

“By His Grace and for His Glory”

First Matters

A Ministry Newsletter of
First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Georgia



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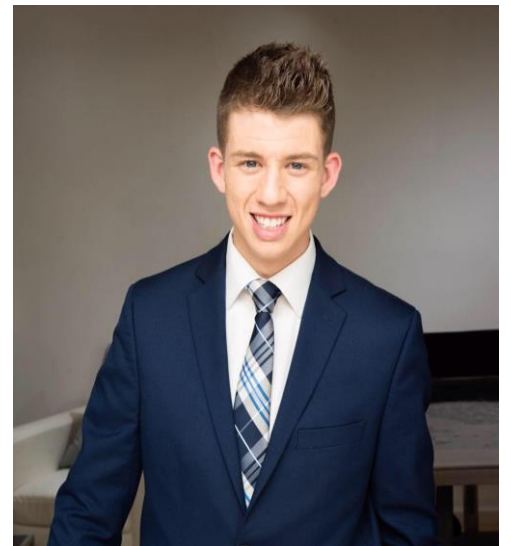
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Church Valentine Banquet

*Jacob Kluttz, of Salisbury, North Carolina,
will be our entertainment!*



Our Annual Valentine Banquet is planned for Sunday, February 17th, in Heritage Hall, at 6 PM. Following a delicious meal, we will enjoy the talents of Pianist Jacob Kluttz as he plays a broad range of music from gospel, secular and sing alongs. Jacob was drawn to the piano and began picking out tunes as early as four years old. Now 19 years old, he can play by ear practically anything he hears. His enthusiasm and passion as he plays is contagious. You will not be disappointed!



Deadline is February 11th

Cost for the Valentine Banquet is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 10 and under. The menu is Grilled Chicken, Pork Tenderloin, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Dessert, Tea & Coffee. Money is due at the time you make your reservation and is non-refundable. The youth will be decorating, serving and cleaning up for the banquet. Your tips will go toward the Youth Ministry.



Bucky Erwin, Senior Pastor

Many of us would say that we want to grow in our fellowship with Christ. If this is not a desire of yours, then quite frankly you have no biblical assurance of your salvation. Those who have graciously been born again have a new heart with affections and desires for our King, His kingdom, and His word. While many of us would say we want to grow more into the image of Christ, we often neglect a non-negotiable toward this end, namely the Scriptures. Brothers and sisters, if there is anything in you that wants to grow in your fellowship with Christ and become more like Christ, you simply cannot neglect His word to us. Do you study, meditate on, and apply the Scriptures? If Scripture were taken away from your life for a month, would you miss it? How about a week? If you had no access to Scripture for a whole day, would it bother you? Could you simply carry on like normal? We will never be transformed into the image of Christ without the renewing of our minds by the truth of Scripture. If we are not renewing our minds in truth, then we will surely be conformed to this world which is in opposition to Christ. Let me be very practical here. Get up earlier. Turn the tv off. Pray that the Spirit would open the eyes of your heart and guide you into all truth. Have a reading plan. Be consistent. Read reverently not hurriedly. Read with a view of adoration for God and obedience to God.

Would you pray for yourself and the church, that we would all desire God's word more than all riches (Psalm 119:14); that we crave the pure spiritual milk of the word (1 Peter 2); that we be sanctified in the word of truth (John 17:17)? May God answer our prayers by his grace and for his glory! *

Dennis Turner, Associate Pastor

Special thanks to everyone who helped with Family Promise in January. Thank you for hosting, cooking and serving food, spending the night and with setup and cleanup. This is an important ministry in our community, and I am thankful that our church serves as one of the hosting churches. I appreciate so much, A.J. McClain heading up FP for the last year. She has really been a trooper in every aspect of the program. She is still going to be involved; however, she is stepping back as the organizer and I will be taking on more responsibility with the program. With that said, we are restructuring so that no one person feels overwhelmed with FP. Training will be offered for our first-time volunteers and those just needing a refresher about expectations and the rules of FP. Our next week to host FP is March 17-24. Between now and then, you will hear more about FP. If you have been volunteering, thank you! If you have never volunteered, consider being involved the next time we host FP. There are lots of ways to volunteer – hosting for an evening, preparing food, serving and cleanup of a meal, serving as an overnight host, donating money for a meal - just a few ways to be involved. *

