

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! Please take a moment to complete the guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a staff member as you leave. More info is available in the foyer. If you have questions about our church, feel free to visit our welcome center. Someone will be there to help you!



Our Graduates

This morning we will be recognizing our graduates. We all should be very proud of them. Whatever their plans, whether college, marriage, a career, or something else, the future holds numerous opportunities. May we remember to pray for them that they will have courage to stand on their convictions as they meet the challenges of the future.

Missions Report

We welcome our Director of Missions, Ernie Carroll, and his wife, Renay, to give a missions report on their trip to India. Their son Nathan serves with the International Mission Board in that area. Ernie and Renay will be sharing in the evening worship hour at 6:00 p.m. Also, we all need to continue to pray for the relief effort going on in Nepal and the other cities affected by the earthquakes.

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School is June 1-5. Volunteers are still needed. If you have not signed up to work, please do so immediately. Sign-up sheets are in the Sunday School trays. If you have any questions, see Tammy McMinn, Children's Director. Also, please continue to pray for all the children and workers.

Something to Ponder

For years the missionary to a village in the British West Indies had tried to persuade the people to build a church, but the religious enthusiasm would always die before the church was built. Until a ten-year-old boy named Peter decided to do something about it. He saw the site picked out for the church and decided that every day he would carry a stone to the lot on the way to school. The older boys observed and decided to help. Eventually a big pile of stones graced the lot. The adults were ashamed. "If our children can do this much," they said, "we can do the rest." And the church was built.

The moral, in case you missed it, is that even when your part seems small, go ahead and throw your stone on the empty lot anyway. God might build a cathedral out of it.

We will begin a new study on Wednesday night from the Book of Colossians. Join us for this exciting time in the sanctuary at 6:45 p.m.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor. If you should ever need me, please call.

— Bro. Larry

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Attendance 05/10/15

Morning

Sunday School202
Guests6
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Evening

No Evening Activities

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Men's Bible Study13

Livestreaming of our services
coming soon!



It is our desire for every person to become a disciple of Jesus Christ who loves God and people. We believe this happens best in a biblical community in which people are learning God's Word, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, ministering to each other, and serving together. At FBC, **Sunday School** allows you to connect with people in a similar season of life as you seek to live a lifestyle that looks more and more like Jesus. Join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. to find a class that is right for you. For more info, pick up a Sunday School brochure in the vestibule or outside the church office. Questions? Call 205-625-3191 or email Cindy at cindy@oneontafbc.org.

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First Baptist Church
exists to demonstrate
the love of Christ
in our community and
our world through worship,
evangelism, discipleship,
missions, and ministry.



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Finding God in Life & Community

Sunday May 17, 2015

Celebration OF WORSHIP

10:15 AM

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Jubellation *Pomp & Circumstance*

Procession of Graduates

Prayer Donny Tipton
 Welcome/Fellowship Larry Gipson

Graduate Recognition & Video

Song *Thank You Lord*
 Hymn No. 10 *How Great Thou Art*

Prayer
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Jubellation *The Servant Song*

No First Kids Worship Today

Song *10,000 Reasons*

Message Larry Gipson

Hymn No. 282 *Living For Jesus*

Postlude Sara Towns

Recessional of Graduates

6:00 PM

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Welcome/Fellowship Larry Gipson

Hymn No. 4 *To God Be The Glory*

Song *Days of Elijah*

Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Instrumental Praise Charlotte Langner

Missions Report
By
Ernie & Renay Carroll

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY this morning have been placed by the O'Rear Family in memory of **Mary Caitlin O'Rear**.

