

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of GASTON

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I've often wondered if the 21 charter members who organized the then Sandy Run Baptist Church, back in August of 1824, realized the impact that their Church planting endeavors would have on the community of Gaston, the midlands, South Carolina, and all across the world. For 200 years, First Baptist Church of Gaston has been a beacon of light in this community. Our Church was one of the eight Charter Member Churches of the Lexington Baptist Association in 1876. This Church has been Gathering, Growing, and Going for over 200 years. And now, the month has come where we get to celebrate all that God has done here in the last 200 years.

Those who have come before us, must also be celebrated this month. Many individuals sought to keep the Church doors open through difficult times. Many saw countless saved and baptized in the local creeks and ponds. As well as many great sermons by extraordinary pulpiteers who have held the distinguished title of 'Pastor', here at this great and historical Church. Through our giving to the cooperative program beginning in 1924, we've been able to be a part of sending missionaries across the world, one dollar given at a time. Our Church is known as the 'Mother' Church to many Churches in the Gaston area that are still here today. If it was not for the believers who came before us, we would not be thriving as a Church, like we are today.

One of the greatest joys in my life thus far has been the privilege to serve as the Senior Pastor here at First Baptist since February of 2021. In the last three years, we've seen 149 people join our Church family with 79 of those being baptisms. You will find most of those people in our Church directory that will be coming out soon. What I find so encouraging is that each photo you will find in our Church directory represents a story of what God has done in the lives of those who are pictured. What we've seen God do in the last three years, as well as the last two-hundred, has truly been a move of God. I hope and pray that none of us will forget what God has done here, and that we will tell the generations to come of the revitalization and revival that we've experienced recently. May we never forget that our Church is still here because God has allowed it to be here for a time such as this. He has placed His hand on our Church. May we never forget that. May we never get complacent. May we never forget that our goal is to see lost people saved, saved people disciplined, and the great commission fulfilled.

Those of you who are reading this special edition of the Brady Blog, are people that Hannah and I love so dearly. People we've done life with now for over three years. We've experienced marriages, celebration of life services, hospital visits in the darkest of night, joyous occasions, and heart to heart conversations with many of the people that make up this great Church. Know that we love them, dearly, and that you can and should too! Because Christ first loved us, we can love one another.

Church family, we are going to have a great month of celebrating the 200th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Gaston. Join us for our special tent revival August 21st-23rd, nightly at 7 PM. Then, at 10:30 AM on August 25th we will have our Homecoming Worship service in the Sanctuary, with no Sunday School that day.

Let's have a fantastic month together.

Sincerely,

Rev. R. Brady Henderson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug 2** Family Fun Night at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Aug 4 First Baptist Church Children's Ministry Summer Bash
 12:30pm to 2:00pm Children thru 6th grade
 (Bring a towel and clothes to get wet in) food & water fun!
Aug 4 Grief Gathering Group at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Aug 7 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Aug 12 Bicentennial Meeting at 6:00 pm
Aug 21-23 Revival at 7:00 pm in the tent that will be across the street
 from the church
Aug 25 Bicentennial Homecoming Sunday at 10:30 am,
 there will be NO Sunday School
Aug 27 Brotherhood Meeting at 7:00 pm int the Fellowship Hall
 Church cookbooks are on sale \$10.00 each, the books are available on
 Wednesday nights at the supper or you can use the envelopes in the Welcome
 Center & we will get your cookbook(s) to you.

NO Women on Missions Meeting for the month of August



AUGUST DEACONS ON CALL

Aug 4 Chris Vidrine 803-513-4915

Aug 11 Chris Pound 803-518-2143

Aug 18 Duane Johnson 803-794-8506

Aug 25 Tom Learn 803-429-1358

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Carleigh Brown KayLee Brown Brenda Jeffcoat ♥Samson & Kathy Chavis ♥Glenn & Sunnie Gail Pound ♥Charles & Sonya Sharpe	2 Robin Peterson	3 Amie Cobia Angela Petrey Boyce Rampey Olivia Speares Brandon Scott Melinda Starnes Pam Thomas
4 Summer Zobel	5	6 Samson Chavis Ryan Horvath ♥Rev. Brady & Hannah Henderson ♥Jim & Pam Thomas	7 Samantha McGee Jayden Johnson Rhonda Zobel Family supper -6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8:00pm:GA/RA, Mission Friends 7-8 pm	8 Taz Johnson Mary Beth Morey Reese Speares ♥Chris & Chassidy Gates	9 Tony Ayers	10 Trey Dowd Ashley Kirkland Clyde Spires
11 Lauren Dowd Caidence Fickling Cierra Melton Katie Gabrielle	12 Kaileigh Coleman	13 Savannah Bailey Savannah Furtick Michelle Knight ♥Dickie & Mary Ann Mosley	14 Family supper -6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8:00pm:GA/RA, Mission Friends 7-8 pm	15 Kyle Lassiter ♥Chris & Jo Lynne Phillips	16	17 Frank Jeffcoat Kalyn Harley
18 ♥Brian & Fallon Cushion	19 Hannah Parrish	20 Sonya Gainey Meagan Leonard Brown Anthony Sightler	21 Jeanette Carson Grace Cathey Austin Crosby Mike Lowery Renee Pound Cory Pound 	22 Mercedes Harsey Angela Henry Deborah Marks Samantha Kelly Smith June Ott ♥Joseph & Ericka Hutto	23	24 Shawn Stinton
25 Leah Lee Adriane Miller Michael Wager 	26 Kylee Hanna	27 Hayden Kirkland Chassidy Gates	28 Hunter Livingston Janie Sharpe Sonya Sharpe Family supper -6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8:00pm:GA/RA, Mission Friends 7-8 pm	29	30	31

Tent Revival August 21st thru 23rd at 7:00 pm



SPIRITUAL WARRIORS NEWS from Vicki Vidrine, Director

The Monthly Luncheon is Wednesday, August 7th at 11:30 am. We will be having fried chicken & we ask that you bring a side and/or a dessert.

