

# First connections

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A loving people of worship, community and service

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

## Calendar Reminders

**Thursday—Thursday,  
June 24— July 1**  
Spain Mission Trip

**Monday-Thursday, June 28-July 1**  
PassPort Kids

**Monday, July 5**  
Office Closed

**Sunday—Friday, July 11-16**  
Kids Choir Camp

**Thursday, July 15 7:00pm**  
Book Club

**Sunday, July 18**  
Baptism 9:30am  
Communion 8:30am & 10:50am

**Sunday, July 25**  
Pack the Bus  
Building Dedication  
Bluegrass Concert 6:00pm

**Monday, July 26**  
Mossy Creek Camp Meeting 7:45pm

## Sunday Mornings

**Worship**  
8:30am Chapel  
10:50am Sanctuary  
Live Broadcast on WCON  
99.3FM & online  
[www.fbcgainesville.org](http://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,

I want to look ahead to August 18 when we begin our WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT FIRST BAPTIST for the fall season. Our theme will be “The Journey: Connecting with God Through Scripture,” based on 2 Timothy 3:15-17 – “The Holy Scriptures are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ; all scripture is inspired of God and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that you may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” So our classes will focus on the Bible, how we got it, what we can get from it, and how God can use it to change us. We will examine the best ways to use it and what kind of tools can help us. If you really want a way of connecting more closely to God, then you will love these classes. If you want to learn to enjoy the Bible and understand it much better than you ever have, these classes are for you. If you have ever said, “I wish I knew the Bible better,” now you can. I’m tremendously excited about this fall’s WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT FIRST BAPTIST, including our times together at Wednesday suppers.

I’m also eagerly awaiting the big events of Sunday, July 25, and hoping you will be here on that unforgettable day as we dedicate the Marquita Nix Moore Youth Auditorium, the entire youth facility, and the beautiful new nursery and pre-school building. When you see this brand new state-of-the-art space, you can’t help but celebrate how, through your vision and your generosity, God has done this best of things in the worst of times.

May God bless you and yours as we live out this good and hopeful month of July, beginning with the grateful celebration of our nation’s freedom on July 4, the ordination of Zoraya Valdez on July 11, including Baptism and Communion on July 18, and ending with the dedication of our new space for youth and preschool on July 25.

Your friend and pastor,  
Bill Coates



You are enthusiastically invited to  
the long-awaited Dedication of  
The Youth Complex and the Nursery & Preschool  
Sunday, July 25, 2010  
beginning at 10:50 a.m.  
to the Glory of God



This year’s Bluegrass Concert is at 7:00, Sunday July 25, on the front lawn.

## How you can be involved...

### Worship Guide for July

**Sunday, July 4th**

**Message: Our Nation's Place in God's Kingdom**

Dr. Bill Coates

**Scripture:** OT: Psalm 30

NT: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Music:**

*Armed Forces—The Pride of America!*

*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Rejoice Choir 8:30a.m.

Sanctuary Choir 10:50a.m.

*America the Beautiful*

**Adult Ensemble**

**Sunday, July 11th**

**Message:**

**We Have Heard of Your Faith**

Dr. Bill Coates

**Scripture:** OT: Amos 7:7-17

NT: Colossians 1:1-14

**Music:**

*All Rise*

Adult Ensemble; Linda Thompson, Soloist

Sanctuary Choir; Linda Thompson, Soloist

*Este Momento un Punto*

Sonlight Choir 10:50a.m.

Robert Contrell, Guest Soloist

**Sunday, July 18**

**Baptism & Communion**

**Message: The Supremacy of Christ**

Dr. Bill Coates

**Scripture:** OT: Amos 8:1-12

NT: Colossians 1:15-28

**Music:**

*All the Names of Jesus*

Sanctuary Choir 10:50a.m.

*Love Never Fails*

Preston Burt, Solo

**Sunday, July 25**

**Dedication of Youth Complex & Nursery/**

**Preschool**

**Message: A Short Sermon**

Dr. Bill Coates

**Scripture:** OT: Psalm 85:7-13

NT: Colossians 2:6-19

**Music:**

Guest Mike Mitchell, Tuba Soloist will play gathering music & offertory.

