

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of GASTON

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First Baptist Church
Gaston



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FEBRUARY 2023

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Mark Your Calendar

- Feb 1 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon 11:30 am—Fellowship Hall
- Feb 3 Family Game Night 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall—Meal provided
- Feb 3 Converge in Myrtle Beach 11th,12th grades & College Students
- Feb 5 Choir practice at 4:00 pm
- Feb 6 Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Feb 10 Valentine Banquet 6:30pm Catering by Parklane Seafood
\$20.00 per person. Child care provided if needed
- Feb 20 Women on Mission 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- Feb 28 Brotherhood Meeting 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

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FEBRUARY DEACONS ON CALL

- Feb 5 Josh Stabler (803) 608-0922
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- Feb 19 Mike Rollison (803) 269-3089
- Feb 26 Ted Boldt (803) 463-9101

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Jessica Dowd Crouch John Hayes Shelby Rollison Family supper-6:00 pm Youth supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8 pm; GA/RA Mission Friends 7-8 pm	2 Kari McBride Pennie Smith ♥Anthony & Debi Sighler	3 Carol Furtick Emma Lee Lucas Dowd Bucky Jeffcoat Tresha Ayer Towell	4 William Bailey Matthew Barfield Frankie Morey Jewel Sharpe Carla Sighler
5 Candace Whitaker	6 Ariel Goolsby	7 ♥Nich & Megan Roe	8 David Hildebrand Theodore Skinner, Jr. Charles Miles Family supper-6:00 pm Youth supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8 pm; GA/RA Mission Friends 7-8 pm	9 Kayla Dowd Phillips Kyle Taylor Ricky Vick	10 Valentine Banquet 6:30 PM  Pam Godfrey Chris Goff Brandon Huseby	11 John Dowd Celeste Haigwood Michael Hart Miranda Mills Troy Peele Matt Pound
12	13 Sandra Pound Mark Synder ♥Bryan & Carrie Knight	14 Marissa Bailey Anita Nelson ♥Allen & Traci Rish	15 Lauren Rish Landon Stabler Family supper-6:00 pm Youth supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8 pm; GA/RA Mission Friends 7-8 pm	16 Kay Joseph Lisa Pound Macie Lee Roe	17 Alexandra Peake Teddy Skinner	18 Trey Chavis Ricky Ransbottom
19 Kelly Beasley Semenza Benjamin Young	20 Daniel Chavis Natalie Bobbitt Cathy McIlwain Robert Morey Nancy Shuler	21 Helen King	22 ♥Dwain & Rhonda Smith Family supper-6:00 pm Youth supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8 pm; GA/RA Mission Friends 7-8 pm	23 Mia Henderson Charlie Lee	24 Clifton Hayes Colby Reynolds ♥Jim & Michelle Cox	25 Tasha Mack Michelle Mathers
26 Nolyn Bozard Phillip Spires	27 Nicole Kirkland Rebekah Rish Kuempel	28 Cosette Pound Will Reynolds Stephen Sawyer				

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Brady Blog

A Written Word from FBCG's Senior Pastor

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Church Family,

It is very hard to believe that January has already come and gone. We saw freezing temps and cold weather all month long. But one thing is for sure, the sanctuary at First Baptist has been 'hot' with the movement of the Holy Spirit of God! It has been incredible to see God move so powerfully in our midst. It is a blessing to have consistently seen 175 folks in Sunday School and 250+ in Worship. Be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors, because we are surely seeing a move of God, here.

Hannah and I hope to see everyone at our Valentine Banquet on Friday, February 10th at 6:30 PM. It's going to be a special night with great food and an incredible speaker. My friend, mentor, and father in the ministry, Rev. Larry L. Baldwin. Don't miss out on how God is going to use him at the Valentine's banquet!

On Wednesday nights we have been continuing our verse-by-verse study through Hebrews. It is awesome to see God teach us something new each week! Do not miss out on midweek Worship each Wednesday at 7 PM.



Pictured above is a full crowd gathered for Worship on Sunday, January 15th, 2023



Pictured above is from Sunday, January 1st, when Pastor Brady delivered the vision for 2023.

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"Portraits of Jesus!"
Sermon Series
John chapters 6-12
January 8th-April 9th

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"Portraits of Jesus!"

