

UNDER CONSTRUCTION by Dr. Bert Welch

CHURCH TRANSITIONAL NEWS

Your Deacon Committee has met to discuss and discern the pathway forward in two very critical matters related to the interim period before a new Senior Pastor is selected. As the Daley family brings closure to their very fruitful ministry among us, we prayerfully considered the importance of continuing the momentum the Lord has blessed us with by pressing forward with the selection of an Interim Pastor and the formation of a Pastor Search Committee (PSC) in accordance with our Church By-Laws.

If you would like to make a recommendation(s) for the PSC, please call the church office and speak to our Administrative Assistant. Deadline to submit recommendations - Sunday, April 16th. Thank you and let us all unite in continued prayer for our church, the Daleys, and the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Gainesville, Georgia. (Your Deacon Committee)

CHURCH STAFFING UPDATE

As announced on March 12th and 16th, with the departure of our Senior Pastor, some staff changes will take place effective April 1st. Dr. Bert Welch, our current Administrative Pastor will assume the role as Interim Pastor. Dr. Welch served as our Interim in 2017-2018 prior to Rev. Daley's arrival. He will assume all administrative and pastoral duties. Dr. Wade Ferguson will return to his original role as Church accompanist. He has served faithfully in the dual role of pianist and choir director for some time, and we are grateful he will continue to share his musical passion at the piano. We are most appreciative to Bert and Wade for their continued service to First Baptist.

With our Senior Pastor's departure, we have a significant need for someone to provide skilled leadership and coordination for our growing church technology needs. Pastor Daley was pretty "tech savvy" and was able to manage the technology needs during his tenure. He even oversaw the broadcast of our worship services weekly with his own personal devices. We will be adding a permanent camera in our upcoming sound system upgrade. Therefore, we are very excited to announce that Mr. Seth Phillips will be assuming the role of Music and Technology Director for us. Seth and his wife, Candice have been worshipping with us for a few months and we feel the Lord has provided us with an answer to our needs. Mr. Phillips is currently the Music Teacher at Williams Memorial School in St. George and has extensive experience in church music ministries having served as Minister of Music at four churches in the Upstate. Seth received his BA in Music Education from Southern Wesleyan University, a Master of Music Education from Anderson University, a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from Western Governors University. We welcome Seth Phillips to our church staff.

FAREWELL....

The Apostle Paul began his letter to the Thessalonian Church by saying, "We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

The time between leaving a church family you love and being embraced by a congregation longing for a spiritual leader, is one of the most agonizing experiences for a Pastor and his family. Trust me I know what it means to answer God's call to another church and say good-bye to people who have loved, supported, encouraged, and prayed for you and your family for years. Indeed, God has blessed both First Baptist Church and the Daley family with a joyful and fruitful journey together in Holly Hill. My prayer is that Shaun, Sarah Anne, Carter Welch, Paxton, and First Baptist Church will always echo the words of Paul when they reflect upon their season of ministry together. - Dr. Bert Welch

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC and TECHNOLOGY NEWS:

I am very excited to officially begin my ministry with you on Sunday, April 2nd and wanted to share with you some immediate plans for our Music and Worship Ministry. We have scheduled a meeting with anyone who is either currently involved in or would like to be involved in the Music/Technology ministry on Sunday April 16th immediately after the worship service in the Choir Room. We will also be discussing and making plans for our Adult Choir during this meeting. The re-start date for Adult Choir rehearsals will be Wednesday April 19th at 7:00 PM. If you want to contact me regarding any questions, please feel free to email me at dsphillips@davidsethphillips.com.

Thanks,
Seth Phillips, Music and Technology Director

FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday to...

Mykel Brown 04/01, Antonnette Jennings 04/04, Libby Bowzard 04/05, Amy Crowe 04/06, Chandler Weatherford 04/09, Liam Brown 04/10, Margaret Harris 04/11, Gene Boyd 04/14, Tommy Futch 04/14, Barbara Haig 04/16, Bettye Littlefield 04/21, Debra (Shug) Sutton 04/21, Peggy Travaglio 04/24, Wade Ferguson 04/29

Ministry of Encouragement (Contact church office for addresses.)

