

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON

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Gather. Grow. Go.

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The 'month of love' has come and gone, and it was a great month at FBCG! We've welcomed four people into the membership of FBCG so far in 2025! All four of these folks and one more, will be baptized at the beginning of our service on Sunday, March 2nd! It's going to be a great day. Throughout March we are going to continue in our 'NOW' sermon series as we continue through the book of Mark. From now until Easter 2025, we are going to be looking at the events of Passion Week. Mark chapters 11-16 cover the final week Jesus was on earth before His crucifixion. We will study each event that Mark records of what happened in the life of Jesus during Holy Week. I encourage you to attend **ALL** worship services in March (including Wednesdays). It is imperative to hear and study all of the sermons and passages that we will deal with this month to prepare our hearts for Easter and the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

In February I celebrated my four years as your Pastor! I am so thankful for ALL that God has done in the last four years and can't wait to see what He has in store for our ministry with you, here at First Baptist. Thank you so much for your kind words of encouragement and affirmation as Hannah and I celebrated our 4th Pastoral anniversary here. I definitely don't take any of them lightly, whatsoever. It's an honor and privilege to be able to serve as your Pastor and First Lady.

Our Spring D-Groups kicked off in the last Sunday in February! We have 88 folks that are taking part in Discipleship groups this semester. I encourage you to stay involved and committed to the D-Group you are attending! Don't drop out, and study hard during the week so that you can be prepared in your D-Group on Sundays at 5 PM.

Mrs. Hannah and I will be leaving on Thursday, February 27th and will return home on Saturday, March 1st. We will be attending the Pastors and Pastor's wives retreat that is put on by the South Carolina Baptist Convention in Hilton Head this year! Thank you for sending us! This is a part of the gift you have given us the last few years for Pastor Appreciation month, and we greatly appreciate it. Also, on March 7th-8th and April 4th-5th, I will be traveling to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for a day of training. I have been asked along with another Pastor in our state by the South Carolina Baptist Convention to undergo training on the cooperative program. This training involves sharpening my skills and knowledge on the Cooperative program, the history of it, and how it works. The purpose of this is that once my training is complete, the State Convention has asked me and another Pastor to co-author a book of curriculum for Churches in our state to use to educate people on what the cooperative program is, and how it can be taught to younger generations. I'm excited about this opportunity.

God is moving greatly in our Church and I can't wait to see what He is going to do next! See you soon.

-Rev. R. Brady Henderson



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 2** Grief Gathering Group meeting at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Mar 2** Choir Practice at 4:00 pm
- Mar 2** D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Mar 2** Children's Worship Team Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Mar 5** Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Mar 5** Church Conference after Service
- Mar 7** GA's Family Fun'd Night at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served
- Mar 9** D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Mar 11** Vacation Bible School Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Mar 14** RA Camp In at the church March 14th-15th, see Troy Peele for information
- Mar 16** Choir Practice at 4:00 pm
- Mar 16** D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Mar 17** Women on Mission at 6:00 pm, speaker is Mrs. Kaylyn Johnson
- Mar 18** Children's Safety Training at 6:00 pm, please sign up in the Welcome Center
- Mar 23** NO D Groups Today-D Groups will resume on Sunday, March 30th
- Mar 25** Brotherhood Meeting at 7:00 pm, speaker is Mr. Terry Pound
- Mar 30** D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Mar 30** Sunday Night Sing at 6:30 pm

MARCH DEACONS ON CALL

- Mar 2** Dwain Smith 803 446-1595
- Mar 9** Glenn Pound 803 238-7477
- Mar 16** Tom Learn 803 429-1358
- Mar 23** Mike Rollison 803 269-3089
- Mar 30** Stafford Johnson 803 908-9090

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mia Drawdy Shannon Harris
2	3	4 Tara Craps Bailey Speares	5 Paul Blethen Jimezy Kelly ♥Robert & Tara Craps ♥Tony & Sherri Kelly Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	6 Melissa Vest Savanna Reynolds	7 Bray Cross Carol Sandstrom	8 Rev. Brady Henderson Chris Gates Allyson Sanford
9 Janice Boldt Lisa Gantt Lowery Patricia Watts	10	11	12 Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	13 Jim St. Clair Tina Sandstrom Chris Vidrine Christine Williamson ♥Thomas & Cynthia Furtick	14 Jimmie Pound Suzanne Gregory	15
16 Taylor Whitaker	17 Christie Dowd Donnie Dowd Christy Hanna Carolyn Meetze Donald Pound	18 Keven Caldwell Walker Spires ♥Keven & Tommi Caldwell	19 Trenton Bennett Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	20 Marsha Atkins Jeannie Harley	21 Zachery Edwards	22
23 Eric Cobia	24 Amanda Lewis	25 ♥Brent & Debbie Cole	26 Deborah Martin Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	27 Joshua Edwards	28	29 Charles L. Burton
30 Alex Bennett Carrie Knight Elizabeth Williams	31 Sandra Leder Bobby Williamson					



SPIRITUAL WARRIORS NEWS from Vicki Vidrine, Director

The monthly luncheon is Wednesday, March 5th at 11:30 am.
We will be having fried chicken and we ask that you bring a side and/or dessert for the meal.



