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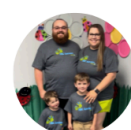
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JULY EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

- July 5 Team 2 Nicole McLeod, Rhonda Smith, Tina Sandstrom, Sammy Smith, Ally Smith
- July 12 Team 3 Sandy Poole, Bonita Mishoe, Aggie Sigh, Jim Thomas, Eden Barfield, Matt Barfield
- July 19 Team 4 Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Tonya Simms, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Bailey Speares
- July 26 Team 5 Ashley Simms, Stacy Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

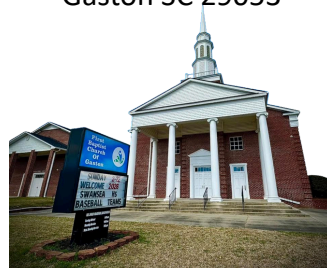
- 09:30 AM Men's Prayer Group
- 09:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship

Wednesday

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON

121 Oakey Springs Drive
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Library News

Need to relax and stay out of the summer heat? Select books from the display shelf for your family. Spend some quiet time reading with your children. Find time for yourself and read about the Christian life. We are thankful for all donations to the church library. The library has received training modules that include manuals and videos or cds. I can add them to the library if anyone is interested and has the equipment for videos and cds. These items take up more shelf space than books. Please contact me if you have any suggestions. Thank you.



We thank God and give Him all the credit and glory for all the great things we experienced in June with our Upper Room students. We were blessed to see 4 students make their public professions of faith and join our church membership and each will be baptized soon. We have others who haven't gone public yet or are close to making a decision for Christ. Please pray for them to be bold and take the next step! After a very busy and slightly exhausting June we are looking forward to slowing down and spending time with the kids. Our summer Bible study series will be looking at messages from the Minor Prophets. Please be in prayer as we seek to lead the kids well and that more will be saved and discipled.

BRADY BLOG

A WRITTEN WORD FROM FBCG'S SENIOR PASTOR



Dear Church Family,

In just a few days, the United States of America will celebrate its 250th anniversary. Thomas Jefferson put pen to paper to convey to the world the ideals he wished to express about how America would finally be independent. Benjamin Franklin used his charm and diplomatic connections to help pave the way for an ally the United States would need just a few short years later. John Hancock made it clear that he wanted to be known forever, with the largest signature on that liberating document. John Adams gave the Declaration of Independence a loud voice in the halls of Congress. Alexander Hamilton was a fiery young politician who was already serving as an artillery officer in the Continental Army. George Washington was already serving as the lead General of the Continental Army and, on Christmas Day of 1776, would launch one of the greatest sneak attacks in Military history: the Battle of Trenton. After crossing the Delaware River on Christmas night, Washington and his army attacked the Hessians at Trenton.

Pastor John Muhlenberg of a Presbyterian Church in Virginia preached his last sermon before taking on the uniform of a Continental soldier, drawing from Ecclesiastes, and titled it 'There is a time to fight.' Richard Furman, 21 years of age in 1776, continued to pastor several Baptist Congregations in the High Hills region of the Santee in South Carolina. Though later on, he would have to leave the Santee due to immense British persecution. My direct ancestor, Thomas Henderson Sr., was 46 in 1776. He and his wife, Frances, had just moved their family to the mountains of South Carolina. At the time, a very remote region, full of many dangers. The Hendersons had moved to South Carolina just in time for the Cherokee War of 1776 and, of course, the war for independence that wouldn't reach the Carolinas directly until later in the decade. But the Cherokee in South Carolina had already sided with the British after being heavily recruited with incentives. Thomas would have sons and sons-in-law who would fight with the Patriots in different militia groups. In my family archives, we have government records showing that Thomas Henderson Sr. and Thomas Henderson Jr. signed documents attesting to their allegiance to the new country.

Why would I take this month's 'Brady Blog' to tell you about a bunch of people who lived 250 years ago? To ask you this question. What would they think of our country today? To be honest, most of them would be shocked. They would be stunned that we made it this far! Surprised that we have remained an independent country for 250 years now. But what about Pastor John Muhlenberg? Or Pastor Richard Furman? Or, Deacon Thomas Henderson Jr.? What would they say? While I believe they would be thrilled and ecstatic about our sustained freedom and independence, as Christian men, they would be appalled by the rampant sin that is tolerated in our culture. This 250th anniversary of America's founding, may we be compelled to celebrate our freedom, but continuing to serve Christ with all we've got!

With Love,

Rev. R. Brady Henderson

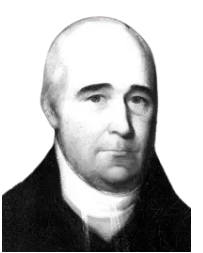


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON STAFF

- Rev. R. Brady Henderson, Senior Pastor
- Rev. Steve Kittrell, Associate Pastor
- Mrs. Sherrell Ott, Minister of Music
- Mr. Allen Ott, Media Director
- Mrs. Velvet Lucas, Administrative Assistant



President George Washington



Rev. Richard Furman

Women on Mission

Summer is here, and mission opportunities are everywhere. Again, thanks to everyone who has helped provide meals, visits, and prayers for Mrs. Phyllis Templeton. She was very appreciative and enjoyed all the visits and said to thank everyone.

