



Deacon Ordination

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 11:00 a.m.

*Join us as we welcome five new
deacons into the life of our church!*

Gene Adams

Jonathan Lucas*

Scotty Hancock

Andrew Marchman

Will Kenworthy

**previously ordained*

FROM OUR PASTOR

Day by Day

There is something about the arrival of a new season that makes us aware of time. Summer is giving way to autumn. Our kids are back in school. Fall activities are filling our calendars. Our church calendar is back on track for Wednesday nights. Before long, the familiar rhythms and cooler temperatures of fall will be with us once more.

As we enter this season, how about a simple prayer to guide us — one that has been cherished for centuries, written by Richard of Chichester in the 13th Century:

*Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more
dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.*

If this prayer sounds familiar, you may recall that I used a form of it recently at the conclusion of a worship service. I love the simplicity of those three requests: *know, love, follow*. **To know Jesus more clearly** — to see him more truly and recognize his presence in our lives. **To**

love Jesus more dearly — not simply to know about him, but to grow in our love for him and gratitude for all that he has done for us.

And to follow Jesus more nearly — to let what we know and what we love shape the way we live.

As we move into a new season, perhaps this is a good prayer for all of us. Not a prayer for one dramatic moment, but a prayer for the ordinary days ahead. Day by day. One conversation at a time. One decision at a time. One act of kindness, one opportunity to serve, one step of faith at a time.

May this be our prayer as we enter the fall together: Lord Jesus, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly — day by day.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER



PUMPKIN PATCH FUN IS HERE!

Join us for our annual pumpkin patch outing on Saturday, October 24, at 10 a.m. at Lazy Creek Farms Pumpkin Patch. Fellowship with other parents while your kids run through the corn maze, jump on the trampoline, slide, and race cars. This is a great time every year, we hope you will join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of some more people to serve in our rotation for nursery/toddler care during the worship hour. You can choose to serve 1-3 times per semester as you are comfortable. Please reach out to Kristen if you are interested. We are currently trying to fill the fall/winter calendar of Sundays!

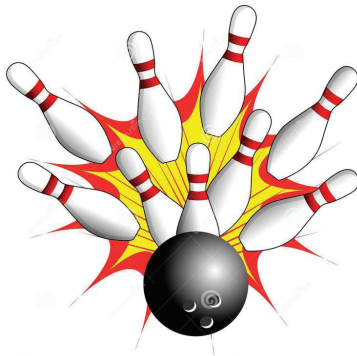
STUDENT NEWS

REGISTER NOW FOR CBFGA'S FALL RETREAT

Our CBFGA youth fall retreat will be November 13-15 in Dahlenega at Camp Glisson. The cost is \$180 per student. Registration and deposit of \$90 per student is due by October 1. If your student is interested in going, please reach out to John Bishop for more details and registration info.

ULTIMATE BOWLING PARTY

Come hang, bowl, and team up in laser tag! We will gather at the church at 10:30 a.m. and head to Woodstock at 11 a.m. for a fun Saturday full of bowling, laser tag, and arcade games! We will return to the church at 4 p.m. Cost is \$35 per student. Please reach out to John Bishop for registration.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Are you a Young Professional looking for a place on Sunday mornings. Join us for Bible study at 9:45 a.m. in Room 310 on the 3rd floor. For questions, contact Suzanne Reece or April Lucas.

SEPT. 17 - YOUNG ADULTS ICE CREAM OUTING

Beat the heat and cool off with some ice cream and good company! Come hang out with other young adults, enjoy a sweet treat, and make some great memories together. We will meet at the City Creamery at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 17.

SEPT. 27 - SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

Sunday School teachers for all age groups are invited to a time of appreciation and training on Sunday, September 27, immediately following the morning worship service. There will be lunch, fellowship, gifts, exciting news, and a brief time of sharing helpful hints and tips as we head into the new year.

OCT. 15 - SENIOR ADULT TRIP

Our Senior Adult ministry is headed to Alabama! Please join us on October 15 for a day trip to remember! We will start with a visit to the Rim of the Little River Canyon with places to stop and view the beauty of the canyon. From there we head to lunch at Vintage 1889. Anyone fans of the band, Alabama? After lunch we continue to the Alabama Fan Club and Museum before returning to Rome. Play some mountain music and register for this trip today! The cost is \$25 per person, with lunch being on your own. Register by calling the church office.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

We have an opening in our Three Year class and an opening in our Pre K class. We would love for your child to join our preschool! Email mwood@fbcrome.org to sign up.

