



Our Pastoral and Ministerial Staff

Rusty Guenther	Lead Pastor
	Associate Pastor of Students and Families
Sid Greene	Worship Pastor
Karen Pommier	Children's Director

Support and Administrative Staff

Mark Williams	Office Administrator
Becky Guinn	Property Manager
Kayla Potter	CDC Director
Charlotte Black	CDC Teacher



Livestreaming every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook/ YOUTUBE, the churches APP or website.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday

Prayer Ministry	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Small Group Bible Study	11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings

Worship Team Practice	5:30 p.m.
Worship Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

11:15am

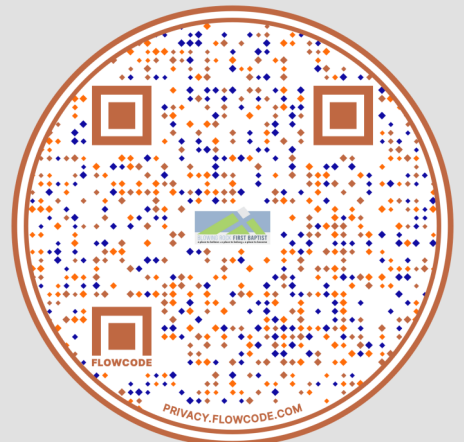
ADULTS

Adult 2 (Garrett/Greene) -	Room 1
Adult 4 (Foster)	Room 4
Adult1 (Craig)	Room 6
Unity Class (Bray)	Room 5

CHILDREN—Fellowship Hall

YOUTH - Across the Street

We are so excited about hosting our annual Vacation Bible School for all elementary and preschool-aged children this year. This is an incredible event, and you can start registering your children now by scanning the QR Code on here. Even if they can only come for a couple of nights, you will not want them to miss it. It is also a great event to invite your friends and neighbors to participate. If you have questions or want more information, contact Karen or any of our children's volunteers. This is a great time for church members of all ages to get plugged in





FROM A PASTOR'S HEART



“Now Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see”

Hebrews 11:1

As we head towards the finish line in our what will be a yearlong walk through the book of Hebrews on Sunday morning, I hope that it has been both informative and inspirational as well as prophetic and personal. I have enjoyed the challenge and life lessons that God has revealed to me along the way.

I hope you will continue to join us this summer as we examine the practical and everyday application of the book found in Chapters 11-13. With Summer here, I know you have vacations, ball games, and trips planned, so I want to encourage you if you are going to be out of town on Sunday to stay caught up with what we are learning through our podcast on Apple Music or Spotify, or our YouTube page.

I also wanted to thank you for your participation in our “trial” of Sunday night activities this Spring. It was a great success, and we plan on starting back in early Fall with another time of youth worship, children’s missions’ activities, and me teaching a class on “what we believe and why” that will go a little deeper into theology. Having time for our students to be able to develop and build a worship and study time of their own on Sunday nights will continue to be a priority moving forward. I look forward to seeing what God has planned for them.

I have been overwhelmed by all the new families, guests, and visitors that have joined us this Spring in worship. I want to encourage all our guests and new members to join us Sunday, June 12th, right after the worship service, for a free catered luncheon and our Connections Class. This is an opportunity for us to share with you about the church and its ministries and allow you to ask questions and make a connection with our church leadership. All we need you to do is RSVP to the church office so we know how many to plan for the meal. Also, if you have not gotten your picture taken for our new pictorial directory, we have extended the opportunity to do so through June 12th.

You might have noticed that both the parking lot and worship center have been packed this Spring, and with our summer members and guest now arriving, that “great problem” will only grow. To help with that, we have created a new “Welcome team” that you will see at both the beginning and end of our Sunday morning worship service out in the halls and foyer to welcome visitors as well as assist people by answering questions and helping make sure everyone can find a seat. We are also working on a parking team to help ensure we utilize all our available parking and help people get into the building. If you are interested in serving on the welcome team or parking team, please let us know. Everyone can help us by keeping an eye out for those searching for seats by squeezing towards the middle of the pews in the center sections and moving towards the walls on the outside section. Don’t forget that we have parking across the street, in front of the youth house, and across the creek behind the office complex.

If you have not heard, our Associate Pastor of students has accepted a new job as Pastor to Families at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, and while we are sad to see the McFarland’s leave, we are excited for the new opportunities that they will have in ministry. Blake has done a wonderful job helping us build a foundation for our fast-growing student ministry. Make sure you take some time to let him know how much he has meant to our student ministry and church. Moving forward, we are putting together a Student Ministry search committee to help us find a new Student Ministry, and our youth parents will be helping us cover and continue our student ministry through the summer. Please let us know if you would like to serve on the committee or help in the student ministry this summer.

Lastly, I wanted to thank our two deacons who are rotating off this month of the deacon board. Jim Duggins and Beverly Butler have both been wonderful deacons through their leadership and service, and they will be missed. This is an exciting time in the life of First Baptist Church, and their leadership has helped pave the way for this new season of growth and outreach.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the life of our church and for your willingness to invite others to visit and join us, and for loving our community. I look forward to seeing where God leads us in this season and the days ahead, and I continue to count it a privilege and joy to serve as your Pastor.