We are excited to have our first "Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea Party" on Monday, July 20th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to host a table and invite family or friends, please see the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, see Hannah Henderson, Melissa Goff, or Margie Rish. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Summer is when we start collecting for Samaritan's Purse OCC shoeboxes. There will be a collection basket in the Welcome Center for items. We are collecting school supplies: pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, folders, rulers, erasers, compasses, protractors, anything you would use with your children. Just a reminder, we cannot include the following items: military toys, soap, toothpaste, anything liquid, food, or glass items. We will have shoeboxes out in August for anyone to pick up.

As always, pray for our missionaries worldwide.



Children's Worship



- July 5 Team 1 Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey
- July 12 Team 2 Shawn Goff, Melissa Goff, Ally Smith
- July 19 Team 3 Traci Rish, Bonita Mishoe
- July 26 Team 4 Emily Petrey, Liz Henderson

Dear Families, our attendance in Children's Worship has been low lately, and we truly miss seeing your kids on Sunday mornings. We love them and want to teach them Biblical truths that will help shape them. Please encourage your child, grades 1st through 4th, to join us in Children's Worship at 11am on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions about our Children's Worship ministry, please see Sandy Drawdy.

SPIRITUAL WARRIORS
Will not meet in the month of July. See you August 5th

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY JULY 10TH AT 6:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

COME BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND A GREAT MOVIE!

Men's Ministry Meeting
July 28th at 7:00 pm. A meal will be served

July Music Notes

Happy July!! So many wonderful things happen in the middle of summer: July 4, vacations, mission trips, pool days, and more! The adult choir is taking a break from practice in July, although we will be singing. Then, when we hit August, we will be gearing up for Revival. If you would like to be part of our Revival choir – join us for practice in August!

Our Jesus Crew (youth ladies' ensemble) will begin practice back on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 pm in the adult choir room. Even if you have not been singing with them and you are interested, please contact Lee Sanford or Kaylyn Johnson.

I thought I would share a few hymns that were penned or published during July for a little trivia...

"Shall We Gather at the River" (1864): Written during an extremely hot July in Brooklyn, New York. Author and composer Robert Lowry penned this hopeful standard while battling heat exhaustion and ministering to victims of a typhoid epidemic.

"America the Beautiful" (1895): The famous lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates were first published on July 4, 1895, in the Christian periodical The Congregationalist.

"God of Our Fathers" (1876): Written by Protestant clergyman Daniel C. Roberts, this hymn was purposefully composed for the Fourth of July Centennial Celebration in Brandon, Vermont.

Joyfully Serving, Sherrell



JULY DEACONS ON CALL

- July 5 Matt Barfield (803) 609-8221
- July 12 Noel Pound (803) 467-0382
- July 19 Troy Peele (803) 673-5330
- July 26 Heyward Kelly (803) 794-0723



No Spiritual Warriors Luncheon for the Month of July

- July 1 Special Called church conference after service to vote on Children's Minister Position
- July 5 Patriotic Service
- July 10 Movie Night at 6:00 pm, bring your family, friends, & Neighbors to see the Movie "David". Sign up in the Welcome Center
- July 19 New Members class at 9:45 am, sign up in the Welcome Center. (5 weeks) course
- July 19 Deacon Selection at the end of the service
- July 20 Ladies, daughters, and friends are invited to a Tea Party at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pick up your invitation and sign up in the Welcome Center
- July 28 Brotherhood meeting at 7:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Patsy Dowd Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8 pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	2	3 Brianna Blackburn Crystal Bevins Marion Marks Mike Parrish Kara Pound Becky Sichter	4
5	6 Savannah Peele Joseph Tindal	7 Presley Herron Charlotte Semenza	8 Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	9 Olivia Blackburn Paula Dowd Rebekah Lewis Pat Rowe Randy Sandstrom McKaela Vaughn	10	11 Stacy Learn
12	13 Lynn Collins	14	15 Chey Walsh Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	16 Amber Bachelder Melanie Dougherty Lee Williams	17 Ryan Wood	18 Jace Hutto Ashleigh Knight
19 Bryan Rampey Harvel Sichter	20 Brian Cushion Drew Pound Aaron White	21 Samantha Smith	22 Clayton Barber Rebecca Hull Calvert Sproul Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8 pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	23 Judy Lowery Claudia Burdette	24	25 Olivia Chavis Haley Greene Chirinos Kaylee Wall
26 Jimmy Watts	27	28 April Ard Chuck Burton Buster Gleaton	29 Cynthia Smith Madison Young	30 Breanna Christman Savanna Christman Bonita Mishoe	31 Ginny Henderson	