

First connections

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First Baptist Gainesville, 751 Green St., Gainesville, GA 30501

Calendar Reminders

Sunday, July 19th

7pm Bluegrass Concert

Monday, July 20th

4:45pm Taize Worship

Wednesday, July 22nd

6pm Youth Big Worship

Thursday, July 23rd

8am Youth Six Flags Trip

Saturday, July 25th

5pm Parents' Night Out FLC

Monday, July 27th

10am Youth Mission Monday

8pm Mossy Creek Camp Service

Wednesday, July 29th

6pm Youth Big Worship

Friday, July 31st

Lunch Bunch to the Oar House

Sunday, August 2nd

6pm Sixth Grade Welcome Party FLC

Tuesday, August 4th

6:30pm 5K Training Program Begins

Sunday Mornings

Worship

8:30am Chapel

10:50am Sanctuary

Live Broadcast on WCON 99.3FM & online www.fbcgainesville.org - broadcasts begin at 11:00am

Sunday School

9:45am for ALL ages

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A Word from Our Pastor...

Dear Church,

In my last column, I took the opportunity of lauding free thought and free speech because the celebration of our national holiday was upon us. I included the caution from our Scripture that we temper our speech with Christ's ethic. I mentioned that our thoughts eventually can become actions, for good or ill, so it is vital that we "fix our thoughts on what is true, honorable and right," as Saint Paul urges. I also mentioned that much (and I should have said "some") of talk radio seems to be given to hateful speech. What actually inspired my comments was this: While traveling recently, I happened to tune in to talk radio on XM. I rarely listen to talk-radio, so I was shocked at what I was hearing. The commentator, along with a person who had called in, was using extremely hateful language in speaking about Sarah Palin. They were not talking about her policies or political positions. They were talking about her -- and her family. Even her daughter was not spared a crucifixion of words. I felt sorry for the Palin family. I felt sick. I wondered why anyone would dare to venture into public service in this day of uncivil behavior. What I was talking about wasn't political. I was talking about ethics. Did the callers have the right to use hate-filled and derogatory speech in their personal comments about Mrs. Palin and her family? Yes, I suppose so. Was it ethical? Certainly not. Not by the standard of Christ who informs our ethics as Christians.

This Sunday morning the Musselwhites will be with us in both services using their bluegrass talents to the glory of God. Then comes their concert Sunday evening on the front lawn, with a different twist this year -- you can get your dinner as well. See the details posted herein. I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning and evening.

Your friend and pastor,

Bill Coates



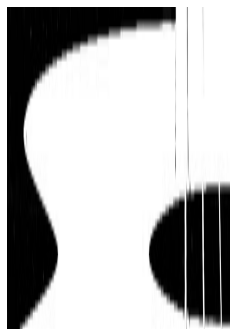
Bluegrass Concert

Sunday, July 19th

7:00pm on the Front Lawn

Entertainment by the
Musselwhite Family

Bring a picnic dinner **or purchase a BBQ chicken dinner to help support the North Georgia Food Bank** (\$10/adult, \$5/child for dinner). Remember your lawn chairs, blanket, and dancing shoes!



Worship...

Sunday, July 19th
8:30am & 10:50am Services
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture:
OT: Psalm 46
NT: Mark 6:30-44

Message:
We're All Amateurs
Dr. Bill Coates

Music:
The Musselwhite Family

God Is Our Refuge
Sanctuary Choir (10:50)

Sunday, July 26th
8:30 & 10:50am Services
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture:
OT: Psalm 145: 10-19
NT: Ephesians 3:14-21

Message:
A Doxology to God
Dr. Bill Coates

Music:
Music Meditation
Steve Cornelison

Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out
Sanctuary Choir (10:50)

Student Orchestra (grades 6-12)

Begins Wednesday,
September 9

If you are a Middle School
or High School band/
orchestra member, you are
invited to join our newly
formed Student Orchestra
each Wednesday evening
from 5:30-6:10 PM.

Please call Steve Coldiron at
770-534-7354 to reserve
your place.

Special Announcements...

Promotion Sunday

Save the date!! All children will promote to their new Sunday School classes on **Sunday, August 9**. This is going to be a wonderful day and you won't want to miss it! Arrive in your rooms at **9:45** to meet your teachers, see your friends, and have some refreshments!

