

JANUARY 5, 2023

First Baptist Church of Eatonton Messenger

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE WITH ALL



FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you for all the gifts you shared with Catherine and me during the Christmas season. We delighted in every gift! It was sometimes just a note, sometimes a special gift and other times a card filled with joy. How gracious! Thank you for sharing life with us and inviting us to do the same with you.

I am delighted to welcome new friend and colleague **Dylan Bowden** to ministry with us at First Baptist Church this week. He started on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023. I've shared some about him before but let me review the introduction again. Dylan comes to us after having served the past ten years as youth minister, music minister and pastor. In a short period of time he ran through the major staff positions with which most of us are the most familiar. He began at Hardwick Baptist under the mentorship of Bill Kitchen where he was Music and Youth Minister. He moved to Louisville United Methodist Church as a Youth Minister. He finally was appointed as a local Pastor in the United Methodist Church first in Ellabell, GA before serving most recently in Alamo, GA. He returns to the Baptist church and to Youth Ministry as he serves with us. His title is Associate Pastor with sole responsibility for the Youth Ministry and some responsibilities in regard to Children's Ministry in conjunction with Cindy Williams. He will also be called upon to offer pastoral care and to preach when needed. He is a rising junior in his studies at Truett-McConnell College. Dylan will live in the church house on the back side of the church property once the Property Maintenance Committee completes some renovations on the house.

Jared Coronado, who has served the past nine months as Interim Youth Minister will remain as a Youth Assistant and the Audio/Visual technician for Sunday worship services. Jared has been a valuable asset to our youth ministry in the interim and will remain as a significant part of the church's youth ministry.

I look forward to the return of a full time Youth Ministry. Share the word with your family, friends and students. Let us step up to support this time of additional ministry among us. Thanks to the Personnel Committee who worked hard this past year to search for Dylan. Thanks be to God for the gift of Dylan to us and our community.

Grace and Peace,
Craig

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Jan. 24 – 6:00 PM - Meeting in the Sunday School Room off the Fellowship Hall

The following people are on the Church Council by direction of the by-laws: Pastor, Minister of Music, Associate Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Sunday School Director, Deacon Chair, Trustee Chair, Finance Committee Chair, Personnel Committee Chair, Property Committee Chair, Missions Committee Chair.

The meeting will be a time of calendaring, collaborating and creating. Bring your calendars, an open heart and a visioning spirit. The meeting will not exceed past seven-thirty, with hopes of finishing by seven.

YOUTH NEWS

Thank you all for the warm welcome my first week. I am excited to be joining you all in ministry here at FBC. I have served in the Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and in the Pastorate in my 10 years of vocational ministry. My passion has been and still is in Student Ministry. Building relationships, and helping students and their parents come to know Christ or to know Him better, is my number one priority in ministry. I am looking forward to getting to know all of our students and families in the days to come as we worship, serve and grow together.

Isaiah 43:18-19a says, *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"* I believe that 2023 is going to bring new and great things to the Student Ministry of FBC. We are starting the year with a Winter Retreat for our Youth Group. We will be going to Chattanooga, TN leaving on January 13th and returning on January 16th. This will be a Spirit-filled time of fellowship, worship, and teaching. Thank you to Mr. Jared Coronado, for planning and putting this retreat together. Starting January 11th, we will resume our regular Wednesday evening activities. Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary, we will have a youth parent & volunteer meeting to go over upcoming dates, and to work on some plans and ideas for the new year. Already on the calendar is a Summer Youth Retreat & Mission Project, "River of Life" in Tifton, Georgia. The dates for this trip are July 12th-16th 2023. Students will worship and serve with youth from other Churches across Georgia to complete painting, wheelchair ramps, porches, landscaping, and other various ministry related projects. If you have any questions, concerns, or need to contact me, my Cell is (478-832-9414) and my email is (revbowden@gmail.com). Thank you all for your prayers and support, and I am looking forward to all that God has waiting for us in 2023!

Youth Parents & Volunteers Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 22
4:00 PM
In the Sanctuary

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

JUBELLATION HANDBELLS

Rehearsals
Sundays at 1:30pm

JOIN OUR CHOIR

Rehearsals
Wednesdays
at 7:15pm

DIY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
FOLLOWING OUR 5TH SUNDAY LUNCH
CONTACT JOHN COTTEN OR THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP!

