

# 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

**NO TIE JULY!!!!**

**Friday, July 1**

8:30am

First Fridays Away: Elachee Park

**Sunday, July 10**

7:00pm

Ladies' Night Out: Tippy Canvas @ FBC

**Wednesday, July 13**

8:00am

Youth: Six Flags

**Friday, July 15**

3:30pm

Adults with Seniority: Franklin, NC

**Thursday, July 21**

10:00am

Youth: Back to School Shopping

**Thursday, July 28**

9:00am

High School White Water Rafting

**Sunday, July 31**

12:30pm

Youth: Lake Day

## 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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Prayer Call ..... 770-333-7445

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## A Word from Our Pastor...

Dear Church,  
I don't want you to miss these exciting events!!  
Your Friend and Pastor,  
Bill Coates



### Sonlight Homecoming Concert

From 2011 Tour to Baltimore, Philadelphia & Boston  
FBC Sanctuary, Wednesday, July 6 at 7:00 PM



All former Sonlight members (from Spring 1999 to present) are invited to come and join us in singing three songs as part of our homecoming concert. If you would like to participate, plan to meet Mark in the choir room at 6:30 PM to get music and instructions.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME AND ENJOY THIS MARVELOUS MUSICAL CELEBRATION!

### Mission & Educational Trip to Egypt

**Confirmed Dates: September 15—23**

Dr. Coates, Dr. Jim Jennings, Dr. Kent Murphey, and Rev Ruth Demby will lead a small group to Cairo, Egypt and the Sinai Peninsula this Fall. We will assist Rev. Chaouki Boulos, Lebanese evangelist affiliated with CBF work in the Middle East. Please call Kristi in the church office (770-534-7354) if you are interested in being a part of this extraordinary opportunity.



### Blessing of Students

August 7th

- Church-wide breakfast 9:00am Banquet Hall
- Bible Study at 9:45am - children and youth promote up to their new class
- Special 10:50 am Worship Service as we recognize and pray for our students, teachers and their upcoming school year.

During the offertory, you will have the opportunity to select the name of a student to pray for all year long. At the end of this service, students will come forward and receive a special blessing from the congregation. This is an important ministry for our children and youth - Pre-K through College.

## Discover God ...

### Ladies' Night Out

**Sunday, July 10**

**7-10pm**

**Tipsy Canvas at First Baptist**

**Cost: \$30**

**Free Childcare - please request in registration**

**Registration by email requested:**

**jennyburns1@gmail.com**

**Snacks and Soft drinks provided**

We're an exciting new art studio that offers you a great night of painting without the commitment of a regular art class. Bring your friends and leave with a masterpiece! The Tippy Canvas is perfect for all levels of art enthusiast. So don't worry - even if you've never touched a paint brush in your life, you'll be able to follow along with local artists as they take you step by step through the painless process of creating a beautiful painting!

We'll have everything you need: the canvas, the brushes, the paint, the instruction, and the fun. Have a blast on your night out, and bring home a piece of art worth showing off!



This is what we will be painting. You can adjust the colors to fit with any décor.

### Monday Women's Bible Study

**Room 208 10:00am**

**Thursday, July 7th**

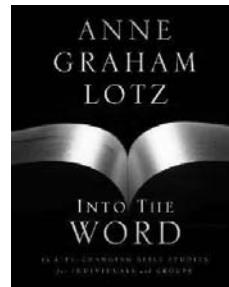
**Monday, July 11, 18, 25**

**Books: \$10.00**

**Into the Word by Anne Graham Lotz**

**Led by: Beth Dayton, Carol Snelling**

Are you searching for more than a surface reading of the Bible? This study emphasize personal application and will draw you directly into God's Word ... in order to love Him more. In this roll-up-your-sleeves look at Scripture, each of the studies begins with a short reflection tied to the present day, providing you a springboard into the various passages presented from the Old and New Testaments. Anne asks dozens of questions in each study, prompting you to personally dig into Scripture and discover God's specific message for yourself. Into the Word is more than surface deep ... it's a spiritual study guide that leads you to the heart of God's Word.



### Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Lord, Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days

by Kay Arthur

led by Cheryl McElveen

Tuesday mornings

10am

Youth Lounge Area

Childcare will be provided in the nursery area next door

Participants will discover practical insights to help them know how to pray, what to pray, and what to expect when they pray. Arthur sheds light on the instructions Jesus gave to His disciples for the perfect pattern of meaningful prayer and demonstrates how the Lord's Prayer covers worship, praise, intercession, and petition and ushers an individual into the presence of God. This look at biblical prayer is refreshingly simple and exceedingly powerful-and it can transform the way anyone lives and prays.