Manning Minton, Associate Pastor of Students and Families

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you". John 15:9a

Can anything be simpler, yet more profound as the words "Jesus loves you"? It is so amazing to think that the Creator of all things knows my name. There is comfort in knowing that Jesus has my best interest at heart. I find security in knowing that He is watching over me. I know that Jesus loves me because He cared enough to die for me. Paul asked in Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" The answer is nothing in all creation "shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord". What does it mean to have someone like that love you? It means life and peace and hope and joy. *

Children in Action – Children in K-5 are invited to join in each Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 7:40 PM for a time of singing, missions, Bible study, crafts and recreation. Mission Friends meets from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Welcome New Members



Pat and Mike Jones, Cleveland, GA

Welcome Babies

Laurel Elizabeth Allen, born November 16, to parents Gaylen & Amy Allen and grandparents Bill and Lynn Mauney.

Mila Joy Underwood, born December 18, to grandparents Duane and Lorna Wilmot.

Expressions of Sympathy

Marcille Cantrell Family in the passing of their grandson, Ricky Wike Jr.

Gayle, Rebecca Cook and Family in the passing of Ed Cook.

Pam Dixon, Mark Dixon and Family in the passing of Pam's father, Mel Potter.

Richard and Kathy Harris Family in the passing of brother in law, Mike Waldron.

Norma Holeman Family in the passing of her husband Laverne Holeman.

Tim and Alice Holland Family in the passing of their son, Josh Holland.

Doris and Alan Melton, Drew Dorsey and Alley Dorsey Families in the passing of Doris' brother, Aaron Gailey.

Walter and Madeline Parker Family in the passing of their sister-in-law, Lavita Ravize.

Jim Rice Family in the passing of Jim.

Tommy and Brenda Shaw Family in the passing of Tommy's brother, J.W. Shaw.

Don and Rusty Stanley Family in the passing of Don's sister-in-law, Virginia Stanley.

Ronnie and Terry Trimble Family in the passing of Ronnie's mother, Shirley Haynie.

Duane and Lorna Wilmot Family in the passing of Lorna's father, Owen Spurgeon.



- 2/1 Doug Bennett
Loretta Brooks
Jessica Hamrick
- 2/2 Robert Friend
- 2/5 Chi Chi Ewing
Olivia Simmons
- 2/6 Shirley Arthurs
Cory Beck
- 2/7 Ray Black
- 2/8 Colt Turner
- 2/9 Bobby McClain IV
- 2/10 Matthew Murray
- 2/12 Nicole Martin
- 2/13 Frank Senkbeil
- 2/14 Cooper Gailey
- 2/15 Janie Williams
- 2/18 Kara Christy
Henrietta Kite
- 2/19 Randall Beck
William Minton
Micah Kelly
- 2/20 Joyce Gann
Bill White
- 2/21 Beverly Greene
- 2/24 Ann Bennett
- 2/25 Eva Rogers
- 2/27 Susan Woods
- 2/28 Madeline Parker
Alana Swain

If your birthday was accidentally left off, call the church office at 706-865-2933.

White County Food Pantry is collecting canned and packaged soups and ramen noodles during February. Place donations in the basket in the hallway near the elevator. Thanks!



Stewardship- a way of life!

**Tithes & Offerings
as of January 27, 2019**

Budget Goal..... \$31,095.00
 Budget Receipts \$30,181.26
 Budget Under..... \$913.74
 Building Fund..... \$41,449.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School

1/6-134; 1/13-119; 1/20-122;

Morning Worship

1/6-190; 1/13-183; 1/20-125;



We have much to celebrate for what God did last year and look forward to what He continues to do this year. Tithing is an act of worship and obedience to God. It is one way we celebrate God's goodness and generosity to us. Tithing acknowledges God's ownership of all things. Tithing helps care for the needs of the poor among us and supports our missionaries as they share the gospel throughout the world. Thank you for your faithful giving! To God be the Glory!