Sermon Series (January-April)

On January 8th I began preaching a new sermon series entitled "Portraits of Jesus!". The purpose of this series is to look at portraits of the life of Jesus Christ each week from chapters 6-12 of John's Gospel as we approach Easter. One reason I believe our Lord laid this 14-week sermon series on my heart is so that our hearts will be prepared to fully Worship our Lord on the biggest holiday on the Christian Calendar, Easter.

Each week in this series we are looking at each verse that describes the life of our Lord while He was on the earth. The words that He spoke, the miracles that He performed and the things that He did. I don't know about you, but thus far the Lord has really used this series to show me personally that the Portraits of Jesus that we see in scripture, should be causing my life to become more of a reflection of Him daily. In essence, the way we live our lives should also be a portrait of Jesus.

On January 8th I preached the overview sermon of our series from John 20:30-31 which was entitled "The Purpose of the book of John!". Then, on January 15th I preached a message from John 6:1-15 entitled "Jesus the Provider!". On January 22nd we looked at John 6:16-21 with a sermon entitled "Jesus the God-man!". We wrapped up January with a sermon entitled "Jesus the Living Water!" from John 7:37-39. I encourage you to look at your copy of the 2023 preaching plan and find the other sermon titles and texts that we will be diving deeply into throughout February and March leading up to Easter Sunday.

Speaking of Easter Sunday, it is never to early to invite everyone you know to join us for Easter Worship! We will have our Sunrise service at 7 AM, breakfast following, and then Sunday School at 9:45 AM with Worship at 11 AM.

I also want to invite you to continue to lift up our Associate Pastor's Search Committee in prayer. In January we prayed for the following individuals who are serving on this committee. Randy Poole, Duane Johnson, Keith Ray, Oliva Speares, Janice Boldt, Heyward Kelly, Adam Callahan, Travis Henderson, and Lisa Pound. We know that God has His man for FBCG out there, it is our goal to be faithful in finding Him. We covet your prayers as we embark on this journey.

I hope to see you very soon in Worship on Wednesday night's at 7 PM or Sunday Morning's at 11 AM! We give God praise for all that He is doing here and hope to see you soon! Come and see what God is doing here but also, get involved and let's keep making the name of Jesus Great among the Gaston area.

Sincerely,
Pastor Brady



SPIRITUAL WARRIORS NEWS from Vicki Vidrine, Director

The monthly luncheon is Wednesday, February 1st at 11:30 am. We'll be having pork loin and we ask that you bring a side and/or a dessert. We look forward to seeing all our Seniors there. If you have any questions, see Vicki Vidrine.

LIBRARY NEWS: Marilyn Hook (email: marilynhook1@gmail.com)

The books on the display shelves near the Welcome Center are centered on love as Valentine's Day approaches. A number of books about the life of Jesus are still on display.

There is a book on the desk in the library entitled: Evidence that Demands a Verdict: Life Changing Truths for a Skeptical World. After reading the introduction and looking at the chapter titles, I think this book would be of interest to all those who lead church classes and discussion groups.

There is a box of books in the library in front of the book truck. These titles are duplicate copies of books in the library. If you would like to have any of the books or want to take to someone, please feel free to take them.



Brotherhood Meeting February 28th at 7:00 pm. Charles Burton will be the speaker and a Meal will be served.



February Music Notes

As the old saying goes... "Love is in the air!"

But, as believers, we have a different love... a love based on God!
And in 1st John, he makes it very clear that because of God's love, we are to love one another.

**"Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also out to love one another." 1 John 4:11**

Love is so much more than an emotion... it is action, it is service, it is obedience.

As we move along into 2023 – how can you show more love to others?

One great way is to serve... we need people in our choir, our nursery teams, our Children's Worship teams... maybe you can volunteer to be on our hospitality team or feeding teams.

Maybe you are thinking that you are just not equipped... don't think that for a moment, God will find a place of service for all of His children! Personally, I can speak for our music ministry, and if you have thought about singing, come see me! We would love to have you in the choir.

We meet a couple of times a month on a Sunday at 4:00 PM for one hour... Our next practice will be Sunday, February 5th – come check us out!

We have a special service coming up on March 12th so mark your calendars for 6:00 PM!

Daylight saving time will not be the most exciting thing happening that day!

Joyfully Serving,
Sherrell

Music Ministry
Sherrell Ott
Worship Leader



February is the month of love and WMU Focus month. The week of Feb 13-19 please say a special pray for all the many different Mission Projects we do within our church. These mission projects provide us a way to share God's love in many different way with many different people.

