

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

resume

AUGUST 20, 2025

- 5:45pm : Children's Choirs & Activities
- 5:45pm: Youth Activities
- 6:00pm: Church Conference
- 6:45pm: Adult Choir Resumes

ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Wednesday, August 27

Speaking God's Language:

Hebrew Words You Need to Know

Study begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

FROM OUR PASTOR

Speaking God's Language

Have you ever wished you could get closer to the Bible's original meaning? Or wondered what a word in Scripture really meant to the people who first heard it? This fall, on Wednesday nights, starting August 27, come to the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. to join with others in a study that I will lead: ***Speaking God's Language: Hebrew Words You Need to Know.***

Why study Hebrew words? Because the Old Testament was written in Hebrew—a beautiful, rich, and dynamic language with meaning that is often lost in translation. Words like *shalom* (peace), *khesed* (steadfast love), *halakh* (walk), and *berakh* (bless) don't always have a simple English translation. But when we take time to sit with them, we discover truths that are richer and more powerful than we may have realized.

Each week, we will:

- Look closely at a key Hebrew word or two
- See how they appear in different parts of the Bible
- Reflect on how they speak to our lives and faith today

To be clear, you don't have to know Hebrew to be a part of this study. Just come with a curious mind, an openness to God, and a desire to learn and grow. Whether you've been reading Scripture for years or are just starting out, this study will help you hear the Bible with fresh ears.

Come and learn to speak God's language. You might just hear God speak more clearly to you!

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have several Sunday morning teacher opportunities in children's ministry for the upcoming year: Collide (5th-7th), K-2nd grade class, and Toddlers (1-2's) class. Volunteers would be part of a rotation of teachers so that no one has to be there every week, and they would be signing up for a one-year commitment. If you are interested, please reach out to Kristen Mathis directly.

HOUSE OF PLAY TRIP FOR PRESCHOOL - 2ND GRADE

Preschool and younger elementary students are invited to join us in Cartersville at House of Play on September 13, from 9 – 11 a.m. Parents are responsible for bringing their children to House of Play, and remaining their with their children. To sign up, please contact Kristen!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We'd like to thank everyone who has generously donated money toward a new playground for our kids. WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL! Thank you for your continued support of our Children's Department and Preschool.

BAPTISM CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 21

On September 21 directly following worship, we will have a baptism class from 12 - 1:30 p.m. for any children 2nd grade & older with questions about baptism. We will learn the who, what, where, when & why together as we talk about this important part of our faith as followers of Jesus. RSVP your child to Kristen by Monday September 15.

STUDENT NEWS

SMALL GROUPS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7

Youth (8-12) Small Groups will resume on Sunday, September 7, from 5:30-7:30pm. If you're interested in leading a small group, please reach out to Heather Shores!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This Fall, Collide students (grades 6-7) will join Youth in the beginning for a time of fellowship, and then we will deep dive into The Awakened Life, learning how God created us for lives full of joy, well-being, and connection. Make sure to join us for this 8-week study!

MISSIONS

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

The Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World model is to pair up each graduate with a Success Coach. A Success Coach's role is to help guide the graduate as they apply the principles from Getting Ahead and continue their life journey. If you are interested in becoming a Success Coach please contact Keith Phillips. He can answer any questions you may have. A Success Coach orientation will be held in the Dining Room on Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

As summer is winding down, we are in the final weeks of the Summer Worship Series, "Questions from God."

August 17: "Do You Want to Get Well?" John 5:1-9

August 24: "Do You Understand What I Have Done for You?" John 13:12-17

August 31: "Why Are You Crying?" John 20:11-16

CHOIRS RESUME REHEARSALS

All of our music ensembles will resume rehearsals soon.

See info below and contact Keith Reaves if you are interested in joining us or have questions.

All Children's Choirs

Wednesday, August 20 @ 5:45 p.m.

Youth Choir

Sunday, September 7 following worship

First Baptist Ringers

Monday, August 25 @ 5:15 p.m.

SAVE-THE-DATES

Make sure to add these dates to your calendar now!