### Ministry through Caring...

Our office has been very busy with phone calls, walk-ins and appointments. Right now there are around 80 people on a waiting list, but unfortunately, at this time we have no funds. We have diligently provided our funds in a variety of ways (utility bills, prescriptions, gas, and food cards) to those in our community. We also provide cards, flowers and funds to those in our church community. We want to remind our church members that the Ministry Of Caring is a very important ministry in our church. If you feel so led, please give to the Ministry Of Caring this month. Bruce and C.J.

### First Fridays Away

#### July, August

July 1 Elachee Nature Center  
August 5 Simpsonwood Labyrinth

Are you aching to get away? Wouldn't you love to devote just one day a month spending some quality time with God? Here's your chance!

Join Jenny Burns and Elizabeth Burnette as we travel to Elachee Nature Center in July. In August we will go to Norcross and walk through the Labyrinth at Simpsonwood.

All trips will leave by 8:30 and return by 2:00. We will provide guided prayer sheets and prompts for those who want them, or you can go your own way. Bring your lunch and a friend! Childcare provided through FLC \$15/family. Call Jenny or Elizabeth for more information and to reserve childcare if needed. 770-534-7354

### July Book Club

**My Wounds Have Made Me Well**

**by Ruth Morgan Reynolds**

**Thursday July 21**

**7pm**

**Banquet Hall Lobby**

Bruce and Emma Morgan's daughter Ruth Morgan Reynolds joins us on July 21 to discuss her book My Wounds Have Made Me Well. Ruth will share

how an automobile accident changed her life for good. Bring your book and a friend! You will not want to miss this book club!



### Adults with Seniority...

Friday, July 15

Trip to Franklin, NC

3:30pm departure

\$25 plus meal

"Take Me Home"

The Music of John Denver

starring Jim Curry

Call C.J. to reserve your space.



## Let the Little Ones Come Unto Me...

### Thanks for taking a walk on the wild side

We appreciate your willingness to volunteer and serve at this year's FBC Vacation Bible School African Safari Adventure!

What do you get when you combine 350 excited and energetic children and over 150 youth and adult volunteer "Safari Guides" at First Baptist Church???? **HARAMBE!** In true African style, harambe is one big party, uniting the community while working together toward a common cause. This year, the children's VBS mission offering went to \*Helping Hands Foreign Missions and the children collected over \$750.00 towards helping a South African congregation build a church. Harambe was also carried over to our very own FBC Deacon body who not only supplemented the difference but added more donations to build TWO churches! I am truly grateful for this outpouring of love to support this meaningful ministry and the opportunity to be the presence of Christ to a community in need.



A heartfelt thank you to all those who helped decorate, prepare crafts, act as "Safari Guides", lead the games, assist with snacks, music, worship, and all other children and adult activities. Your special gifts and talents were appreciated and valued. During this week, I witnessed God's presence working in amazing and wonderful ways in our church as you expressed His love to the children in ways they could understand. Your energy and enthusiasm were contagious and I know the children will have wonderful memories of this special week for years to come. Vacation Bible school is not only an outreach out to the children and parents, but the VBS team spirit carries over into the larger life of the church. Through you, children and their families will experience God's love. Thank you again for your efforts, talents and continued support. You are a blessing to our Children's Ministry and this church.

Kellie Denton  
Assoc. Pastor to Families with Children

### **\*Project Helping Hands Mission Statement**

*To share the love of God in practical ways-through provision of food, clean water, shelter, and medical care; education; church plants; and construction projects. We facilitate opportunities for all to serve, helping to discover and utilize our God-given gifts and talents as we take the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.*

## Hey Students, don't miss out...



Wednesday, July 13  
8:00am-9:00pm  
Cost: ticket & food  
Please sign up!



### **Back to School Shopping**

Thursday, July 21  
10:00am-5:00pm  
Cost: lunch & your purchases

### **White Water Rafting**

High School Only  
Thursday, July 28  
9:00am-5:00pm  
Cost: \$30  
You must sign up. Limited space.

### **Lake Day**

Sunday, July 31  
After 10:50 Worship  
Bring swim suit, towel, snack food &  
2 liter drink



## Seek God through service...

### **Reading Buddies**

Tuesdays:

July 12, August 2

Work with individual or small groups of children from the Promising Futures program who need extra support in reading. We will meet 4 times this summer to help the students progress in their reading skills. Please call Ruth Demby to volunteer for this very meaningful work. We will provide training and will be meeting on the Tuesday afternoons listed above at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



### **Mission Report**

Thank you for your support for the Spain mission trip. We raised \$3,000 through the Smokehouse Barbeque at the Bluegrass concert.