There are books for children in the library collection that share Bible stories and examine questions about God and Jesus. Several of these are on the display shelves now. Foxe's Book of Martyrs is also on display. This book provides summaries of martyrs throughout the centuries. The articles are brief, but well written. Martyrs such as William Tyndale, John Wicklow and Agnes Bongeore are included in the book.

LIBRARY NEWS: Marilyn Hook (email: marilyn.hook1@gmail.com)

Brotherhood Meeting March 25th at 7:00 pm, a meal will be served and Mr. Terry Pound will be speaking.



March Notes!

We are so excited to announce

“A Night of Praise & Worship”

On Sunday night, March 30th, after D-Groups at 6:30 PM

We are planning for a very special evening of music, solo's groups and a Guest pianist, Glen McGugan.

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for an incredible night of worship!



Joyfully Serving, Sherrell

March is here and green things are growing everywhere. Thanks to everyone who helped provide items for SisterCare. They were so appreciative of everything.

The week of prayer for North American Missions is March 2nd-9th. The Annie Armstrong Easter Missions offering collection starts at this time. We will have our Mission's March in April, our church goal is \$9,000. Please pray how you can be part of this offering.

On March 7th the GAs are hosting "Minute to Win It" for Family Fun Night. This will start at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They will be raising money for Connie Maxwell Homes in the upstate please come and support the girls and Connie Maxwell Homes.

Our next ladies' meeting will be March 17th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We ask everyone to bring your favorite appetizer for our meal. Our speaker will be Kaylyn Johnson who will give our devotion and share her testimony. Vicki Jones will give us an update about Rapha and what we can bring to our April meeting to send to Rapha. We'll be doing some craft projects for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Everyone is invited to come join us.

Camp registration is due to the church by Sunday, March 23rd. If you have questions see Margie Rish.

Please remember to pray for all the missionaries worldwide.



Women on Mission
Margie Rish,
Director

Family FUN'd Night
March 7th
@6pm

MINUTE TO WIN IT

The GA's will be hosting a family fun night to raise money for Connie Maxwell.

PIC•COLLAGE



RA Camp In
March 14th & 15th
See Troy Peele for details



Children's Church
meets on Sundays
in Room 203

- Mar 2 Team 2** Shawn Goff, Melissa Goff, Ally Sanford
- Mar 2** **Children's Worship Team Meeting at 6:00 pm**
- Mar 9 Team 3** Traci Rish, Bonita Mishoe, Faith Cavarretta
- Mar 16 Team 4** Emily Petrey, Stafford Johnson, Liz Henderson
- Mar 23 Team 5** Sunnie Gail Pound, Amber Bachelder, PJ Hathway
- Mar 30 Team 1** Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey

ATTENDANCE

February's Attendance

Sunday School Average: 181
 Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church: 252
 Wednesday Evening Worship: 145

SERVICES

Sunday,

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

Monday,

12:30 pm.....Motivational Mondays

Tuesday,

12:00 pm.....Intercessory Prayer Warriors

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

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY—2024-2025

Mike Rollison 803-269-3089 A-B	Keith Ray 423-823-2555 C-D	Troy Peele 803-673-5330 E-F	Tom Learn 803-429-1358 G-H
Dwain Smith 803-446-1595 I-J-K	Noel Pound 803-467-0382 L-M	Glenn Pound 803-238-7477 N-O-P	Chris Vidrine 803-513-4915 Q-R
Stafford Johnson 803-908-9090 Sa—Sm	Heyward Kelly 803-794-0723 Sn-T-U	Allen Ott 803-960-6820 V-W-X-Y-Z	

FEBRUARY EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

Mar 2	Team 4	Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Melody Sanford, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Reese Speares
Mar 9	Team 5	Bonnie McBride, Stacy Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly
Mar 16	Team 6	Traci Rish, Cheryl Reynolds, Matt Drawdy, Carla Sightler, Rebekah Lewis, Megan Spires
Mar 23	Team 1	Collette Knight, Jo Lynn Martin, Wendy Sanford, Patti Reynolds, Pam Thomas, Erin Taylor
Mar 30	Team 2	Amie Cobia, Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Christian Chavis, Sammy Smith, Ally Sanford

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Thank you for your smiling faces and service with a joyful attitude in Extended Session.
 You are appreciated more than you know. In His service, Lisa



We had a great month with Upper Room in February! We continued our Bible study series on the miracles of Jesus and had a special ice cream night to celebrate Valentine's Day. Our leadership team also began our emphasis on more intentional discipleship efforts. We are still in the "baby steps" stage and would appreciate your prayers as we seek to obey the Lord's command to make disciples.

Summersalt deadlines are approaching and we currently have limited spaces available. Don't let your student miss out on a life-changing week, June 9-13. We will have a Summersalt meeting in the Spring, but if you have any questions before then please see Adam.



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