5th Sunday DIY Worship

Our next 5th Sunday celebration is January 29. Following our meal, we will go back to the sanctuary for Do It Yourself Worship. For this we invite folks to come and share their own worship expressions, including but not limited to vocal and instrumental music. Every creative art form is encouraged, especially if it's not something included very often in our usual worship. The more variety and generations we can include, the better. Dance, poetry, short skit drama, visual art, family groups, friends, brief testimonies or story telling - we have an hour to include all kinds of creative "acts" of worship. To be put on the list that John Cotten will coordinate, call the church office. Sooner is better than later.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOMING FOR JANUARY

Steve and Lisa Tubbs

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Cary Walton, David Giddens,
Scott Joris, Ben Leverette,
Jesse McMillen, Charles Patten

DEACON FOR JANUARY 1

Roger Vining

DEACON FAMILIES

Terry Blanton family
Maxine Godin
Grace Resseau
Walt Rocker family
Lois Schell
Ellen Trice
Clarence Wright family

DEACON FOR JANUARY 8

Kim Camp

DEACON FAMILIES

Steve Benton family
Brandon Cardwell family
Daryl Covington family
Jesse Covington
Frank Thompson family
Charles Winslette family
Warren Yates

DEACON FOR JANUARY 15

Joni Dixon

DEACON FAMILIES

Sean Bennett
Carl Haizlip family
Clayton Lancaster family
Ennis Lankford family
Thomas Ralston family
Joann Smith family
Tom Thompson family

BIRTHDAYS

01/07 - Robin Benton, Harris McCollum
01/08 - Mac Rainey
01/09 - Mike Faulk, Steve Tubbs
01/10 - Jarred Camp, Pam Lancaster
01/13 - Wyatt Wojtas
01/14 - Brooke McMillen
01/15 - Nancy Chambers
01/18 - Pam Douglas

ANNIVERSARIES

01/08 - Mike and Linda Reagin
01/16 - James and Sylvia Cheney

THANK YOU

We would like to send everyone a heartfelt thank you for donating tuition relief off of our Angel Tree this year. This year we were able to provide every child at our center with tuition relief for Christmas this year. I am in awe over the generosity.

Thank you so much for the continued support of our ministry at Stepping Stones Learning Center. We couldn't do it without our loving church congregation.

Blessings,
Denise Carmichael, Director

To our loving church family,

We are so appreciative of the brunch we enjoyed as we neared our move from Eatonton.

We so love this church family and hope to visit as often as possible to keep in touch.

Our love to all,
Dwight and Dot Eaton

WORSHIP REPORT

<u>Sunday, December 18</u>	<u>152</u>
<u>Sunday, December 25</u>	<u>68</u>
<u>Sunday, January 01</u>	<u>61</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>\$10,712.00</u>
<u>Budget Receipts</u>	<u>\$11,091.00</u>
<u>Budget Needs YTD</u>	<u>\$546,312.00</u>
<u>Budget Receipts YTD</u>	<u>\$496,396.89</u>

DECEMBER 25, 2022

<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>\$10,712.00</u>
<u>Budget Receipts</u>	<u>\$9,945.75</u>
<u>Budget Needs YTD</u>	<u>\$557,024.00</u>
<u>Budget Receipts YTD</u>	<u>\$506,342.64</u>

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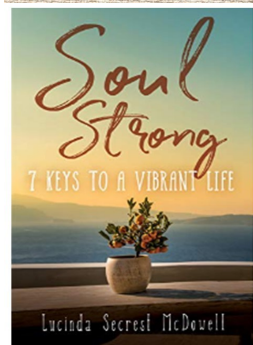
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Deacon Ordination
Service
Sunday, January 8
10:50 AM



**COMMUNION
SERVICE**
SUNDAY
JANUARY 8



Ladies Bible Study

MONDAYS
BEGINNING JANUARY 23
6:00 PM
LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

Contact Kim Camp to sign up
or for more information



JOIN US THIS
Winter

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
BEGIN ON JANUARY 11.**

**THIS INCLUDES OUR SUPPER,
AWANA CHILDREN PROGRAM,
YOUTH GROUP, AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

5th Sunday Lunch



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT, BREAD AND DRINKS.
PLEASE BRING CASSEROLES, VEGETABLES, SALADS AND DESSERTS.