



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GASTON

## BRADY BLOG

## A WRITTEN WORD FROM FBCG'S SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

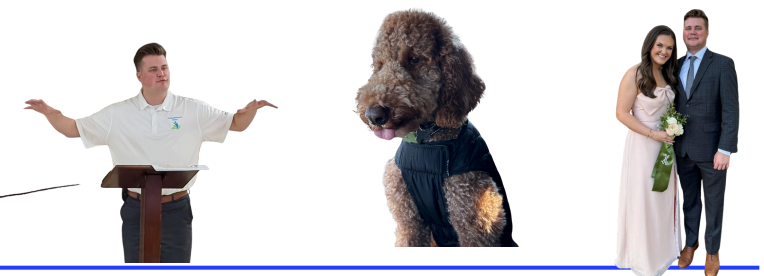
There have been 26 Presidents of the United States (57.8%) who served less than 5 years in the office. The average football coach in Division 1 athletics serves 3.7 years at one school. 28% of High School Football Coaches in South Carolina will only coach 1 season at their current school. The average American worker will stay at one job for 3.9 years, the lowest tenure of American employees since 2002. The average Youth Pastor will stay at a church for 9 months. The average Southern Baptist Senior Pastor will stay at a Church 3.2 years. Why am I giving all these statistics? This month, on February 21<sup>st</sup>, I will celebrate 5 years as your Pastor. To me, this is something to celebrate and give God praise for! Not because of me, or you, but because of God's faithfulness to us all these past 5-years.

In a world where Universities, Employers, Restaurants, and churches look for overnight results and quick fixes, the First Baptist Church of Gaston has given me grace and love as I've been your Pastor. We've been able to build something here that I hope will last long after we are in Heaven with Jesus. I've made countless mistakes as your Pastor and there are many things I can and hope to improve on personally and vocationally. But in every step of my time here as your Pastor so far, you've been right there with me and for me. And for that, and so much more, I want to say thank you. What is often forgotten in our world is that long tenures, no matter the industry, take both parties wanting to stick it out for the long haul and to be there for one another. While I've been imperfect time and time again as your Pastor, you have reflected the love of the Lord in remaining steadfast! Hannah and I have gotten engaged, married, and have begun building our life together here! Beamer likes it as well because this is all he's ever known. If you'll have us, we hope to be here for another 5 years, and beyond. Thanks for a great first 5! I can't wait to see what the Lord is going to do. Are you ready?

On Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be hosting the Swansea Tiger Baseball team here! They will get a free meal, prayer and a free t-shirt! This is happening in large part due to our ministry with the Swansea Tiger Sports Network.

With Love,

*Rev. R. Brady Henderson*



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## FEBRUARY EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

Feb 1 Team 4 Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Reese Speares  
Feb 8 Team 5 Stacy Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly  
Feb 15 Team 6 Traci Rish, Cherly Reynolds, Matt Drawdy, Carla Sightler, Bailey Speares, Megan Spires  
Feb 22 Team 7 Tina Sandstrum, Carol Sandstrum, Stafford Johnson, Ashley Sims, Tonya Sims

## Weekly Schedule

## Sunday

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

## Monday

12:30 PM Motivational Monday

## Tuesday

12:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Warriors

## Wednesday

06:00 PM Family Supper  
07:00 PM Midweek Worship, Youth,  
GAs, RAs, Mission Friends & Acteens

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121 Oakey Springs Drive  
Gaston SC 29053

## Library Annoucement

February is associated with Valentine's day and expressing love. The books on display are about the love of God and the love we share with others.  
Also on display is Dr. Sandra Pound's book, Teaspoons of Wisdom for Servanthood. The book is a devotional book with words of wisdom and Biblical verses.

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Our upperclassmen and collegiates will be attending Converge at Myrtle Beach February 6-8. Please pray for God to move in a big way and for safe travels. Wednesday, February 11th will be our annual Valentine's night of fellowship, fun, and sweet treats. Summersalt sign up is still ongoing but we have deadlines soon approaching. Don't let your student miss out on a life changing week! Please continue to pray for our students and leaders each week. We are so thankful that God has blessed us with a group that is growing in numbers, but we really want to see them grow and mature in the Lord. Pray for those who haven't yet decided to follow Jesus and for the ones who have to be faithful.



Women on Mission

The month of Love is here and mission opportunities are everywhere. On Sunday, February 15th we will have a WMU history display in the Welcome Center. If you have anything from our women's Ministry please send to Margie Rish by Feb. 8th.