*Walk Worthy*

Sanctuary Choir 10:50a.m.

The Charlie Musselwhite Family will present bluegrass songs in both services.



### Pack the Bus

We begin organizing for Pack the Bus in June. Be part of a team that leads the whole church in collecting, organizing, and distributing close to 100 book bags filled with the supplies that the student's teachers are requesting. This is a way of sharing God's love with the students and families that will be part of the Promising Futures After-School Program in the fall. Please Call Ruth Demby to help make this meaningful connection with the students and families.

Below is the list of requested items. **Please purchase specifically what is on the list, this will help the schools distribute it to the children and will help everyone to receive the same items.**

Nap Mat

3x5 lined index cards

Container of baby wipes

Solid Color 3 prong pocket folder

Wide ruled spiral notebook

Bottle of hand sanitizer

Blunt ended scissors

Loose leaf paper

basic solar calculator

Solid Yellow #2 Pencils (no mechanical)

Box of Kleenex

Crayola 24 count crayons

Crayola 8 count washable markers

12 count colored pencils

Glue sticks

Plastic pencil box

Zip lock bags of all sizes

Backpacks without wheels

Solid color 1" binders

### Sanctuary Choir Summer Rehearsal Schedule

July 7 - No rehearsal

July 14 - No rehearsal

July 21 - 6:45-8:00 rehearsal

July 28 - No rehearsal

August 4 - No rehearsal

August 11 - 6:45-8:00 rehearsal

August 18 - Regular rehearsal schedule resumes



### Mossy Creek Campground Meeting

*Monday, July 26*

*7:45pm*

Dr. Bill Coates will preach and First Baptist's Sanctuary Choir will sing.

Everyone is invited!

### Sonlight Outstanding Leadership Awards 2010



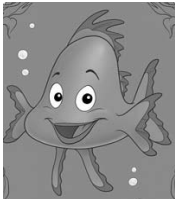
Catherine McKay



Cam Phillips

These students were chosen by the participants on our Sonlight Choir Tour 2010 to receive this recognition based on their outstanding leadership through exhibiting a positive Christian witness, participating with enthusiasm and having a very cooperative, inclusive spirit. Many thanks to Catherine and Cam for leading by example and helping make our tour 2010 an extraordinary experience. We wish you God's very best as you begin a new chapter at Samford and Georgia Tech.

## How you can be involved...



### Children's Trip to the GEORGIA AQUARIUM

Thursday, July 29th

For - Children Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Cost \$17.50 for admission, plus \$10 for lunch at Cafe Aquaria

We'll meet at the church at 8:00 a.m., travel by bus to the Aquarium, and return to the church by 3:00 p.m.

### PARDON OUR PROGRESS!!

While the Children's Hallway is being renovated, we are meeting in a different location.

Children 3 years old through 5th grade will be meeting in the Banquet Hall.

3 Year Olds and 4 Year Olds will be in the front of the Banquet Hall.

Kindergarten through 5th Graders join for a special time together. We are having refreshments, music, and watching "What's in the Bible?". What's in the Bible? is a new DVD series from VeggieTales creator Phil Vischer designed to walk kids and families through the entire Bible.

**July 4** - "What is a 'Pentateuch'?" Learn about Israel's 40-year "time-out" as we finish the first five books of the Bible! Plus, discover why we can believe what the Bible says - even though we weren't there to see it happen!

Children's Worship (Kindergarten through 2nd Grade) is meeting in the Winsome Room (Room 115).

### Vacation Bible School

309 children participated in our Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School June 7th -11th.

The week would not have been possible without the help of over 125 volunteers.

Thanks to each of you for the huge part you played in contributing to the success of the week. Along with experiencing God's love through our wonderful workers, the boys and girls enjoyed Bible stories, science projects, arts and crafts, recreation, and snacks each day.



A special thanks to Amy Hulsey, our VBS Director, and to each of the members of our VBS Steering Committee, Amy LeBlanc, Liz Hansen, Holly Peck, Jennifer Kemp, Courtney Rue, Laura Brewer, Amy Jessup, and Teri Thompson, for their commitment and dedication to this year's Vacation Bible School.



