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### Spiritual Formation Sunday Sunday, August 4



Promotion Sunday For Children

Blessing of the Backpacks!

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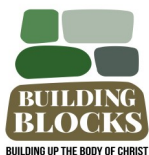


### “Hamburgers ‘n’ Hymns: Revival” Wednesday, August 7, 5:30 pm

The Wednesday night, August 7, fall kick off event is “Hamburgers ‘n’ Hymns: Revival.” The event will begin with a meal at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. After the meal, participants will enjoy a time of fellowship and singing similar to an old tent revival meeting, with songs, scripture, and prayers. Regular adult Wednesday night activities resume on August 14. Regular Children Wednesday night activities resume on August 28. (See inside for children’s activities on August 14 and 21.)



### August and September Adult Building Blocks August 14



Wednesday evening Adult Building Blocks meet from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. “Building Blocks” are designed to build one’s faith and help one grow as a disciple of Christ. The following is a listing of the August/September Blocks.

- *Talkin’ Dirty: The Truth about Biblical Archaeology* with Cliff Cain (August 14, 21, and 28)
- *Destigmatizing Death* with Lane Riley (September Block)
- *The Lord’s Prayer Bible Study* with John Uldrick
- *Growing on Grace*
- Chancel Choir

### Sunday, August 25

10:00 am—2025 Draft Ministry Plan Presentation

11:00 am—Rev. Blake Kendrick preaching

12:15 pm—Covered Dish Lunch

1:00 pm—Labyrinth Dedication



See inside for details of all of these events.



## A Note from the Pastor

The bow tie's origin can be traced to a specific military unit, the Croats, who fought in the Thirty Years War of the 1600s. The Croats' battle dress, which included fur hats, long red or black cloaks, and scarves tied at the neck, was not just a fashion statement. These scarves, with their dual function of keeping shirts closed and contributing to hygiene, were more than just practical. As Croatian folklore suggests, they were symbolic, protecting the neck during battle, or perhaps sentimental. Women would tie scarves around the necks of their loved ones as they left for war, a token of love and fidelity. Whatever their purpose, these scarves left a lasting impression.

Following the soldiers’ service in France under the Royal Cravates regiment, the French took the accessory into high society, appropriately called la cravate. Some argue that the cravat led to the necktie and then the bow tie. Others say it was the opposite—the Croat fashion was first tied into a bow and later lengthened into the necktie. Either way, Croats are intensely proud of their association with the cravat, and in 2008, the Croatian parliament declared October 18 as the annual Cravat Day.

But it wasn’t until the 1800s that the bow tie as we know it today became popular. In 1886, Pierre Lorillard IV broke the mold when he wore a black tie to an event at his family’s estate in Tuxedo Park, NY. Until then, the day’s fashion dictated that men wear white ties and tails to formal gatherings. Bow ties soon became the “it” accessory, and by the time the 20s roared into history, they served as a signature piece for people of all persuasions - from Winston Churchill and Charlie Chaplain to Marlene Dietrich and Frank Sinatra. (*History was taken from R. Hanauer’s website - bowties.com*)

My personal history with bow ties isn’t centuries old. I began wearing them as a seminarian in the late 1990s and have never turned back! Wearing bow ties is not for everyone. But, the practice has become a part of who I am. I almost lean into it as a badge of honor. As we prepared to move to Greenwood, Jennifer stayed in Georgia to direct the packers and loaders. She found a stash of regular neckties I had been holding onto for decades...just in case. She knows that wearing bow ties is so much a part of who I am that she gave the neck ties away to one of the movers! I am now “all in” wearing bow ties.

Colossians 3: 12-15 says, “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.” Our life in Christ should be no different. People should run across us and know immediately whose we are - not only a child of God, but also a Christ-follower. They should clearly see how we proudly confess our love for God and our neighbor with our lips and actions. How will you ‘clothe yourself’ this month to proudly signify that you follow Christ above all else?