CHURCH FAMILY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Braxton Clark | 18- Hatherly Armfield |
| 1 - Mark Guinn | 19- Jim Beeler |
| 4 - Mitch Abemethy | 19- Isaiah Friederich |
| 4 - Sid Greene | 20 - Jennifer Slagle |
| 5 - Carol Pitts | 21- Willow Burgess |
| 5 - Carolyn Pressley | 22 - Susie Robinson |
| 5- Barry Kronman | 23 - Rosa Ivey |
| 6-Jacob Hofferth | 24 - Doria Kosmala |
| 7 - Sharon Crisman | 25 - Jordan Foster |
| 9 - Lisa Howell | 25 - James Slagle |
| 10 - Thomas Fraley | 27 - Lindsey Tester |
| 10 - Michael Lane | 27 - Emsley Greene |
| 11 - Ann Marie Clark | 28 - Giana Clark |
| 12- Tim Hofferth | |
| 13- Mark Williams | |
| 14 - Jake Greene | |
| 14- Lillian Henline | |

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 - GARY & REBECCA WOOLARD
- 14 - DAVE & GAIL KINSER
- 14 - BUSH & DEBBIE LINDENMUTH
- 14 - CAMERON & JESSICA SMITH
- 14 - CARL & BEVERLY SMITH
- 15 - REGGIE & ELLEN BRAY
- 16 - JOSH & JENNA CASH
- 20 - BRIAN & LINDSEY TESTER
- 28 - JENNINGS & DIANE ROU

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April	Needs	Received
	\$56,233	\$44,920
YTD	Needs	Received
	\$205,556	\$185,643 (\$19,913)

Tellers for June

- KATE BLALOCK
- LINDA CRAIG
- BILL PITTS
- SUB - BEVERLY BUTLER





Student Ministry

We are so excited about the new students rising from the 5th grade into the student ministry and look forward to getting them connected and plugged into the ministry. With Blake's leaving and as we enter a time of transition, the parent committee will be covering activities and events this summer, including our Sunday Morning life groups and putting together a couple of local activities. We are also putting together a Student Minister Search Committee to help us search for a new Student Pastor. If any of our parents of students would like to serve on this new committee, please contact the church office.

Any transitions can be a challenge, but our hope is to not just maintain the status quo or "hold the line" but rather to continue the growth and community for our students through the summer and into the fall. We will be communicating through both email and the Church App to our parents and students as soon as we have some activities and events scheduled, so if you do not have the church app, or if we do not have your email, please let the office know so we can make sure you get all the updates.

We are also encouraging our students to volunteer for Vacation Bible School as a great way to serve in ministry and stay involved. For those signed up for Youth Camp, we will continue with those plans, and we will be sending out updated information very soon. Please contact the church office or Pastor Rusty if you have any questions about the student ministry or our search for a new Student Pastor.

Congratulations to our Graduating High School Seniors

Kati Mac Greene and Henryk Kosmala for 2022

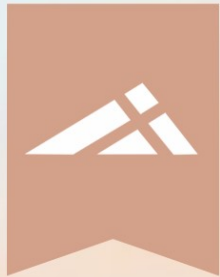


2022 LAWN CARE SCHEDULE

06/13-06/19	Mark Williams
06/20-06/26	Gene Norris
06/27-07/03	Samantha Williams
07/04-07/10	Roachel Laney
07/11-07/17	David Cox
07/18-07/24	Gene Norris
07/25-07/31	Mark Williams
08/01-08/07	Samantha Williams
08/08-08/14	Roachel Laney
08/15-08/21	David Cox
08/22-08/28	Mark Williams
08/29-09/04	Mark Williams
09/05-09/11	Samantha Williams
09/12-09/18	Gene Norris
09/19-09/25	Roachel Laney
09/26-10/02	David Cox

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT MARK IN THE OFFICE
THANK YOU FOR SERVING YOUR CHURCH
FAMILY IN THIS WAY!!





WORSHIP MINISTRY

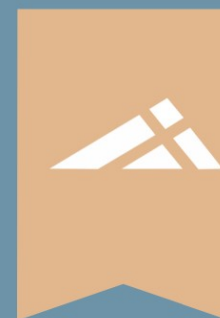
**YOU'VE ALREADY WON
IS MY FAVORITE SONG RIGHT NOW! THE LYRICS AND THE JOINING OF THE
CHOIR'S VOICES TO CHANT "I KNOW HOW THE STORY ENDS; WE WILL BE
WITH YOU AGAIN. YOU'RE MY SAVIOR, MY DEFENSE. NO MORE FEAR IN LIFE
OR DEATH ". WHAT AN AMAZING PROCLAMATION WE, AS BELIEVERS, CAN
MAKE.**