Hettie Adkins, Ruth Ann Berry, Ed & Beth Davis, Margaret Harris, Joe & Dana Hill, Joe Schneider, Tony Spell, Barry & Sarah Williams

With Sympathy – We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Tony Spell and family in the death of Lila Spell, and to Leslie Stanley and family in the death of Brian Stanley.

MISSIONS



For the month of April, we are collecting the following items: **stuffed animals (after Easter sales), girl items: socks, hair bows, headbands, hair clips, bracelets, necklaces, jump ropes, dolls, sewing kits, and buttons.** If you would like to participate, there is a collection box in the Social Hall for your donations. Thank you in advance for helping to meet the physical and spiritual needs of so many children through this ministry!



Our goal this year for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering is \$2,400. There are offering envelopes in the pews for your convenience. You may also give online by selecting the Annie Armstrong envelope.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Receipts	Budget	Designated	Dedication Day Fund
Feb. 26	\$4,994	\$30	Goal: \$70,000
March 5	\$8,415	\$1420	Received: <u>15,080</u>
March 12	\$3,119	\$775	Needed: \$54,920
March 19	\$4,430	\$645	

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Volunteers

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday

Nursery: Dalton & Katharine Taylor
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

2nd Sunday

Nursery: Glenda Fennessy
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

3rd Sunday

Nursery: Ryan & Reagan Anderson
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

4th Sunday

Nursery: Alicia Chavis; Julie Cramer
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

5th Sunday

Nursery
3K-5K: Lisa Bolen
1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley

Morning Worship – 11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday

Nursery: Stacie Walling
3K – 5K: Katie Courtney
1st-3rd Grade: Lauren Bolen

2nd Sunday

Nursery: Glenda Fennessy & Trisha Gatch
3K – 5K: Susie Chance; Jessica Rawlings
1st-3rd Grade: Jennifer Thrailkill

3rd Sunday

Nursery: Matt & Sarah O'Neal
3K – 5K: Lynn Behr; Terry Mobley
1st-3rd Grade: Geanne Behr

4th Sunday

Nursery: Jack & Athena Wiggins; Alicia Chavis
3K – 5K: Marv & Mandy Brown
1st-3rd Grade: Travis & Suzanne Atkinson

5th Sunday

Nursery: Garrit & Sylvianne Van Amerongen
3K – 5K: Kathy Welch

KID'S PRAISE - Sunday Mornings at 11 AM

The Bible is one story... God's story! Woven throughout the story is His plan to make His name great so that people might know and worship Him. God set His plan in motion before the creation of the world, and He will see it through to completion. We have the privilege of communicating God's story to your children each week in Kids Praise! Over the next year we will tell His plan from creation to our current part in this still unfolding story. This will help shape their view of God - His character, heart, and purposes - as well as their view of themselves - their identity, blessings, and purpose.

EASTER EGG HUNT & PARTY – John & Beverly Wiggins will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party at their home on **Saturday, April 8 from 10 am to noon.** For more information, contact Beverly Wiggins.

KIDS ICE CREAM PARTY – **Sunday, April 23 from 3-4:30 pm at the Bolen Family Farm.** See Lisa Bolen for more information.

WOW WEDNESDAY – WOW Wednesday meets on **Wednesdays at 6 pm** and is for ages birth through 5th grade. For more information, contact Lisa Bolen or the church office.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

YOUTH ICE CREAM PARTY – The Youth Ice Cream Party will be on **Sunday, April 23 from 3-4:30 pm in the Youth Room.** See Lauren Bolen for more information. (Grades 6-12)

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

LADIES' GAME NIGHT - We will have Ladies' Game Night on **Thursday, April 13 at 5:30 pm.** Bring snacks to enjoy. For more information, see Terry Mobley.