Your Pastor,  
John



## Worship in August

### Sunday—August 4

#### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Spiritual Formation Sunday

Scripture: John 6:24-35  
Sermon: "Bread for Days"  
John Uldrick

Special Music  
"Surely the Presence of the Lord" and  
"Seekers of Your Heart" - Bell Tower Trio  
(David Corbitt, Keith Jameson, Lewis  
Walker with Betty Walker, piano)

"Brethren, We Have Met for Worship"  
Chancel Choir and Handbells

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill and Beeka Coleman by their family. Bill and Beeka's wedding anniversary was August 1.

### Sunday—August 11

#### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: John 6:35, 41-51  
Sermon: "The Paternity Test"  
John Uldrick

Special Music

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" - Chancel Choir

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Johnson, Alice, and Johnson Barry Craig by Johnson Wooten and Anne Craig.

### Sunday—August 18

#### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: John 6:51-58  
Sermon: "Do Not Be Confused"  
John Uldrick

Special Music  
"It's Amazing What God Can Do"  
Lily Martin and Sam Smith, duet

"Praise God in His Holiness"  
Chancel Choir

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mike and Joyce Andrew Rakes by Lloyd and Frances Andrew.

### Sunday—August 25 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Sermon: "Remembering Who We Are"  
Blake Kendrick

Special Music  
"In the Garden Medley" - Alice Gilchrist  
"Be Still, and Know That I Am God"  
Chancel Choir

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Brenda Hollingsworth and Elizabeth Craigo by Mike Craigo and family.



## Music Notes

### "Hamburgers 'n' Hymns: Revival"

Are you ready for some "old time religion" with great food and great songs? It's time once again for our third-annual fall kick-off event **Hamburgers 'n' Hymns**. This year, I chose to change the format a bit and focus on the theme of **"revival"** - to fashion the evening like an old tent revival meeting. There will be some gospel tunes and songs, hymns of testimony and commitment, hymns of comfort and strength, and hymns of celebration. Not only are we living out a revival of spirit in ourselves, but a revival of our church as a whole, with our new Senior Pastor, John Uldrick, and his wife, Jennifer; and also a renewal of a commitment to service, to worship, to missions, to stewardship, to prayer and to joy in fellowship. Hymns will include "Victory in Jesus," "Heavenly Sunlight," "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," "Rock of Ages," "Blessed Assurance," "There Is Power in the Blood," "Standing on the Promises," "There's Within My Heart a Melody," "Old Time Religion," and many more. In addition to the congregational singing, the Chancel Choir and Bell Tower Trio will be singing; Will Thomas Cleveland, Betty Walker, Stephanie Turner and Steve Skinner will all be playing. Come join us as we kick off our fall activities with a fun and special evening of glorious music, fellowship, worship, and delicious hamburgers and all the fixin's, plus old-fashioned ice cream.



### Spiritual Formation Sunday August 4



### Promotion Sunday for Children Blessing of the Backpacks! First Graders Receive Bibles

### Parham Scholarship Recipients Announced

On Sunday, August 4, children will meet in their new 2024-2025 Sunday School classrooms. (Sixth graders will meet with the youth in the youth lounge beginning Sunday, July 28.)

During worship, first graders will receive Bibles, backpacks will be blessed, and a prayer will be offered asking God to guide and protect all students, teachers, and school staff during the upcoming school year.

The 2024 Craig Holbrook Parham scholarship recipients will be listed in the bulletin and a prayer for these students will be part of morning worship.



### Parham Scholarship Sunday, August 4

The Craig Holbrook Parham Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 to celebrate the life of Craig Holbrook Parham. The scholarship, in memory of Craig, was created for the sole purpose of providing scholarship assistance to students pursuing degrees from accredited college, university, or theological seminary for full-time Christian service. This year the Craig Holbrook Parham Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships to nine individuals. These individuals will be mentioned as part of worship on Sunday, August 4.