2018 Giving Recap

Budget Goal: \$ 518,913.00
Budget Receipts: \$ 527,397.99
Budget Over: \$ 8,484.99
Building Fund: \$ 40,174.15
Lottie Moon: \$ 16,000.10
Annie Armstrong \$ 7,591.60
State Missions \$ 1,250.00
Disaster Relief \$ 1,065.00
Other Designated \$ 42,526.00

Notes on the Bulletin Board From...

Jeanene Adams thanking the church and deacons for her cookies.

The Latrelle Edwards family for CCLC donations.

Gerald and Shelby Hendrix for all calls, prayers and kindnesses during their illnesses and surgery.

The family of Tim and Alice Holland for the meal, visits, and kindness following their son's passing.

John Reynolds thanking the church for prayers, visits, cards and calls during his knee surgery.

Jean Turpin thanking the Crafters for the beautiful card and message sent to her.

Zeke and JoAnne Williams thanking the church for Christmas greetings and cards sent to them.

Duane and Lorna Wilmot for the cards, thoughts and prayers for them at the passing of Lorna's father, Owen Spurgeon.

The WC Food Pantry for the generous donations given by CFBC to help feed area needy.

Greeters

February - Neal and Pam Walden

Intercessory Prayer Workers

February 3 – Harry and Carolyn Bramble

February 10 – Jimmie Brown & Edna Holcomb

February 17 – Tommy and Brenda Shaw

February 24 – John and Susan Reynolds

Large Group Teachers

February – Emily Minton, Cami Stanley

March – Margaret Owens

Sanctuary Flowers/Donations

February 3 – Open

February 10 – Open

February 17 – Ricky Barrett, Margie Black

February 24 – Open

Volunteers to Lock up Church

February – George Bartlett, Sam Pelletier

March – James Turner, Jimmy Armour

Ushers

February - George Bartlett, Randall Beck, Cameron Collis, Roy Evans, Russ Nash, Mike Roberts, Slade Stanley, Woody Staton, Jerry Tucker.

**The nursery is looking for a few additional volunteers.
 Contact Kathleen Clay at (706) 244-4673
 or the church office for more information.**

Weekly Services and Activities

Sunday Schedule

Orchestra Rehearsal – 8:30 AM
 Praise Team Rehearsal – 9:30 AM
 Sunday School / Small Groups – 9:15 AM
 Morning Worship – 10:30 AM
 Children’s Bible Drill – 4:30 PM
 Evening Service – 6:00 PM

**Invite Someone
to Church this Week!**


Wednesday Schedule

Ladies’ Bible Study – 9:00 AM
 Pastoral Mentoring – Noon
 Children in Action 6:00 PM to 7:40 PM
 Mission Friends – 6:30 PM
 Youth – 6:30 PM
 Adult Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 PM
 Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service – 6:30 PM

Thursday Schedule

Men’s Prayer Time – 9:30 AM

Cleveland First Baptist Church - February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Covered Dish Fellowship Meal Set up / Cleanup crew for February’s meal is: Jimmie Brown, Edna Holcomb, John and Susan Reynolds, and James and Latrelle Turner.						
3 Church Conference 6:00 PM Youth Super Bowl Party 6:00 PM	4	5 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM	6 Family Fellowship Covered Dish Meal 5:30 PM	7 Grand Adult Trip to Athens 9:00 AM	9	
10 Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM	11 Women on Mission 6:30 PM	12 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM	13	14	15	16 Children’s Mission Day Leave the Church at 8:45 AM Youth Lock-In / 8PM – 8AM
17 Valentine Banquet 6:00 PM Reservations Required	18 School Holiday Children/Youth Snow Tubing	19 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM	20	21 Blood Drive 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	22	23
24	25 White County Caring & Sharing 10:00 AM	26 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM	27 Crafters 10:00 AM	28 Grand Adult Luncheon 11:30 AM		



Quarterly Church Conference will be held Sunday, February 3, at 6:00 PM.