PARENT NOTICE: Information for summer camp for the GA, RA and ACTEEN girls and boys is now available. Letters were sent home in January with children. If your child wants to go to summer camp but hasn't received their information letter or you have questions about camp, please contact any Group Leader or see Margie Rish. This is a great time for the children to learn more about missions, meet new friends and even get to meet missionaries.

The Women on Mission meeting this month is February 20th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite finger food for supper. We will have a time of fellowship, missions emphasis and we'll have a easy craft project to make for our Samaritan's Purse Shoebox ministry. If you have a craft you would like to suggest or share with the group, please let Olivia Speares or Margie Rish know.

URGENT NEED: Our church is growing by leaps and bounds and this is great. With this growth we also have a need for extra helpers on Wednesday night with Mission Friends and the Nursery. We have several new families attending that have small babies and children they are bringing. We need to be able to minister to these new members and their children. We don't expect anyone to help every week, but if you could help and have completed the Child Safety Training, one Wednesday a month or a quarter please contact Michelle Cox or Margie Rish. We don't want anyone to not have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and your help is needed.

As always, keep all our missionaries worldwide in your prayers.

Women on Mission
Margie Rish,
Director



Join us the first Friday night of each month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for family fun and a meal. Family Game Night is **February 3rd**. Hope to see you there.



SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2023

JUNE 21-24

Annual Valentine's Banquet
Friday February 10th at 6:30 pm
Catered by Parkland Seafood
Cost per person is \$20.00
Free Childcare on site available



Children's Church
meets on Sundays
in Room 203

A big THANK YOU to the Children's Worship volunteers for Sunday mornings! Praise God! Listed below is the new team rotation. Please contact Sandy Drawdy if you have any questions.

Feb 5 Team 2– Liz Henderson, Travis Henderson, Emily Petrey

Feb 12 Team 3– Traci Rish, Rebeka Lewis, Gail Woodruff

Feb 19 Team 4– Cheryl Reynolds, Shawn Goff, Melissa Goff

Feb 26 Team 5– Sunnie Gail Pound, Emily Furtick, Savannah Peele

Please continue to pray for and encourage our Children's Worship volunteers and kids. Thank you.



January's Attendance

Sunday School Average: 153
Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church: 227
Wednesday Evening Worship: 146

Deacon

Duane Johnson
A-B
803-626-6700
Tom Learn
G-H
803-429-1358
Glenn Pound
N, O, P
803-238-7477
Ted Boldt
Sn-U
803-463-9101

Family 2022-23

Mike Rollison
C-D
803-269-3089
Dwain Smith
I, J, K
803-446-1595
William (Bill) Guy
Q-R
803-622-7449



Ministry

Josh Stabler
E-F
803-608-0922
Chris Pound
L-M
803-518-2143
Terry Pound
Sa-Sm
803-447-6267
Allen Ott
V, W, X, Y, Z
803-960-6820

SERVICES

Sunday,

09:30 AM.....Men's Prayer Group
09:45 AM.....Sunday School
11:00 AM.....Morning Worship
Children's Worship

Monday,

01:00 PM.....Ladies Prayer Group
01:00 PM.....Motivational Mondays

Wednesday,

06:00 PM.....Family Supper
06:15-6:45 ...Youth & Acteens Supper
06:45-8 PM.....Youth Bible Study
07:00 PM....Prayer Service, GAs, RAs,
Mission Friends & Acteens

FEBRUARY EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

Feb 5 Team 2—Lisa Pound, Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Christian Chavis
Feb 12 Team 3—Sandy Poole, Bonita Mishoe, Aggie Sigh, Jim Thomas, Ginny Henderson
Feb 19 Team 4—Olivia Spears, Daniel Speares, Shawn Stinton, Terri Smith, Linda Sightler
Feb 26 Team 5—Bonnie McBride, Elisa Edwards, Jennifer Young, Stacy Learn, Debra Ray

Thank you to those that serve on our extended session teams. We appreciate you! The Lord has richly blessed us with several new additions to our pre-school classrooms!

Each Sunday we are having full classrooms and need to add one more person per team to serve during the worship service. If you are interested in serving please see Lisa Pound (803-553-3004) to be added to a team. We have 6 teams that rotate throughout the year.



Summersalt is June 5-9 and sign up has already begun. This is available for students 7-12 grade and the deadline to sign up is March 29. Spots are filling up so don't wait! Please see Adam for cost and other camp details.



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February Memory Verse



"In my father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

John 14:2 NIV