### Wednesday Night Meal Reservations Needed



Make plans now to attend the August 7 fall kick off event for Wednesday night activities, "Hamburgers 'n' Hymns: Revival." The event will begin with a meal at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children, no family pays more than \$30.00. Since First Baptist has not had Wednesday night meals for two months, a new reservation list is being created. **Even if you were on the permanent list this spring, please call to be put on the fall list. Reservations, whether permanent or one time only, need to be made by noon on Monday, August 5. Reservations may be made on the FBC Engage Page of the church website (fbcgwd.com) or by calling the church office (229-5557).**



### Young at Heart (A group for widows)

**Next meeting: August 13  
Noon at the Country Club**

For more information contact Nancy Rooney (229-3641) or Beth Hardage (770) 598-5303.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry (Knitters and Crocheters)



**Next meeting: August 8  
10:00 am-noon (drop-in), Church Parlor**

For more information, contact June Shaw (538-9101).



**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to our "Christmas in July" Fund this past month. The two Chrismon trees at the front of the sanctuary will be replaced this year, in addition to a few more items. A tremendous thank you to all who gave!

Worship Committee



## August and September Wednesday Night Adult Building Blocks

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**Talkin' Dirty: The Truth about Biblical Archaeology with Cliff Cain:** The focus of this study is on the impact of archeology as related to scripture and ourselves. (Rm 208)

### August 14

"What is Archaeology?: And Why Should It Be Important to People of Faith?"

### August 21

"Archaeology at a Site: What Can We Learn at/from Caesarea Maritima about Biblical History?"

### August 28

"Doing Archaeology: What Is It Like to Investigate Artifacts Ourselves?"

**Destigmatizing Death with Lane Riley:** The focus of this study will include conversations and practical methods to approaching the end of life. (September Block)

**The Lord's Prayer Bible Study with John Uldrick:** The focus of this study is to unpack the various elements within the model prayer Jesus taught his disciples. (Chapel)

**Growing on Grace:** The *Growing on Grace* group will decide their own study for the fall. The group studies a wide range of young family topics. (Rm 211)

**Chancel Choir:** August 14 is the beginning of the choir rehearsal year. It is a perfect time to come to the choir, sing, enjoy fellowship, and have fun. Rehearsal is held in the choir room (Rm 100) below the sanctuary.

## Church Family News

Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

- Charles Brown, brother-in-law of Carol Richard
- Keaton McDermott, cousin of Ashley Batson
- Michael Smith, son of Glenda Smith
- Debbie Dorn, cousin of Jack Dorn and Grace Dawkins and dear friend of Diana Cox

**Hospital in Spain:** Lauren Corbitt

**Wesley Commons Rehabilitation:**  
Anne Devore

**Home:** Bob Hermeston, Mary Bobo, Jackie Dewberry



### Ways to Financially Support First Baptist Church

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the annual Ministry Plan, especially during the summer. As a reminder, there are several ways to help financially support the ministry and mission of FBC. The following is a list of the top four ways.

- 1) Place gifts in the offering plate during worship on Sunday,
- 2) Mail contributions to the church, or
- 3) Transfer funds electronically through personal online bill pay banking options. This can be set up as a recurring payment. (Set it and forget it!)
- 4) Use the online app in the Sunday bulletin or on the home page of the church website—www.fbcgwd.com.

### 2024 Ministry Plan

June 30 – July 21, 2024

Monthly Need	\$ 82,367.45
Monthly Gifts	49,758.31
Ministry Plan Req'd YTD	551,225.23
Ministry Plan Rcv'd YTD	445,520.64
Ministry Plan YTD Deficit (Under)	105,707.59
Sunday School Att. (Avg)	159
Worship Attendance (Avg)	206



### Back to School

These groupings will begin on August 4!