Grand Adult Ministry

*Everyone 55 and older is invited
to be part of our Grand Adult Ministry!*

Grand Adult Luncheon – Thursday, February 28 @ 11:30 AM

This is a covered dish lunch, so bring food to share. Our luncheons are open to anyone 55 and older. Bring food to share and enjoy this special time of fellowship. We eat at 11:30 AM and finish up by 1:00 PM.

March's luncheon will be on the 21st.

It's a Day Trip – Thursday, February 7th, we are off to Athens, Georgia to visit the Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall and Sports Museum which houses memorabilia of the University of Georgia athletics. We will leave the church at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$5 plus your lunch. Sign up by calling the church office at 706-865-2933.

March's Day Trip will be on Tuesday, the 5th.

ETC Workers Schedule for February and March 2019

Thank You to Each of our Volunteers – Our Children Love You!

If you cannot work on the date you are scheduled, you need to swap with someone else on the schedule.
After scheduling your replacement, call Kathleen Clay at (7-6) 244-4673 to notify her who your replacement will be.
Thank you for your volunteering!

Sunday Mornings	Babies – 2's 10:15 – 11:45 AM	2's & 4's 10:15 – 11:45 AM	Sunday Evenings Babies to 3 yo 6:00 to 7:00 PM	Wednesday Evenings 6:30 to 7:45 PM
February 3	Lauren Stanley Cami Stanley	John and Susan Reynolds	Kim Barrett Emily Barrett	February 6 Loretta Brooks
February 10	Stella Hawkinson Deby Waldrep	Margaret Owens Wilma Pittman	Linda Bartlett Pam Walden	February 13 Kara Christy
February 17	Sarah Abercrombie Linda Hightower	Kara Christy Ashton Pickett	Kathleen Clay Tracy Brooks	February 20 Lorna Wilmot
February 24	Nan Bowen Christie Pickett	Bea & Cooper Chambers Tonya Palmour	Xander and Hannah Bradley	February 27 Bea Chambers
March 3	Beverly Lingle Savannah McCollum	Alley Dorsey Doris Melton	Kathleen Clay Colbye Erwin	March 6 Loretta Brooks
March 10	Kathleen Clay Carrie Evans	Cameron & Katie Collis	Margaret Owens Wilma Pittman	March 13 Kara Christy
March 17	Alley Dorsey Emily Minton	Bea Chambers Cooper Gailey William Minton	Jennifer Minton Wendy Pelletier	March 20 Lorna Wilmot
March 24	Pat & Mona Schofill	Joyce Schofill Slade Stanley	Emily Barrett Kim Barrett	March 27 Bea Chambers
March 31	Kathleen Clay Judy Palmour	Hollis & Heather Burnett	Emily Minton Pam Walden	

Memorials & Honorariums

CFBC Budget Fund

In Memory of John Burrow

By Jimmy and Carol Armour

In Memory of Ed Cook

By Jimmy and Carol Armour

By Doug and Ann Bennett

By William C Burgess

By Bea Chambers

By Terry and Barbara Goodger

By MW and Peggy Liddell

By Leon and Barbara Pirkle

In Honor of

Gayle & Rebecca Cook

By Doug and Ann Bennett

In Memory of LaTrelle Edwards

By Jimmy and Carol Armour

By Margie Black

By Robert and Susan Chandler

In Memory of Aaron Gailey

By Bea Chambers

By Terry and Barbara Goodger

In Memory of Josh Holland

By Bea Chambers

By Terry and Barbara Goodger

In Memory of Jack P Nix Sr.