Here are the rooms and locations for all children:

Birth—twos: Nursery Hallway

Threes, Pre-K/Fours, and Kindergartners: Children's Hallway

First—Fifth Graders: Banquet Hall Lobby

Hope to see you there! We will have something for everyone!!

Need more information about any of these events? Call Carrie @ 678-231-7727



**Sunday, August 2 is the last
Sunday for the rising 6th graders in the children's ministry.**

Pack the Bus Family Mission Project Sunday, August 2

Join us for a hot dog lunch following the 10:50 service. After eating, we will fill the backpacks with necessary supplies. Childcare is available for children 3 and under upon request. Please call Angie Cole or Ruth Demby in the church office at 770-534-7354 for more information or to reserve childcare.



Habitat for Humanity

First Baptist Church and other area churches are ready to begin construction of another Habitat House on West Ave.! Can you be a volunteer? We will need at least 5 First Baptist volunteers for each day of construction. If you are interested, please call Angie or Ruth in the church office at 770-534-7354 and register as a volunteer.



Community...

Children's Ministry

Ice Cream Party for Rising Sixth Graders

Date: 7/22/09

Time: 8pm-9pm

As a last hurrah, Carrie will treat all rising 6th graders to ice cream at Bruster's! Meet her there Wednesday, July 22 at 8pm for an hour of hanging out and brain freezes! Hope to see you there!



Son Town Kick-Off

We are entering our 4th year of Son Town, our Sunday School Program for the elementary aged children of First Baptist. We will have a dinner and information session on **Wednesday, July 29 from 6:00—7:30 PM**. This is for everyone! If you are a part of Son Town or want to learn more, please come to this informal session. Childcare provided.

Adults with Seniority

Lunch Bunch Trips

Friday, July 31st

10:30am-3pm

Lunch Bunch to the Oar House

Shopping in Dahlonega



Friday, August 28

10am-3pm

Lunch Bunch to The Attic in Clarkesville

Shopping in Clarkesville

Call or email C.J. Wehmiller to reserve your seat on the bus.

Family Life Center

Couch Potato to 5K

Free training program

Aug. 3-Oct. 13, 2009

If you've never run before or it's been awhile, we have a free program to keep you motivated and help you progress. We'll start off alternating walking and running and progress to a 5K run in only 9 weeks.

Training Times:

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6:30-7:15pm

Saturdays @ 8:30-9:15am



Parents' Night Out

Saturday July 25th

5-9pm at the FLC

\$12/first child, \$7/each sibling

Pizza and drinks provided!



Family Life Center 101

Saturday, August 1 at 2pm

Beginning in August the FLC will be having a fitness center orientation on the first Saturday of each month. Come for an introduction to our equipment or with any questions you may have.

Student Ministry

Six Flags Trip

Thursday, July 23

8am-8pm

Students must purchase their own ticket & bring money for dinner in the park.



Mission Mondays

July 27th

10am-1pm, meet at FLC

Sixth Grade Welcome Party

Sunday, Aug. 2

6pm in the FLC

We will have a cookout for new sixth graders & their parents. This will be a chance for parents to meet the youth ministry staff and learn more about the student ministry. Please email or call Chris Burns so we can have an accurate count.

Women's Ministry

Women's Study

Living Each Day in Jesus' Name

Thursdays in July 10am-12noon

Leaders: Beth Dayton, Carol Snelling

Please call Jenny Burns to register and get your book before the first.



FBC Men's Softball

Come & watch them play at Lanier Pointe:

July 20 @ 7:30pm

July 22 @ 8:30pm

July 27 @ 7:30pm

July 29th @ 8:30pm

August 3 @ 8:30pm

Missions ...

Pack the Bus

July 12-31

We are collecting school supplies for the children who will participate in our new After School Outreach Program. Each week community children will experience tutoring, safe recreation, and love right here at First Baptist. However, without the school supplies they need our efforts are limited. Our goal is to provide every participant from the Norwood apartment complex with their required supplies.

Please donate EXACTLY what is required on this list and make sure the items are new. The schools require specific brands.

Wide rule paper, 200 ct.

Small washable Elmer glue sticks, washable, dries clear, 10 ct.