DO YOU KNOW?

In case of a tornado or thunderstorm warning or other wind event, please move quickly but safely to an appropriate Shelter In Place location in the building. If you are able, please assist others. Appropriate Shelter In Place locations include the Parlor, Fellowship Hall restrooms, Fellowship Hall south wall (opposite the courtyard doors) or any ground floor restroom. **Do not shelter in the Gym/ Activities Room. Do not use the elevator in case of power outage.** If you cannot reach a designated Shelter In Place location, move to an interior room or hallway away from windows, to a restroom, or to an interior stairwell. If you are outdoors (playground, ballcourt, etc.), move indoors to an interior space immediately. Shelter In Place until you receive an ALL CLEAR announcement from a church leader or first responder that it is safe to move.



MISSIONS

SEPTEMBER MISSION PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Our September Mission Partner Focus is on Life, Purpose, and Recovery Inc. (formerly known as Living Proof). Life, Purpose, and Recovery (LPR) seeks to empower individuals and families affected by substance use and mental health challenges. They are committed to fostering hope, healing, and long-term recovery while building a stronger, healthier community. LPR is in the process of re-shaping its ministry with new leadership and a new location. They will focus on peer recovery coaching, recovery meetings, and helping clients develop a safe recovery community. Let's pray for LPR as they seek to make a difference in the lives of all those they serve.

SUCCESS COACHES NEEDED!

Bridges "Getting Ahead" program is seeking dedicated Success Coaches. Coaches are partnered with a graduate to offer guidance, support, and encouragement as they reach key milestones. It's a meaningful role built on mentorship, connection, and friendship.



Interested?
Contact Keith: 678.296.1671



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Myrette Bennett Hough by Tom and Charlesea Bennett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their granddaughter, Elizabeth Morris by Betty Zane Morris.

The flower in the Narthex for Sunday, September 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by Mary Ruth Sikes and Priscilla Barnett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 20, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ann and Claborn Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

seeking His heart | Being His hands

September 11 - September 25
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, September 11 - Saturday, September 12

Onsite Church-Wide Retreat

Sunday, September 13

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/Dr. Chuck Poole preaching	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website, YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	
Sunday Night Live (SNL), Bishop Home	6:00 pm

Monday, September 14

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Governance Task Force, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	4:00 pm
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Wednesday, September 16

Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Activities, Children's Halls	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, F.H.	6:00 pm
Youth Activities, Youth Room	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, September 17

Stewardship Committee, Conf. Rm.	4:00 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty, Comm. Rm. & F.H.	5:30 pm

Saturday, September 19

Youth Ultimate Bowling, Stars & Strikes, Woodstock	10:30 am
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Sunday, September 20

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Extended Family Ministry, D.R.	9:00 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/Deacon Ordination	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website, YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	
Sunday Night Live (SNL), Youth Room	6:00 pm

Monday, September 21

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Missions Committee, D.R.	12:00 pm
Deacons' Meeting, F.H.	5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 23

Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Activities, Children's Halls	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, F.H.	6:00 pm
Youth Activities, Youth Room	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, September 24

Safety & Security Team, Conf. Rm.	4:00 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 13

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Concerning Our Life Together"

PREACHER: Dr. Chuck Poole

SCRIPTURE: Romans 14:1-12

ANTHEM: "Nearer My God To Thee"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

September 16

Mixed Green Salad, Baked Cod with Lemon
and Garlic Butter, Rice Pilaf, Sauteed Green
Beans with Almonds, Cheesecake

Children's Option: Hot Dogs, Chips, and Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 11 - 12):

Suzanne Reece 706.509.2003

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 20

SUNDAY WORSHIP

DEACON ORDINATION

SERMON: "Live Worthily"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:21-30

ANTHEM: "The Hand of Our God"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

September 23

Caesar Salad, Baked Lasagna with Meat Sauce,
Fried Zucchini, Tiramisu

Children's Option: Pizza, Chips, and Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 18 - 19):

Gwen Stephens 706.509.2003

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