THANK YOU CARDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED from the **Robert Sisk Family, Tina Bellew and Ramona and Jeff Harmon**. These cards have been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

VBS CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir will still meet the next few weeks before VBS. It is important that every child is there. We will rehearse all the VBS songs and begin preparing for our family night program. We will have a **special prize drawing each week** and every child who attends will receive a treat or prize. Come join us and bring a friend ~ VBS Music Director Wanda Gipson



SUMMER FUN DAYS

May 31 ~ 6:00 p.m. **VBS Movie Fellowship Hall**

June 1-5 ~ 9am-12pm
VBS

June 7 ~ 5:00 p.m.
VBS Family Night

June 22 ~ 4:30 p.m.
Monday Mall Madness ~ Gadsden

July 24 ~ 10:00 a.m.
McWane Super Science Show FBC Fellowship Hall

July 29 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Back-to-School Pool Party City Pool (No Cost)

Summer Sing
 2nd-6th grade
Wednesday Nights (Beginning June 10)
 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
 Snack Supper
 Bible Study
 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

THE VISION IS CONTINUING!
 Total Received: **\$30,706.03**
 (Since 06/01/2014)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ITEMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: Umbrellas, toys, games, hard candy, lollipops, etc.

Wednesday Night Meal

Serving begins at 5:15 p.m. Join us for food and fellowship. **Please call the church office to make reservations.**

Menu for May 20: Baked Potato Bar, BBQ Pork & Chicken, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink.

Children: Hot Dogs, Chips, Dessert & Drink.

(This is the last regular meal until fall.)

WOMEN ON MISSION

(SANDERSON) will meet Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Hopewell.

WOMEN ON MISSION ~ (BARRON)

will travel Tuesday, May 19 to the WMU Headquarters in Birmingham. Please meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. and plan to leave at 9:00 a.m.

JESUS BEAR COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room.

SPIRITS OF PRAISE will have a cookout on May 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Palisades Park.



ATTENTION STUDENTS! If you are planning to attend Samford University this fall and are a member of First Baptist Church, you could be a recipient of the Armstrong Memorial Scholarship. Applications are available in the church office. Entry deadline is June 5, 2015.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTNER WITH THE PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY but do not have the time or feel like you cannot make a blanket, there is a way for you to be a part of this ministry. You may give monetarily to help buy fabric so these blankets can be made. Place your money in an envelope and designate "Prayer Blanket Ministry" and put it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. This ministry is already touching so many lives.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Worship/Graduate Recognition
 11:30 a.m. Graduate Luncheon
 4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
 4:30 p.m. Prayer Blanket Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Bible Drill/Ladies Bible Study

Monday, May 18

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Visitation~Meet in the Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Women on Mission (Sanderson)

Tuesday, May 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Barron) ~ Trip to Headquarters

Wednesday, May 20

6:00 p.m. Praise Band/Children's Choir
 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study ~ McMinn ~ Rm 210
 6:30 p.m. 180 Youth Room
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study/Celebration Choir/RA/GA/Mission Friends

Thursday, May 21

1:00 p.m. Jesus Bear Ministry Committee Meeting

TODAY, MAY 17, 2015

Audio Richard Walker
Visual Trey Dedman

Deacon Visitation Team..... Linc Marcum & Mike McMinn

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers..... Cindy O'Rear & Emily O'Rear
 2s & 3s JoJo Holt & Deana Pesnell
 Evening JoJo Holt

Security Team..... Wayne Bynum

Welcome Center Teresa Hall, Chuck Chambers & Bob Harvey

Worship Invitation Assistant.....Mollie Anderton & Jimmy Register

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

Audio Michael Towns
Visual Linc Marcum

Deacon Visitation Team..... Chuck Morrison & Tommy Morgan

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers.....Sammy & Kim Lee
 2s & 3sRay & Sara Dean
 Evening JoJo Holt

Security Team..... Mike McMinn

Welcome Center Nancy Hopewell, Kenny Branch & Ellis Reid

Worship Invitation Assistant..... Kenny Branch & Belinda Miller

ON THE HORIZON

May 24 4:30 p.m. CDC Committee Meeting

May 25 **Memorial Day ~ Church Offices & CDC Closed**

May 26 10:00 a.m. Spirits of Praise Singing

May 29 6:00 p.m. Spirits of Praise Cookout at Palisades Park

June 1-5 VBS ~ 9am-12pm

June 2 6:30 p.m. Girls' Night Out ~ Ken's BBQ

June 7 5:00 p.m. VBS Family Night
 2:00 p.m. Larry & Linda Wright 50th Wedding Anniversary

June 9 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Green)

June 10 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Staff Cookout for Church