Spiral notebook 1 sub. /wide rule

Crayola Crayons, 8 ct

Hand Sanitizer with pump

Washable school glue white, 4 oz.

Ruled 3x5 index cards/white, 100ct

Sharpened #2 /yellow wood case pencils, 12 count, 4 per student

Bl, red/polypropylene 2 pocket folder w/o clasp, 2 ct.

pr, yl,gr 2 pocket paper folder w/o clasps, 3 ct.

BlueDurable 3-ring binder, 2"

Black hardcover composition book wide rule, 100 ct, 3 per student

Crayola Crayons, 24 ct

Crayola Conical top washable markers classic color (thick), 8 ct

Crayola Full-length colored pencils/pre-sharpened, 8 ct

Eraser caps pink pack, 12 ct.

Black Sharpie permanent marker fine pt.,4 per student

Wide rule filler paper, 200 ct., 6 ct. per pupil

Pointed tip Fiskar stainless steel scissors, 5"

Ruled 4x6 index cards/white, 50 ct.

Red stick pen medium point Papermate, 2 per student

Blunt scissors, 5 "

Blk, red, bl, grn, Low odor dry erase marker chisel tip, 4 pk

Resealable wipes –refill, fragrance & alcohol free, 80 Oz.

Backpacks (Big Lots has good prices. Please get sturdy ones.)

Turning Point Ministries

So many in our community have lost jobs recently. Others depending on retirement income that has dramatically lost value are struggling to make ends meet. These types of challenges can be seen as disasters or as turning points.

A group of members in our church are developing **Turning Point Ministries** to create just this type of short term support. This ministry is designed to address the spiritual, emotional, financial, and job search skills needed to navigate through these challenges.

We have joined a group of churches who are members of **Crossroads Career Network**. Anyone who is looking for a job can go onto their website, [www. Crossroadscareer.org](http://www.Crossroadscareer.org). You will find a strategy for finding a job as well as access to an internet job search engine. To access all aspects of the website, you will need to call the church and to get a job explorer's membership code.

Church members who are experienced in financial counseling, mortgage lending, bankruptcy issues, interview and other job search skills, are available to help you in this process. They can also help those who are struggling to make ends meet due to lower investment income. Please call the church office and ask Angie Cole to have a Turning Point Volunteer contact you. You do not need to face these challenges alone. This is what the body of Christ is all about.

Please call Angie Cole or Rev. Ruth Demby if you have further questions. (770) 534-7354.



Norwood Apartments Pavilion & FBC After School Program

With the help of 23 youth and 7 parents from First Baptist Church of Henderson, N.C, Travis Oliver, Andy Allred, Richard, and James, & Laura Demby built a beautiful picnic pavilion and tables for the use of families at the Norwood apartments. **These are the families of kids we are targeting for our afterschool tutoring program starting August 18.** Many of the children are already students of teachers who are members of our church. Most of the kids are Hispanic children who need help with reading and other subjects. Many thanks to Carroll Daniel Construction Company, David G. Smith & Associates, Inc. engineers, Gerorgia Mountain Components, Inc., W.& W Metal Roofing, Inc. Ernst Doncrete, Home Depot, and Lowe's for their gifts and assistance in building this. We also thank B.J. Hutto's youth group from N.C. and these members of our church who worked so hard to make a difference in the lives of these families. Join in by bringing school supplies for our Pack the Bus efforts and by volunteering for the after school program on Tuesday afternoons. Call Ruth Demby or Liz Coates Isandoro for more information.

Memorials and Honorariums ...

Third Century

In memory of Bill Dill by:

Everett Hope
 Louise Evans
 Peggy Hall
 Harold & Evelyn Martin
 Bob & Nancy Page
 William Dean
 Johnny & Lisa Johnson
 Jack & Louise Hogan
 Daisy Carter
 Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson
 David & Diane Owen
 Deke & Marie Richards
 Kay Bell
 Estes Dozier Mission Group
 Roland & Vivian Smith
 Tom & Linda Chapman

In memory of Penny Morrison by:
 Louise Evans

In memory of Shirley Strong by:
 Peggy Hall
 Estes Dozier Mission Group

In memory of Whitey Butler, Donna Schuler, Shirley Strong, & Bill Dill by:
 Mary O. Butler