## How you can be involved...

### An Adventure in Relearning the Essentials of Faith

Thursday mornings July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

9:15 am in the Church Parlor

Written by Jen Hatmaker and Led by Elizabeth Burnette

Together we will dig deeper into scripture through looking at the tough questions Christ asks in the gospels. This five-week study is for those who are looking for "more" in their lives and are willing to go on adventure to find it. Child-care is available. Contact Elizabeth Burnette if more information is needed.

### Women's Summer Bible Study: Significance

Monday mornings July 12, 19, 26

10:00 am in the Church Parlor

Books: \$5.00 See Jenny Burns

Childcare provided

Written by Bill Hybels and Led by Carol Snelling & Beth Dayton

Be set free to pursue God's purpose for your life. God wants to set you free. God is committed to giving you a life of incredible significance, and He has already done all that is necessary to break the chains that keep you from it. Every journey begins with one step.



### Adults with Seniority Lunch Bunch

Friday, July 30

Depart at 9:30 a.m. Return by 3:30 p.m. \$5 plus lunch

Lunch & Tour of Toccoa led by Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson

### July Book Club

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Discussion led by Brooke Burt Thursday July 15, 2010 at 7:00pm

\*Childcare available upon request

### Student Ministry A look ahead....

Don't forget to include these fun activities in your summer schedule!

JULY 8TH Gwinnet Braves game. We will leave the church at 6pm and return around 10:30. The cost is \$12 and students are responsible for all or any food at the stadium.

JULY 15TH Six Flags We will leave the church at 8AM and return at 8pm. Students are responsible for their own tickets and all food while in the park. We will also stop for supper on the way home.

Students need to sign up for the Braves game and Six Flags activities.

July 22 Back to School shopping trip

July 30 Highschool rafting trip

## Bluegrass Concert on the Lawn

Sunday, July 25, 6:00pm

Join us for our 3rd Annual Bluegrass concert. This is a fun, outdoor, casual community event. Bring a blanket or chair and a picnic dinner.

## Family Life Center

### **Adventure Basketball Camp**

July 12-16, 2010 9am-12pm daily

For a completed first-fifth graders Cost: \$75/child

Led by Jack Hale & Morgan Nix

This camp teaches the basic fundamentals of basketball skills. We have stations to teach passing & catching, dribbling, offense & defense and shooting. Once these skills have been introduced and practiced, kids will engage in a scrimmage match. There will be devotional time, snacks, and plenty of fun! Kids get a free basketball & T-shirt. Register by visiting [www.fbccgainesville.org](http://www.fbccgainesville.org) or drop by the FLC.

### **T'ai Chi Workshop**

Mondays: July 26-August 23

11am-12pm Cost: \$50

Instructors: Buck & Pat Barnes

T'ai Chi is the ultimate low-impact exercise. *Consumer Reports* claims that T'ai-Chi can improve cardiovascular endurance as well as improve posture, strength and balance.

Register by calling 770-535-0478

### **Private Basketball Lessons w/ Katie B. Davis**

Two-time all-state player at Gainesville High, starting shooting guard at Division I schools, Austin Peay State University and Presbyterian College, formerly coached at Laurens District 55 High School and North Hall Middle School

Cost: \$30/hour

Please call to schedule practices 678-617-6377

### **Running Group**

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6pm

Free to runners, all levels welcome.

Babysitter available for \$2/child.

### **Parents' Night Out**

Saturday, July 24, 5pm-9pm

Dinner, drinks, and activities for children 2 and older provided while parents' get a night out!

Must register by calling 770-535-0478

### **Mom's Morning Out**

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-1pm

For children ages 18 months and older  
Must register by calling 770-535-0478

**Sympathy & Celebration**

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

The Family of:  
Howard Strickland

Peggy Burson in the death of her brother:  
Chapman Rutledge

David McNeilly in the death of his mother:  
Rita McNeilly

Judy DeLong in the death of her son:  
John DeLong

David Puckett in the death of his mother:  
Norma Lawson Puckett

Dave DeVenny in the death of his father:  
Robert E. DeVenny

Lane Bennett in the death of her sister-in-law:  
Louise Bennett

**Dear Friends**

Thank you all so much for your prayers, calls, cards, and visits during my dad's recent and very extended hospital stay.