August 17: Back to Bible Study Sunday (Promotion Sunday)

September 7: Deacon Ordination

September 28: Churchwide Fall Picnic



EXTENDED FAMILY

Mary Ruth Sikes grew up in First Baptist (her parents were Ed and Mary Morris), but moved her letter after she married when she was 23 to 2nd Avenue Baptist, where her husband Fred was a member. Once Fred passed away, Mary Ruth moved her letter back to FBC in 2016, and continued to be active at church through the years. Now, as an Extended Family member, Mary Ruth watches our service each week on Comcast and continues to pray for the church regularly.



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- **BEVERLY HARRIS**, PIANIST – 27 years on August 1
- **JOAN HILL**, ORGANIST – 27 years on August 1
- **KATIE DOVER**, PRESCHOOL – 2 years on August 1
- **DIANNE RITTENHOUSE**, PRESCHOOL – 2 years on August 1
- **LISA HUGGINS**, PRESCHOOL – 9 years on August 4
- **CAITLIN CROWDER**, PRESCHOOL – 1 year on August 5
- **SUSAN BAGWELL**, PRESCHOOL – 7 years on August 6
- **BROOKE BAKER**, PRESCHOOL – 3 years on August 8
- **DIANE LUMPKIN**, PRESCHOOL – 6 years on August 12
- **KATIE SMYTH**, PRESCHOOL – 1 year on August 19
- **KAREN GARRETT**, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – 20 years on August 22
- **DAVID BROOKS**, PASTOR – 3 years on August 22

We celebrate with our staff members and give thanks for all they do in service to God and our congregation.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 17, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 17, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruland and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wilson on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries by Hal and Debbie Ruland and Dan and Judy Roebuck.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 24, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jill Salter by Jeremy Salter and children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 24, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Weidemann on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Bill Weidemann.

August 16 - August 29

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

Back to Bible Study Sunday

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
First Graders receive Bibles	
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (<i>delayed by one week</i>)	
Ushers & Hospitality Team	12:00 pm
Meeting/Lunch, F.H.	

Monday, August 18

Women of the Church Book Group,	1:00 pm
Comm. Rm.	
Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 19

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm
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Wednesday, August 20

Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student. Rm.	5:45 pm
Church Conference, F.H.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, August 21

Bridges Out of Poverty Class,	6:00 pm
Comm. Rm. & F.H.	

Saturday, August 23

Service & Special Projects Team Workday	8:00 am
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Sunday, August 24

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/Communion	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (<i>delayed by one week</i>)	

Usher Lunch & Training	12:30 pm
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Monday, August 25

First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:15 pm
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Tuesday, August 26

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm
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Wednesday, August 27

Weekday Preschool Water Day	
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student. Rm.	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, August 28

Bridges Out of Poverty Class,	6:00 pm
Comm. Rm. & F.H.	

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 17

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "Questions from God"

SERMON: "Do You Want to Get Well?"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 5:1-19

ANTHEM: Saints Bound for Heaven...

arr. Mack Wilburg

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS TO NEW FIRST GRADERS

DEACON ELECTION

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

AUGUST 20

Mixed Green Salad, Roast Pork Loin with Wild Mushrooms and Brown Gravy, Escalloped Potatoes, Green Beans Sauteed, Apple Cobbler

Children's Option: Hamburgers, Chips, Apple Cobbler

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (AUGUST 15 - 17):

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 24

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "Questions from God"

SERMON: "Do You Understand What I Have Done For You?"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 13:12-17

ANTHEM: His Hands...Ruth Elaine Schram

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

AUGUST 27

Mixed Green Salad, Baked Salmon with Lemon Butter, Rice Pilaf, Roasted Asparagus, French Silk Pie

Children's Option: Chicken Fingers, Chips, Chocolate Chip Cookies

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (AUGUST 22 - 24):

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

THANK YOU!

What a wonderful time of worship we had on Bluegrass Sunday with the band Tried & True.

Thank you to everyone who attended or watched online!



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