In honor of the Sonlight Youth Choir by:
 Bob & Nancy Page

Ministry of Caring

In memory of Jim Griffith by:
 David & Stacey Hodges
 Tom & Susan LeFevre

Tom & Jan Partrick
 Nancy Turner

In memory of Marlin Weaver by:
 Tom & Jan Partrick

In memory of Shirley Strong by:
 Tom & Jan Partrick
 Alton & Bernice Bruce
 Nicky Dunagan

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Smith
 Joe Wood, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buckler
 Ann McLeod

Mr. & Mrs. Jim DeLong
 JoAnn & Robert Adams

Ken & Connie Dixon
 The Mark Weaver Family

Charlotte Ann Parks
 Steve & Carol Burrell

The Tire Barn
 Malissa Tubbs

Sue Ward

Jane Bradley

Andrea Chandler

James & Julie Terry

Lowell & Mardy Fulenwider

Mr. & Mrs. Heyward C. Hosch, Jr.

Clint, Joyce, & Lee Atkins

Anne Martin

Daisy Carter

Kathlene Gosselin

David & Diane Owen

Lola Cunningham

Charlene Turner

Henry & Betty Woodliff

Pat & Jane Fite

Sylvia Mayfield

Mr. & Mrs. John Jacobs

Laurine Davenport

O.Z. & Annette Rowe

In honor of Keith Grogan and in memory of his sister Shirley Strong by:
 James Merritt SS Class

In memory of Bill Dill by:

Alton & Bernice Bruce

Bernie & Carol Kirbach

In memory of Arnold Boyd by:

Alton & Bernice Bruce

In memory of Cathy Brooks by:

Hall & Helen Goode

In memory of Arnold Boyd & Vida

Bailey by:

T. Richard Davis SS Class

In honor of Evelyn Anne Leonard, great granddaughter of Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson, born on June 19, 2009 by:
 Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson

In memory of Kathy Brooks by:

Charlie & Anne Watson

Kay Bell

In memory of Bill Dill, Shirley Strong,

Marvin Vandiver, & Arnold Boyd by:

Jean Priest

Children's Ministry

In memory of Shirley Strong by:
 Montene & James Lewis



The First Baptist Church family would like to express its deepest sympathy to the following:

Merrill Dill, Janice Ludwig, and Joan Anderson in the death of Merrill's husband and Janice & Joan's father, Bill Dill.

Clovie Lawson in the death of her sister, Penny Morrison.

Shelton Kent, Pam & Elaine in the death of Shelton's wife and Pam & Elaine's mother, Dot Kent.

The family and friends of James Mathis, Sr.

Sandy Sutter in the death of her mother, June Sammons.

Among Our Members



Congratulations to Joel & Renee' Leonard on the birth of their baby girl, Evelyn Anne Leonard. Evelyn was born on June 19, 2009 in Greensboro, S.C. She weighed 7lbs. 11oz and was 21" long. Her paternal grandparents are Roger & Faith Patterson and paternal great grandparents are Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson.

Thank You

To all my church friends,

Thank you so very much for your prayers, cards, visits, food, and calls while I'm recuperating from surgery.

With much love,
 Ella Brooks

The family of William "Bill" Dill wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the love and support shown by our church family through prayers, calls, cards, visits, and food during the past days. We cherish your continued prayers.
 Janice Ludwig

FBC Lord's Day Report

July 5, 2009

Offering

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$43,027.36
Year-to-date Budget Required.....	\$1,334,423.16
Year-to-date Budget Received.....	\$1,270,853.95
Ministry of Caring.....	\$1,710.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$70.00
Vietnamese Offering.....	\$453.00
Third Century.....	\$6,008.00
Other Designated.....	\$670.00
TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....	\$51,998.36

July 12, 2009

Offering

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$40,461.17
Year-to-date Budget Required.....	\$1,383,846.24
Year-to-date Budget Received.....	\$1,311,315.12
Ministry of Caring.....	\$5,253.00
Vietnamese Offering.....	\$656.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$126.95
Third Century.....	\$7,632.00
Other Designated.....	\$2,976.00
TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....	\$57,565.12

FBC Media Library

The library has plenty of summer reading available. We have tons of fiction on hand and books are available for check out anytime the church is open! Please remember us before you go to the bookstore! Also, we need volunteers to work the library desk. Contact Faye McLeroy for info.



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