Be in prayer for the following as they serve all over the world:

- Robert Smucker: Southern Sudan & Ethiopia
- Jim Jennings: Southern Sudan & Ethiopia
- Ruth Demby, Liz Isandoro, Mission Intern Mary Katherine Johnson and 15 college students and Adults: Spain
- Kent Murphey and church members: Honduras
- Christina White and Regina Cochran: Honduras
- Denise McConnell and Amy Anders: Gainesville, GA Reading Buddies

### **Pack the Bus**

Look for bulletin inserts and emails regarding Pack the Bus, our annual collection of school supplies for the children in our Promising Futures program.

## Faith through Fitness...

Please call 770-535-0478 to sign up for these programs. Visit [www.fbcgainesville.org/familylifecenter](http://www.fbcgainesville.org/familylifecenter) for more info and a schedule of group exercise classes. Contact Liz Isandoro with questions at [elizabethcts@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethcts@yahoo.com) Friend us on Facebook!

### Parents' Night Out

Saturday, July 23

5:00-9:00pm

For Children ages 2 and older

Cost: \$15/first child, \$10/sibling

We provide dinner, drinks and plenty of fun for kids while parent's get a night out!

### Yoga Meets Dance

Tuesdays at 6:00pm

Led by Joanne Hamilton and Vicki Sims

Cost: Free to FLC members, guest pay \$7 to drop in (all fees collected are donated to local charitable organizations)

This interesting new class is a wonderful way to use your body in a creative, fun and beautiful way. Yoga meets dance is for all ages and abilities. No mat, shoes or registration required. Drop in and see how the music moves you.

### Junior Racquetball Camp

July 11-15

Daily from 9am-12noon

For completed 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls.

This camp is for kids interested in learning to play racquetball. Basic fundamentals and drills will be learned throughout the week and there will be a round robin tournament on the last day of camp!

### Adventure Basketball Camp

July 18-22

Daily from 9am-12pm

For completed first-fifth graders

Cost: \$85/child

Coach/Director: Jack Hale

From dribbling, shooting, passing, offense and defense skill building to scrimmage, kids will develop and improve the fundamentals of basketball in a fun filled environment. Space is limited! Boys and girls welcome.

Registration forms for all camps are available online.

### Couch Potato to 5K

9-Week Training Program for beginner runners...or if it's been awhile. FREE when you register for our Oct. 15 Run for Your Life 5K/10K.

August 15th at 6:30pm: Kick-off meeting with nutrition information, testimonies, and encouragement.

Wear running clothes!

Training days: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:30pm

Program ends with our "Run for Your Life 5K" on October 15<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Liz for more info! Register online.



### 40+ Basketball

Thursdays 5-7pm

### FBC Running Group

Join us on Tuesdays at 5:00 at the FLC for a group run! All levels welcome. Runs start and finish at the FLC. To get on our running group email list contact Liz.

### Steeple Chasers

This run group meets at the FLC every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 5:30pm. Anyone welcome to join. Different levels are welcome.

### Adult Volleyball

Mondays 6-8pm

Free, no registration required

Childcare provided

### Childcare at FLC

The FLC offers childcare every Monday 6-8pm and Thursday from 5-7pm for FLC members while they exercise. Fee of \$5/family applies to non-FLC members.

## Important Announcements...

### Are you ready?!

#### NO TIE JULY

Unbutton your collar and wear comfy clothes. Summer is here and it is time to relax. Worship will be just as sacred and intentional as always. We know summer weather and the lake pull your heart strings so, be comfortable and make worshipping with us a priority all summer long.



### Listen Anywhere, Any time

Starting the end of July Dr. Coates' sermons will be posted on the church website in podcast form. We will still have cd's available for sale but this is a free way to hear sermons you missed or would like to hear again.



## Worshipping through Music....

### Mossy Creek Camp Meeting

Monday, July 25 at 8:00 PM

Mossy Creek Campground, Cleveland, GA

Dr. Coates will be preaching and our Sanctuary Choir will be singing three anthems: "Jesus Saves," "Hallelujah, We Shall Rise," and "Through the Fire" (Brooke Morters, Soloist)

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

### Chorister's Guild Choir Camp

At Reinhardt University, Waleska, GA

Sunday, July 10 – Friday, July 15

24 students (grades 3-8) and 5 adults from First Baptist will be attending this awesome camp.