He's home now, recuperating nicely, but slowly. The care and concern that this church family has shown has truly touch our hearts. I feel so blessed to be part of such a caring group of people, and your generosity is appreciated more than you'll ever know!!

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness!

I love you all!

Debbie Clark and Family

**Walk Thru the Bible**

Saturday, August 21, 2010

9am - 4pm

An event for the whole family you really will not want to miss. Join us in this "highly creative and interactive learning adventure." A trained seminar instructor will guide us through the Old Testament as we memorize characters, stories and timelines - with no notes and no lectures! Cost is \$10 per person. Scholarships are available, and lunch is included. Call Elizabeth Burnette to register you and your children! 770-534-7354

**Save the Date!**

Sunday August 22, 2010 - Discipleship Sunday

If you want to start attending Sunday School, August 22 is the day to begin! If you already attend a class be sure to make plans to be in Sunday School on August 22 and plan to sit with your class in worship. We will ask all classes to stand and be recognized so we can show our appreciation for your dedication to Christian Education. Mark your calendar today for August 22 - Discipleship Sunday!

**Heart & Hands Emporium 2010**

September 24-25, 2010

My Sister's Place is a Christ-centered ministry that cares for homeless women and their children. They serve as an emergency shelter when women and children find themselves in desperate situations and have no one to turn to and nowhere to go. My Sister's Place, a wonderful resource located right here in Gainesville, Georgia, was established in 2000 and is in the process of relocating to increase the number of women and children it can serve. It is a haven for homeless women and children, offering a loving home, nourishing meals, and a new direction in life. While the women are at staying at My Sister's Place, they are required to find a job, and their earnings are saved to help them become financially independent. This allows their self-esteem to increase as they begin their new journey.

Our goal of \$12,000 will help fund the renovations of the new property. With your help, we can raise the money they need for these goals. If you know of anyone who may want to be a vendor at the Emporium please contact Jenny Burns at 404-388-6320 or Amy Lawson at 770-983-1080.



**Habitat House Ceremonial Groundbreaking**

Sunday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church will team with Grace Episcopal, First United Methodist & First Presbyterian Churches to build a Habitat House on

**2836 Sardis Road**

**Directions:** Thompson Bridge Road to Ledan Road and turn left. Follow Ledan until it intersects with Saris Road and turn left. Follow Sardis past Chestatee High School to a four-way stop and turn right (you're still on Sardis Road). 2836 is the fourth lot on the left - look for the Habitat signs.



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for Humanity®

## **FBC Lord's Day Report**

### **June 6, 2010 Offering**

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$45,371.60
Year-to-date Budget Required .....	\$1,136,730.84
Year-to-date Budget Received.....	\$995,987.52
Ministry of Caring.....	\$775.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$379.00
Vietnamese Offering.....	\$842.00
Third Century.....	\$454.83
OFOF Cash Received.....	\$6995.00
CBF Global Missions.....	100.00
Other Designated.....	\$3,141.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....</b>	<b>\$58,058.43</b>

### **June 13, 2010 Offering**

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$35,781.00
Year-to-date Budget Required .....	\$1,186,153.92
Year-to-date Budget Received .....	\$1,031,678.52
Ministry of Caring .....	\$665.00
Hispanic Offering .....	\$102.00
Vietnamese Offering .....	\$878.00
Third Century .....	\$618.00
OFOF Cash Received .....	\$8,482.50
CBF Global Missions .....	\$100.00
Other Designated .....	\$3,346.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS .....</b>	<b>\$49,972.50</b>

### **June 20, 2010 Offering**

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.04
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$39,902.04
Year-to-date Budget Required .....	\$1,235,577.00
Year-to-date Budget Received .....	\$1,071,580.56
Ministry of Caring .....	\$2,185.00
Vietnamese Offering .....	\$1,107.00
Hispanic Offering .....	\$123.00
Third Century .....	\$250.00
OFOF Cash Received .....	\$4,858.00
CBF Global Missions .....	\$1,050.00
Other Designated .....	\$2,285.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS .....</b>	<b>\$51,885.04</b>

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