosting Spring Bound, a sports and arts camp. We will host this camp over "Spring Break" from 8am until 3pm each day for children in the grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. We are seeking servants to help assist with this camp. Food workers, chaperones, group leaders, and more are needed. Please locate the sheet in the Welcome Center and sign-up today!

The Children's Ministries will also be serving lunch on the fifth Sunday, April 29th. The menu will be hamburger/cheeseburger/BBQ chicken sliders with curly fries. You won't want to miss this with Chef Dennis Shields in the kitchen. All proceeds go toward our children's summer camp in June.

Yes, we have so much more on the calendar than just the month of April. Check out the exciting opportunities throughout the Challenger and on our website, www.jacksonfbc.com. Click on the Children's ministry page and sign up now!

So, allow me to go back to "Which list?" The same church member that asked me where to sign up also gave me a hug! What a blessing! A true servant's heart! Let's embrace our opportunities for outreach this quarter and glorify God!

"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up." Proverbs 12:25



Serving Him with you,
Lisa

What an exciting time it is to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ at Jackson FBC! You might say, "Pastor Nate, what do you mean?" I mean here at Jackson FBC God is on the move, and His presence is growing stronger each week as we gather, grow and go! This week we are opening a new worship room for children and students in order to have more space! We have four global missions trips coming up, students are being saved, and the student ministry of Jackson FBC is gaining a presence within the surrounding Middle and High Schools! We are seeing new students gather at JSM (Jackson Student Ministry) weekly through Tuesday Community groups, Wednesday night worship and Sunday school. But if you're like me, we can get so busy looking ahead that we forget to look back and celebrate what God has done in the past of our lives remembering His faithfulness and provisions! Reflecting on the past is not a bad thing, as long as it leads you to look to God and say with excitement, "What's next Lord?"

Looking at the church calendar for the next three months, I believe we can all say with one united voice, "We have a lot going on." If you're following along in the church reading plan you can see how the disciples or "apprentices" were always on the move with Jesus, healing people, raising people from the dead, rebuking Pharisees, and proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand! We can assume correctly that Jesus does not call us to be a people who stand still but be proactive in seeing those in darkness brought to the light of salvation through the Gospel.

This spring we will start a new series through the epistle of James called "What's Next: Connecting What We Believe to What We Do." For anyone who has surrendered their lives to follow Jesus, getting baptized and church attendance is not the end, but rather the beginning. The Gospel not only forgives us for our sins but puts us on a new path. This next series is going to take your student(s) through the Book of James to see what's next after we have surrendered to Jesus and seek to unlock God's wisdom for our lives in Christ.

Also coming up in April is our Discipleship Now Weekend which we are calling "United Weekend." The "United" theme centers around how we are United to God through Christ, United to one another, and United in purpose as Christians. Also, this June we will be heading off to Alabama for our week long Student Camp. The theme is "Impact" with the main verse being 1 Peter 2:11. We will be studying through the book of Daniel to see how we, like Daniel, can make an impact in a foreign land by following God.

As you look through the upcoming events I encourage you to pray in three ways.

- God, how would you have me participate for your glory?
- God, have you called me to work in the Student Ministry at Jackson FBC?
- God, please continue to bring strong resources and new students to Jackson FBC.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!
Nate Ashbaugh

Welcome to the FBC Family!

We're so glad to have you gathering, growing in Christ, and going with us to share the gospel!

Barbara Battle

David Jobe

Eric & Shirley Clemons

Lane Lewis

Anita Cook

Mary McCrackin

Zeniah Holder

Peter Smith

Janiocyah Irvin

David & Angela Waldroup

Join us this Easter Weekend!!!



- 4:00 pm - Welcome & Interactive Easter Message (Gym)
- 4:25 pm - Easter Egg Hunt (Side Lawn)
- 4:40 pm - Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 pm - Adult Worship: "Easter, This Changes Everything" (Upstairs)
- 5:00 pm - Children: "The Great Easter Surprise" (Centers in the Gym)

Sunday, April 1st

Worship: 8:00 am

Free Breakfast: 9:15 am

Worship: 10:30 am

There will be no Evening Service on April 1st.



Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities



Our annual Church Picnic will be held after the Morning Service May 6th, on church grounds. Looking forward to fun and fellowship with everyone! Details to come...

Sr. Adult Trip to Hill and Dales

May 16, 2018

Sign Up today in the Welcome Center, and contact Pastor Eric Clemons with questions.