After a week of choir rehearsals, music classes, worship services and recreation, the camp will culminate in a closing concert in Falany Concert Hall at 11:00 AM on Friday. The Elementary Choir and the Middle School Choir will sing the songs they have learned throughout the week. Everyone is invited to this extraordinary event!

## Worship Scripture and Music

### July 3

OT: Exodus 6:6-12

NT: Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 13:1-7

*Sermon: The Paradox of Freedom*

Dr. Bill Coates

"If My People Will Pray"

"For Freedom"

Soloists: Jerry Johnson & Kim Abrams

Rejoice Choir 8:30

Sanctuary Choir 10:50

Patriotic Melody

Sarah Dunn, Trumpet & Pam Barrett,

Piano

### July 17

OT: Genesis 28:10-19a

NT: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Sermon: Can You Tell Weeds from Wheat?*

Dr. Bill Coates

"Portrait of Praise"

"Come Just As You Are"

Sanctuary Choir 10:50

Music Meditation: Robert Cantrell, Solo

### July 10

OT: Psalm 119:105-109

NT: Matthew 13:1-23

*Sermon: Seeing and Hearing*

Dr. Bill Coates

"Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out"

Sanctuary Choir 10:50

Music Meditation: Linda Thompson,  
Solo

### July 24

OT: Psalm 105:1-7

NT: Romans 8:26-39

*Sermon: What Prayer is Doing to Us*

Dr. Bill Coates

"Jesus Saves"

Sanctuary Choir 10:50

Music Meditation:

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Quartet: Kim Abrams

John, Jeff & Carl Williams

### July 31

OT: Genesis 32:22-31

NT: Matthew 14:13-21

*Sermon: All WE Need*

Dr. Bill Coates

"This is My Word"

Sanctuary Choir 10:50

Music Meditation: Brooke Burt, Solo

## Among our members...

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

The Family of:

Charles Edward Burruss

Mark Green in the death of his Uncle:  
Eldridge Marsh

Peggy Burson in the death of her  
husband:  
Fred Burson

Ricky Pugh in the death of his father:  
James Harold Pugh

Kenny Davenport in the death of his  
niece:  
April Hoffman

Sheila Dunckel in the death of her  
niece:  
Michelle Miller

Kathy Lovett in the death of her  
mother, Jill in the death of her  
grandmother:  
Doris Sapp

Gail Duncal in the death of her sister-  
in-law:  
Joyce Thomas

### **The First Baptist Church family would like to celebrate the arrival of:**

#### **Charley Madison Barnes**

Born April 26, 2011

Daughter of Jenny & Darryl Barnes

Brother of Cooper Barnes

Aunt: Kimberly Hulsey

Uncle: Chris Hulsey

Grandmother: Vicky Howell

Great-Grandmother: Gloria Howell

#### **Morgan Grace Pardue**

Born March 28, 2011

Daughter of Erik & Mary Lina Pardue

Sister of Anna Pardue

Grandparents: Jack & Enid Hastings &  
Juanita Pardue

#### **Ingram Black Gilbert**

Born June 12, 2011

Son of James & Kara Gilbert

Brother of Patton, Courtland, Auden,

Embry & Ellie Gilbert

#### **Kaitlyn Grace Mercer**

Born June 15, 2011

Daughter of Rob & Amy Mercer

Grandparents: Jim & Charlotte Mercer

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

### **May 22, 2011 Offering**

Weekly Budget Required .....\$49,423.08  
Weekly Budget Received .....\$26,490.70  
Year-to-date Budget Required.....\$1,037,884.60  
Year-to-date Budget Received ..... \$998,094.51  
**Deficit:..... \$39,790.09**

### **May 29, 2011 Offering**

Weekly Budget Required .....\$49,423.08  
Weekly Budget Received .....\$61,549.51  
Year-to-date Budget Required.....\$1,087,307.68  
Year-to-date Budget Received .....\$1,059,644.02  
**Overage:..... \$27,663.66**

### **June 5, 2011 Offering**

Weekly Budget Required.....\$49,423.08  
Weekly Budget Received .....\$64,465.64  
Year-to-date Budget Required..... \$1,136,730.76  
Year-to-date Budget Received ..... \$1,124,109.66  
**Deficit:..... \$12,621.10**

### **June 12, 2011 Offering**

Weekly Budget Required.....\$49,423.08  
Weekly Budget Received.....\$40,223.73  
Year-to-date Budget Required .....\$1,186,153.84  
Year-to-date Budget Received .....\$1,164,333.39  
**Deficit: ..... \$21,820.45**

## **First Baptist Church Staff Directory**

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