3RD SUNDAY @ THE MOVIES – The next 3rd Sunday @ the Movies will be on **Sunday, April 16 at 2 pm.** For more information, contact Terry Mobley

MEN'S MINISTRIES

SCREVEN MEN'S SUPPER -April 17 @ Corinth (Collecting shampoo and soap for Kentucky Backpack Ministry)

CAMO (Calling All Men Out) – There will be no CAMO Meeting in the month of April. The next CAMO Meeting will be on **Monday, May 8 at 6 PM** at Bolen Family Farm (2889 Old Gilliard Road, Holly Hill.) Contact Mike Bolen at 843.881.3348 for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is for all ages and begins at 10 am on Sunday mornings. For the month of April, we will continue in the study of the Book of Ephesians. Below you will find a list of all adult Sunday School classes. The next **5th Sunday Potluck Breakfast** will be on **Sunday, April 30 at 9:30 am in the Social Hall.** On April 30, we will begin a study in the Book of Esther. **Note: There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.**

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

CLASS	ROOM	TEACHER(S)	SS SCRIPTURE
Children			4/2: Eph. 6:1-4
Infants-2K	101	Rotation	4/9: No SS
3K-5K	108	Lisa Bolen	4/16: Eph. 6:5-9
1 st -5 th grade	111	Terry Mobley	4/23: Eph. 6:10-24
			4/30: Combined Classes
Youth (6 th -12 th)	115	Wayne Mobley	
Adults			
Noah's/Beacons (Coed)	113	Lynn Behr, Mary Mims, and Ann Reeser	
Thomas Hart (Men only)	124	Robbie Mims, David Neal, Fred Crider, Bert Welch	
Pastor's SS Class (Men Only)	Soc. Hall		
Agape class (Ladies only)	121	Geanne Behr, Julie Cramer	
Just Us Class (Ladies only 20s-40s)	125	Katie Courtney	

CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING

Coffee Time 9:30 a.m. (Social Hall)
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Worship/Kid's Praise 11 a.m.

TUESDAY MORNING

IT (Intercessory Team) 11:30 – *Pray wherever you are.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

EQUIP Bible Study 6 p.m. (Adults)
 WOW Wed. (Crib-5th Grades)
 Youth (6th-12th grades)
 Choir Practice 7 p.m.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

1st Week – Fred Crider
 2nd Week – Mark Behr
 3rd Week – Matt O'Neal
 4th Week – Bubba Harris
 5th Week – Wayne Mobley

FLOWER MINISTRY:

April 16 – Ann Reeser

If you would like to put flowers in the church, contact our Ministry Assistant, Nettie Gentry at hbbaptist@hotmail.com or by calling 803-496-3961. **Please let her know if you want a certain Sunday repeated yearly.**

MEALS ON WHEELS:

April 25

PRAYER ROOM:

Jackie Thrailkill, Pat Yusko

SEXTON:

Marv Brown

USHERS:

David Barber, Marv Brown, Bill Brown, Sam Chance

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 Mr. Seth Phillips, Music & Technology Director
 Dr. Wade Ferguson, Accompanist
 Mrs. Nettie Gentry, Ministry Assistant
 Miss Lauren Bolen, Youth Director
 Mrs. Lisa Bolen, Children's Ministries Director

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Dear Beloved Church Family,
 It is with an emotional heart that I write this letter to bid you farewell as your Senior Pastor. As many of you may already know, God has called me to a new ministry assignment in Gainesville, Ga. While I tried to pray it away, think it away, work it away...I must obey God's call and leading in my life. Anything less would be to forfeit the blessings He has for us both.

My time at FBCHH has been nothing short of a blessing. I have had the privilege of serving alongside some of the most dedicated and passionate individuals, and I have witnessed the incredible growth of this congregation under God's guidance. I have seen the lives of countless individuals transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and the steadfast proclamation of His Word. For that, I am humbled to have been a part of.

It is difficult to express just how much this church family has meant to me and my family. We have been embraced and loved unconditionally, and I will always cherish the memories we have made together. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I am proud of the work we have accomplished together.

As I reflect on my time here, I am reminded of Paul's words to the Philippians: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5). Your partnership in the gospel has been a source of joy and inspiration, and I am confident that FBCHH will continue to thrive under the leadership of the next Senior Pastor.

While I will no longer be serving as your Senior Pastor, I am committed to supporting FBCHH and her mission in any way that I can. Please know that my prayers will always be with you, and I am excited to see the amazing things that God will continue to do in and through this community.

I want to thank each and every one of you again for your unwavering support and dedication to this church. FBCHH is better because of you! I will miss your smiles, your laughter, and your warm embrace. Please know that you will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will continue to pray for you as you journey on.

May God's grace and love continue to shine upon you, and may He bless you abundantly in all that you do.

With abundant love and gratitude,

Pastor Shaun.