#### Sunday School Groupings and Room Numbers

10:00 am-10:45 am  
Nursery- Nursery - Rm 126  
Toddlers (steady walkers to 2K)- Rm 127  
Preschool (3 and 4K)- Rm 128  
5K-2nd Grades- Rm 119  
3rd-5th Grades- Rm 116

#### Extended Session Groupings Worship Hour

Nursery- Nursery - Rm 126  
Toddlers (steady walkers to 2K)- Rm 127  
Children's Church (3K-5K)- Backyard

\* A reminder that the children's church kids can either spend the entire time in the backyard or they can go upstairs to worship and be walked down by a volunteer (usually youth) after the children's sermon. Those who remain downstairs will have a snack during that time. Those who go upstairs will miss the snack.

These classes will begin August 28!

**Choir Groupings**—5:30 pm-6:00 pm  
Bright Beginnings Music Activity (2K/3K)  
Backyard  
Music Makers (4K-1st) - Rm 118  
Young Musicians (2nd-5th) - Rm 116

#### CIA Groupings—6:30 pm-7:30 pm

3K, 4K- Rm 128  
K5/1st- Rm 118  
2nd-3rd- Rm 119  
4th-5th- Rm 116  
Childcare (babies to 2K) - Rm 127



### Acolyte Training

Acolyte training will take place on Wednesday, August 28, at 7:35 pm in the sanctuary for any second - fifth grader interested in joining the acolyte rotation. Please let Anna Burch know if your 2nd - 5th grader is interested in participating.



### Volunteer Openings

**Children's Church:** Adult-First Sundays in Feb. Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.

**Preschool Sunday School Teachers**  
1st and 2nd Sundays

Contact Anna Burch to volunteer.



### Mid-August Children's Activities

#### August 14

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Families will meet at the Splash Pad

#### August 21

6:30 pm

CIA Fun Night



## Youth News



**Sunday, July 28, 10:00 am**  
Sixth graders join youth Sunday School

**Wednesday, August 7, 5:30 pm**  
Hamburgers 'n' Hymns

**Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 pm**  
Holy Ground resumes

**Sunday, August 18, 4:50 pm**  
Voices of Grace Youth Choir resumes

**September 8**  
Sunday Night Live returns



### School Supply Collection

Blue bins have been placed in the Narthex of Fellowship Hall to collect school supplies. Donations will be divided evenly between Greenwood district 50 and Allendale schools. Supplies will be collected through September 1.





**10:00 am  
2025 Draft  
Ministry Plan  
Presentation**

All adult Sunday School classes will meet in Fellowship Hall. (See adjacent article.)

**11:00 am  
Rev. Blake Kendrick  
will bring the morning  
message**



**12:15 pm  
Covered-dish Lunch  
in Fellowship Hall**

The church will provide chicken strips and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts. (Please bring enough to serve 10-12 people.)



**1:00 pm  
Dedication of the  
First Baptist Church Labyrinth**

Come as we dedicate the labyrinth, offer gratitude for the generosity that made obtaining this worship aid possible, and honor and celebrate the lives of those to whom the labyrinth is dedicated.

**Draft of the  
2025 Ministry Plan Presentation  
August 25, 10:00 am  
Fellowship Hall**

All adult Sunday School classes are invited to a special presentation of the draft version of the 2025 Ministry Plan on Sunday, August 25. The presentation, which will outline highlights of the draft version of the 2025 Ministry Plan, will take place at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Copies of the draft version of the 2025 Ministry Plan will be available following the presentation to the Diaconate on Sunday, August 18. (Copies will also be available the day of the presentation.)

The presentation of the draft version of the 2025 Ministry Plan is an opportunity for members of the congregation to ask questions and to make recommendations concerning the proposed Ministry Plan. According to the First Baptist Church Ministry Plan Development Policy\*, "any suggested revisions by members of the congregation are submitted to the respective committee(s) following the information meeting." It is also advisable to notify the Stewardship Committee of any suggested revisions so the committee can follow up with committees on suggested revisions. The Stewardship Committee will review the final draft of the proposed Ministry Plan the first of October before it is presented to the Diaconate for approval.

The final version of the 2025 Ministry Plan will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting on November 17.

\*Copies of the Ministry Plan Development Policy are available in the church office.



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