



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GASTON

BRADY BLOG

A WRITTEN WORD FROM FBCG'S SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

Vacation Bible School. Familiar words, sure. But what do they mean to you? For some, those words take you back to a time and place where you heard the great news of the Gospel and accepted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. For others, those words signify the deepening of your faith and the beginning of your discipleship journey. For others, you're reminded of intense dodgeball games and yummy cookies and lemonade. This month, we will host Vacation Bible School. Something we've done at FBC Gaston since the late 1940s. Only the Lord knows how many lives have been impacted in and through this ministry at our Church through the years.

But have you ever wondered where VBS began? VBS began as a non-denominational outreach by a Christian lady named Mrs. Walker Aylett Hawes. Her husband was a doctor, and they lived in Charlottesville, Virginia. In the Summer of 1898, she felt led by the Lord to travel to New York City for a week, rented out a beer hall in the city's East Side, and began her 'Everyday Bible School'. Her goal was to get kids off the streets of New York and teach them the Bible. In 1900, a local Pastor from Epiphany Baptist Church in New York invited her to move the Bible School away from the beer hall and into the Church. But after two weeks, it became clear that kids would not go to the Church, so they moved it back near the beer hall for the rest of the summer. Mrs. Hawes, the founder of Vacation Bible School, was the sister-in-law of John A. Broadus. The founder and later President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, now in Louisville, Kentucky. Though the seminary began in Greenville, SC.

By the year 1921, Southern Baptists began to see that Vacation Bible School was a trend in their Churches. The Pastor of Epiphany Baptist in New York went on to be a pastor at First Baptist Chattanooga and later at churches in South Carolina. Some Baptist Historians believe that he took the idea of VBS with him. While we can't know for sure, we do know that by 1934, in the middle of the Great Depression, over 700 Vacation Bible Schools were held, with over 1,000 children enrolled. In 1951, the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board planned a 50-year celebration of VBS.

In 1970, a significant change was made to VBS that has stuck to this day. The group-graded curriculum books used year after year were replaced by a new curriculum updated annually. Hence, we get different themes for every year. But notice, in each Vacation Bible School curriculum, that the importance and centrality of the Gospel is not changed. No matter how the characters and colors may change, the emphasis on children still hearing the Gospel remains. Just as Mrs. Walker Aylett Hawes did it that first year in a beer hall in New York City.

With Love,

Senior Pastor,

Voice of the Tigers,



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON STAFF

Rev. R. Brady Henderson, Senior Pastor

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JUNE 14-17

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

6-8:30 EACH EVENING



REGISTRATION

JUNE EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

- Jun 7 Team 4 Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Tonya Simms, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Reese Speares
- Jun 14 Team 5 Ashley Simms, Stacey Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly
- Jun 21 Team 6 Traci Rish, Cheryl Reynolds, Matt Drawdy, Carla Sightler, Bailey Speares, Megan Spires
- Jun 28 Team 1 Collette Knight, Jo Lynn Martin, Wendy Sanford, Patti Reynolds, Pam Thomas, Erin Taylor

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Summer is here, and mission opportunities are everywhere. Thank you to everyone who signed up to help Mrs. Phyllis Templeton with visits and meals, and all the health kits that were collected. We had 26 kits from our church. June begins our collection of supplies for Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. A list of items needed is in the Welcome Center. We always need school supplies, socks (all sizes), toothbrushes, combs, girls' hair accessories, and easy fold backpacks. We cannot accept toothpaste, candy/food, military toys, breakable items, soap, or any liquids. These are guidelines set by Samaritan's Purse based on what countries will allow. The collection basket will be in the Welcome Center. We will have a Ladies Night Out on June 22nd from 6 - 8 pm at Murray's. All ladies are invited to come and enjoy the Fellowship. Must have confirmation if you plan to attend by Wednesday, June 17th, 2026. We are in need of additional workers with the GA girls on Wed nights. You must have completed the Child Safety Training at church. Please be in prayer for this need. See Savannah Peele or Margie Rish if you are interested. And always pray for our missionaries worldwide.

Children's Worship

FBC Gaston

KIDZ



- June 7 Team 3 Traci Rish, Bonita Mishoe
- June 7 Children's Worship Quarterly meeting at 5:00 pm
- June 14 Team 4 Emily Petrey, Liz Henderson
- June 17 NO Children's Worship, enjoy Father's Day with your family
- June 28 Team 5 Sunnie Gail Pound, Amber Bachelder, PJ Hathway

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
June 3rd at 11:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall,
Fried Chicken will be
served bring sides and
/or dessert

Men's Ministry Meeting
June 30th at
7:00 pm. A meal
will be served

Get ready for an exciting, fun-filled week of faith, friendship, and adventure!

Dates: June 14-17 6:00 - 8:30 PM

All Ages Welcome!

Join us for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School experience featuring:

- Energetic music and worship
- Engaging Bible stories
- Creative crafts
- Fun games and activities
- Delicious meals

Whether you're young or young at heart, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Important Note:

Children K4 and under must be accompanied by an attending adult.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and come ready to learn, laugh, and grow together!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING THIS WEEK POSSIBLE!

Joyfully Serving, Sherrell



Upcoming
EVENTS

JUNE DEACONS ON CALL

- Jun 7 Stafford Johnson 803 908-9090
- Jun 14 Duane Johnson 803 626-6700
- Jun 21 Chris Pound 803 518-2143
- Jun 28 Walker Spires 803 605-4357

June 3 Spiritual Warriors at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Fried Chicken will be served.

June 3 3rd Quarter Church Conference after midweek service

June 5 VBS Kickoff Party at 6:00 pm, crafts, dinner, fellowship. Sign up in the Welcome Center or scan the code

June 7 Children's Worship Quarterly meeting at 5:00 pm

June 14th through 17th Vacation Bible School 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

June 20 Men's Ministry Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am to 11:00 am

June 21 Father's Day, the guest Speaker will be Mr. Dan Scott. There will be no children's worship

June 22 Women on Mission's Ladies night out, see Margie Rish, Hannah Henderson, Melissa Goff for information

June 30 Men's Ministry Meeting at 7:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Chelly Pound Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8 pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	4 Bobby Ayer Warren Cope Marilyn Hook Ed Scott	5 Adam Callahan Jamie Ray	6 Paul Abrams
7 Marcie Bennett	8 Andrew Reynolds	9 Trish Panno Carla Shirah	10 Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm- 8pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	11 Savanna Lee	12 Joyce Stone	13 Nicholas Lee
14 Mike Lowery Silas Reolegio	15 Eddie Cole	16 Randy Poole	17 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:00 PM UNTIL 8:30 PM			20 Danny Estep
21 Josh Kinard Collette Knight George Wall	22 Fran Bobbitt Mary Irene Lail Eric Martin Sadie Sanchez Lenora Whitaker Timothy Wise	23 Sophia Chattley Bruce Lambert Trey Miles Wade Warden Madison Reynolds	24 Family Supper @ 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8 pm, GA/RA & Misson Friends 7 to 8 pm	25 Brenda Riddle Kala Crosby Dooley Duane Johnson	26 Sophia Yound Zoie Weatherington	27 Kay Pound Fallaw Elizabeth Redding
28	29 Emily Burke Nancy Dowd	30				