**I'M SO THANKFUL TO BE A PART OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY . I LOVE THIS
FAITH FAMILY AND HOW THEY STRIVE WITH ME EACH WEEK TO GIVE PRAISE
AND WORSHIP BACK TO THE FATHER. AS ALWAYS, I WOULD LOVE TO
ENCOURAGE THOSE THAT PLAY AN INSTRUMENT OR SING AND ARE CALLED
TO SERVE, TO REACH OUT TO ME AND DISCUSS FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PARTICIPATION. PRAISE TEAM MEETS ON WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 AND CHOIR
AT 6:30.**



**HE HAS REDEEMED MY
SOUL IN PEACE FROM
THE BATTLE THAT WAS
AGAINST ME,
FOR THERE WERE MANY
AGAINST ME.
PSALM 55:18**



DEACON INFORMATION

We want to thank our two Deacons, who will be rotating off after completing their three-year terms at the end of June. Jim Duggins and Beverly butler have all done an excellent job, and I would encourage you to take some time to thank them for their service. The Deacon Nominating Committee has nominated three very qualified church members to take their place. We will have a deacon election by ballot during the Sunday morning service on June 19th. The nominees are Pat Ball, Leigh Ann Byrd (who have served before), and Jim Beeler, who would be new to serving as a deacon. Please pray about electing these three to serve, and if you have any questions, contact one of our current deacons or a staff member.



Pat was a Kindergarten and First Grade teacher for 30 years in the Buncombe County Schools. Upon retirement, she served as a missionary near Cape Town, South Africa for four years and in Gwinnett County, Georgia for 2 years. Pat joined Samaritan's Purse in 2012 as an Administrative Assistant in the International Projects department. Currently, she serves as the Executive Assistant to VP Jamie Gough for both Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. She has been attending our church since moving to the High Country as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon member and chairperson, and as a member of the choir.



Leigh Ann has served on our deacon board in the past and is a long-time church member. She currently serves in our worship ministry on the worship team and student ministry and has served on various committees and ministry teams over the years. She is married to Mike, and they have two girls; Brooke and Blake. Leigh Ann is the Chief Operations officer at High Country Community Health and serves in the Board of Directors for Wake Forrest PA School of Medicine.



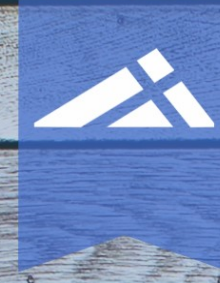
Jim and his wife Annette have been members of First Baptist for many years and are both active in the worship ministry and on the worship team. Jim plays the bass and Annette sings. This would be Jim's first time serving as a deacon. Dr. Beeler is the Senior Director of College Access Partnerships in the Reich College of Education at the Appalachian State University.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



**Look Out, World !
Here Comes the Class of 2035**



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

NEXT STEPS

LEARNING HOW TO MOVE FORWARD
NEW MEMBER AND VISITOR LUNCHEON

This is our Connection time for you to come and learn more about the church, how we operate, our various ministries, and to meet and hear from our staff and lay leaders. We will provide a free, informal, catered meal in the fellowship hall, and we will be finished around 1:00. We will also have time for questions and answers to ask anything you might want to know about our church. If you have been visiting the church or joined the church in 2021 or 2022, or just in the last couple of weeks - this is for you! We will have childcare for elementary-aged children and younger. All we need from you is an RSVP to reserve your spot. You can do that by emailing or calling the church office or filling out the tear-off in the order of worship with your name and email, how many we can expect. This is a great first step for getting more engaged in the church and hearing about all that God is doing in and through First Baptist!

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 5-8 P.M.

FOOD TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC,
& FUN FOR THE FAMILY
BRING LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS

We are so excited to once again have our Food Truck Night again this year! Come join us on Sunday, June 19th from 5-8 p.m. This year we have Rascal Jack's Sandwich Shack, Kalman's Bon Appetit, Village Inn Pizza Truck, and Roll'D Sweets, bringing their great foods for us. Tin Can Alley will be playing music throughout the evening! So, bring your blankets or lawn chairs for a fun night on the church lawn. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to this event for the entire community.

EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



FOOD
EMILY BRINKER



WELCOME/REGISTRATION
SUSIE ROBINSON

MEET OUR VBS LEADERS

GAMES
ROACHEL LANEY



WORSHIP
LEIGH ANN BYRD



GENIE IN A MAN
MARK WILLIAMS



SECURITY
MITCH DAVIS



INSPECTOR
MISS PAT BALL



CRAFTS
SAMANTHA WILLIAMS



MISSIONS
MARK HOUGHTON

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TEACHING
LAUREN GREENE



DRAMA
MARK STOCKING
KAREN STOCKING
NANCY KRONMAN
SAMANTHA WILLIAMS

JUNE 23

ALL PARENTS WELCOME FOR SUPPER AND FINAL PROGRAM



TEACHING
KIM DAVIS



TEACHING
RACHAEL MILLS

TEACHING
SETH FRIEDERICH