By Ruby Nix Family

In Memory of Jim Rice

By Jimmy and Carol Armour

By Margie Black

By Merry K. Brown

By Thomas and Tina Burkizer

By John & Cheryl Hodges Trust

By Randal and Sandra Liechty

By William and Nancy Rice

By Joan Schory

In Memory of Loudean Seabolt

By Margie Black

In Memory of Owen Spurgeon

By Jimmy and Carol Armour

Lottie Moon Offering

In Memory of Helen Adams

By Janie Williams

In Honor of Nancy & Kara Christy

By Betty Highsmith

In Memory of LaTrelle Edwards

By Nan Bowen

By Betty DeMarco

In Honor of Russ Nash

By Truthseekers SS Class

In Memory of Jim Rice

By George and Linda Bartlett

By Tommy and Brenda Shaw

In Memory of Thelma Russell

By Ann Skelton

In Memory of Loudean Seabolt

By Nan Bowen

By Crawford and Ann Skelton

In Memory of Jeannie Smith

By Kara Christy

By Nancy Christy

By Crawford and Ann Skelton

CFBC Building Fund

In Memory of Ed Cook

By Kara Christy

By Terry and Barbara Goodger

By Betty Highsmith

By Matt and Mary Jane Murray

In Memory of Jim Rice

By Neal and Pam Walden

Annie Armstrong Offering

In Memory of Virginia Stanley

By Gary and Stella Hawkinson

CFBC Youth Fund

In Memory of Ed Cook

By Charles and Pat McDuffie

WC Food Pantry Fund

In Memory of Lynda Lunsford

By Faith SS Class

CFBC Grand Adult Ministry

In Memory of

Pern & Ruby Palmer

By Martha Adams

CFBC Music Ministry

In Memory of Ed Cook

By Gary and Stella Hawkinson

By Frank and Martha Senkbeil

By Tommy and Brenda Shaw

By Truthseekers SS Class

By Amos and Celia Wipf

In Memory of LaTrelle Edwards

By Janie Williams

In Memory of Josh Holland

By George and Linda Bartlett

By Linda Byrd

By CFBC Adult Choir

By Richard and Kathy Harris

By William and Cecilia Mayer

In Memory of Jim Rice

By Ed & Gayle Cook

In Memory of Virginia Stanley

By Tommy and Brenda Shaw

Catalyst Christian Learning Center

In Memory of LaTrelle Edwards

By Bill and Conchita Black

CFBC Funeral Food Fund

In Memory of Patricia Seith

By Richard and Kathy Harris

Designated Building Fund Policy:

The church, in exercise of its religious purposes, has established a Building Fund to maintain the church buildings, grounds, equipment and provide for the future needs of the church.

The First Baptist Church welcomes contributions to the fund. The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the control and discretion of the Building and Property Committee in cooperation with the Finance Committee of the church.



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No charge for these services.

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Youth and Children's Ministry Activities

Winter Jam - On Saturday, March 16, the youth will attend Winter Jam. The cost is \$20 plus money to eat at the concessions. We will meet at the church at 1:30 PM. Sign up and pay the non-refundable cost as soon as possible so we can reserve our tickets.

Super Bowl - Sunday, February 3, the youth will have a Super Bowl party at Roy and Leslie Evans home. Meet at CFBC at 6 PM if you need a ride. Everyone is to bring finger foods. We will return to the church after the game.

Lock-In - Friday, February 15, the youth will have their annual lock-in at CFBC from 8 PM - 8 AM. Girls are to bring cookies and a liter drink. Guys are to bring chips and a 2-liter drink.

Snow Tubing - The children and youth will be going snow tubing at Scaly Mountain on Monday, February 18. The cost is \$20 plus money to eat at Chick-fil-a. We will meet at CFBC at 1 PM. Sign-up by calling the church office and fill out a waiver form.



There will be a Children's Missions Day on February 16, 2019 at Hazel Creek Baptist Church in Mt Airy. This is a one-day event for children in grades 1-6 grades. Children will have hands-on mission opportunities in the community, and hear missionaries speak that day. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. We will meet at the church for carpool at 8:45 and return to the church by 4:00. To register your child, see Laura Martin or Katie Collis.