We will be hosting our annual Love Shower for Sistercare at our ladies meeting February 16th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a list in the Welcome Center of items needed and a drop off box. Our meal will be Appetizers and desserts. We have a guest speaker coming from Sistercare to share with our group. Please be in prayer for this special ministry to victims of domestic violence. If you have any questions, see Hannah Henderson, Melissa Goff or Margie Rish.

We have an upcoming Women’s event on March 28th 9am to 2pm called “Rooted & Ready.” So Mark you calendar and invite a friend. More information will be upcoming, if you have any questions see Hannah, Melissa, Margie.

As always pray for our missionaries worldwide.

Children’s Worship



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- Feb 1 Sunnie Gail Pound, Amber Bachelder, PJ Hathway
- Feb 8 Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey
- Feb 15 Shawn Goff, Melissa Goff, Ally Smith
- Feb 22 Traci Rish, Bonita Mishoe

BROTHERHOOD  
Meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00 pm. Walker Spires  
will be the speaker

SPIRITUAL WARRIORS  
February 4th at 11:30 am in  
the Fellowship Hall, a pork  
dish will be served, bring  
sides and/or dessert

FAMILY FUN NIGHT  
February 6th at 6:00 pm  
Come join us for nachos  
& play board games



Join us for a special night of fellowship, music, preaching and great food on Friday, February 13th at 6:30PM in the church fellowship hall.  
Cost is 20.00 per person and childcare is provided,  
we just need a headcount to be prepared.  
There is an envelope and box in the Welcome Center for you to sign up!  
Reservations close on Feb 11th!  
Choir practice will be on Sunday, Feb 15th at 4:00 PM immediately before D-Groups!  
Joyfully Serving,  
Sherrell




Upcoming  
EVENTS

FEBRUARY DEACONS ON CALL

- Feb 1 Matt Barfield (803) 609-8221
- Feb 8 Noel Pound (803) 467-0382
- Feb 15 Troy Peele (803) 673-5330
- Feb 22 Heyward Kelly (803) 794-0723

- Feb 4 Spiritual Warriors at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Feb 6 Family Fun Night at 6:00 pm, join us for nachos & board games
- Feb 8 D Groups begin at 5:00 pm
- Feb 13 Valentine’s Banquet at 6:30 pm, fill out envelope in the Welcome Center & drop your reservation in the box. \$20.00 per person, this will be a catered meal & reservations close on Feb. 11th
- Feb 14 Still Waters Sisterhood meeting at 10:00 am, see Kaylyn Johnson for information
- Feb 15 Choir Practice at 4:00 pm
- Feb 16 Women on Mission at 6:00 pm, bring donations for Sistercare
- Feb 21 AED/CPR training 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, sign up in the Welcome Center
- Feb 24 Brotherhood meeting at 7:00 pm, Walker Spires will be the speaker
- Feb 26 Family Matters 2.0 at 6:30 pm, sign up in the Welcome Center

Sunday	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  John Hayes Shelby Rollison	2  Richard Ard Kari McBride Pennie Smith	3  Gio Bustamante Carol Furtick Emma Lee Lucas Dowd Tresha Ayer Towell	4 William Bailey Matthew Barfield Frankie Morey Carla Sightler  Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00 pm, GA/RA & Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	5  Candace Whitaker	6  Ariel Goolsby	7
8  Meliss Lee Ashby Pound	9  Walter Brann Kyle Taylor	10  Chris Goff Pam Godfrey Brandon Huseby	11   Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm- 8:00 pm, GA/RA & Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	12	13  Sandra Pound  Valentines Banquet at 6:30 pm 	14  Marissa Bailey Anita Nelson Gabriel Shirah
15  Lauren Brann Landon Stabler	16  Kay Joseph Lisa Pound	17  Ali Peake	18  Adalynn Chatley  Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm- 8pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	19  Benjamin Young	20  Daniel Chavis Hope Dowd Robert Morey	21  Helen King
22	23  Mia Henderson Charlie Lee	24  Clifton Hayes Colby Reynolds	25 Tasha Mack Michelle Marthers  Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8 pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	26  Nolyn Bozard Phillip Spires	27  Nicole Kirkland Vernon Butch Clackley	28  Cosette Pound Will Reynolds

Family Supper 6pm - Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15-8pm - GA/RA/Mission Friends 7-8pm  
Worship Service 7pm