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



The church has received a donation of children's books this summer. Several are on the display shelf. I look at each book that is donated to determine if it is appropriate for the church library and to check the condition of the book. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about any book.

Brotherhood meeting August 27th at 7:00 pm. A meal will be served.



It is hard to believe that we are celebrating 200 years of being a church family this month! I am so thankful to God for His Hand of protection and guidance in our midst. To think that we are part of the same stock that saw the first steam locomotive and the washing machine patented.

We are very excited about Homecoming and our tent revival, and I am super excited about the music this month. We have the choir, praise team, and other special music to lift up the Lord and glorify His Name!

We are planning for the choir to sing every Sunday in August, so we have some additional practice times scheduled.

Monday – Aug 5TH at 6:30 PM

Sunday – August 18TH at 5:00 PM

If you would like to sing with us during August, please feel free to come to practice, we really hope to have a huge choir for Homecoming!

In addition, during our revival, we will have Beth Fallaw Greer on Wednesday evening and Levon Stack on Thursday evening!

August is going to be a fabulous month!

Joyfully Serving, Sherrell

Music Notes from the Heart



Fall is almost here and mission opportunities are everywhere. As a reminder, we won't be meeting or going to dinner in August since everyone is getting back in the swing of children going back to school. However, the upcoming months will be busy.

First, the GA, RA, Acteens Recognition will be Sept 4th at 7:00 pm. The kids have worked hard all year earning badges and this is their time to share what they have learned. This is the first Wednesday night in September and we may need to help the cook team with the meal. We'll request families come and eat before the recognition so the kitchen crew won't be in the Fellowship Hall so late.

Please see any of the children's leaders, Collette Knight, or Margie Rish if you want to help.

On Sept 16th we will start back with our ladies meetings at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have started collecting items for Samaritan's Purse OCC shoeboxes!. During August we are collecting glue sticks, erasers, pencil boxes/bags and socks. There is a box in the Welcome Center for all donations. We are doing appetizers for our meal. Come join us and learn about our projects during the year.



Women on Mission
Margie Rish,
Director

Please remember our missionaries worldwide in prayer.



Family Fun Night!!!

Friday, August 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Back to School Bingo & Subs!



FBCG Children's Ministry Summer Bash Aug 4th

at 12:30 to 2:00 pm

Children Thru 6th grade,

sign up in the Welcome Center!

Pizza and Ice cream, along with water fun.

(bring towel & clothes to get wet in)



Children's Church
meets on Sundays
in Room 203

Aug 4 Team 5 Sunnie Gail Pound, Troy Peele, Savannah Peele

Aug 11 Team 1 Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey, Emily Petrey

Aug 18 Team 2 Melissa Goff, Shawn Goff, Ally Sanford

Aug 25 Homecoming! NO Children's Worship

ATTENDANCE

July's Attendance

Sunday School Average: 163
 Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church: 237
 Wednesday Evening Worship: 168

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY—2023-2024

Duane Johnson 803-626-6700 A-B	Keith Ray 423-823-2555 C-D	Josh Stabler 803-608-0922 E-F	Tom Learn 803-429-1358 G-H
Dwain Smith 803-446-1595 I-J-K	Chris Pound 803-518-2143 L-M	Glenn Pound 803-238-7477 N-O-P	Chris Vidrine 803-513-4915 Q-R
Terry Pound 803-447-6267 Sa—Sm	Heyward Kelly 803-794-0723 Sn-U	Allen Ott 803-960-6820 V-W-X-Y-Z	

SERVICES

Sunday,

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

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

AUGUST EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

Aug 4	Team 2	Amie Cobia, Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Christian Chavis, Sammy Smith, Ally Sanford
Aug 11	Team 3	Sandy Poole, Bonita Mishoe, Aggie Sigh, Jim Thomas, Ginny Henderson, Bailey Speares
Aug 18	Team 4	Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Melody Sanford, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Reese Speares
Aug 25	Team 5	Bonnie McBride, Stacy Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly

Extended session news. If you have a conflict with dates, please let me know. I can always work out a solution. We have been so blessed to have full classrooms each Sunday. If you would like to serve in extended session, please let me know. We are hoping to have enough volunteers to add another team to the team list. That would make seven teams! God is so Good! Contact Lisa Pound 803-553-3004.

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We're excited to start another school year with our students! Upper Room will be having an End of Summer pool party fellowship on Sunday, August 11 immediately following Sunday service. This will be for all youth, including rising 7th graders. Sign up is currently underway. Please see Adam for permission forms and more details. We have a lot of Fall plans in the works and we can't wait to see how God is going to move this school year!



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