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JUNE 2018

**SHIPWRECKED!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 10-14**  
**5-8 PM**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Georgianna Martin	2 Habitat Workday Rosemary Veneklasen Vicki Crow Sherri Sherer
3 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Hamburgers for Missions Chris Martin	4 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Helen Dean Lois Revis Frank Finley Brandon Field	5 1pm Norton WMU Ollie Bobbyack Price Turner Bates Turner	6 Larry Roberts Ramey Jenkins	7 Pat Lee Pam Blore Jennifer Allen	8 Susan Johnson	9 Temple Horger Brent Yates
10 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Jeannette Cook Terri Burroughs Kevin Werts Chris Underwood	11 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Joe Culbertson	12 Joe Leopard Anne Ott Stan Coleman	13 8am Summer Book Study Suzanne Tolbert Elizabeth Franklin	14 Alma McCullough Candee Langford Carter Pratt	15 Alma McCullough Candee Langford Carter Pratt	16 Habitat Workday Aaron Dasher Anna Goforth
Vacation Bible School June 10 - 14						
17 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Billy Strickland	18 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Deacon's Meeting Mike Simmons Billy Lanford Callie Letson	19	20 8am Summer Book Study Reagan Hall	21 2pm Knitting Group Tommy Macemore	22 Earl Martin Casey Downs Gwen Brocklehurst Beth Hodges Rob O'Bryant Heather Coggins Daniel Sherer Brittany Kesler	23 Richard Coggins Jon Welch Melody Jacks Hunter Holtzclaw
Orlando Youth Choir Trip June 18 - 23						
24 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Zachary Kennemore McKenzie Cooper	25 10am Senior Adult Game Day 3pm Drop-in for FBC Members @ Martha Franks 4pm Prayer Team	26 11am CWA Meeting Braydon O'Connor	27 Mickey Jacks Robin Hornberger	28 Jamie White Carson England	29 Debbie Lynch Phillip Dean Burton Allen	30 Darrell Brooks Kailey Cox
Alaska Mission Trip June 25 - July 3						

### ***A Different Kind of Busy...***

I used to say that summer was the season when we slowed down, life was easier and our schedules were not as hectic as they are during the other nine months of the year. There does remain some truth to this idea. Even at church, the coming of summer does mean that our Sundays, Wednesday night activities and weekly schedules are a bit more relaxed than normal.

At the same time, summer is when numerous camps and special events take place. In many ways, we simply swap some of our regularly scheduled activities that dominate the school year calendar for these unique summer opportunities. In turn, I have stopped saying that summer is more relaxed and started saying that summer is simply a different kind of busy.

Nonetheless, it is important to also be clear that summer is a good kind of busy! It is healthy to change things up. It is good to do different things. And, summer camps, special events and missions opportunities are among some of the most important occasions in a church's life and in the life of our people.

This summer alone at FBC, we will offer 8 special camps or trips. There are three weeks just for children including Vacation Bible School, Fine Arts Camp and Father - Son Camp. There is one week that bridges the gap between our older children and younger youth as they will go to Passport Camp at Converse College in Spartanburg. And, there are two camps specifically for youth which are the Youth Choir Trip to SonQuest in Orlando and Centrifuge Missions Camp at North Greenville College. Along with these camps, 11 Adults from First Baptist will be involved in a Mission Trip to North Pole, Alaska in late June and early July.

When you sprinkle in one day events, fellowship opportunities, summer worship and special Bible studies, we have an action-packed, fun-filled, three months ahead that are over-flowing with opportunities for relationship building and discipleship making. Please join me in praying for each of these camps, our church and our staff in these important days ahead... **Rickey**

### **[fbclaurens.org/give](http://fbclaurens.org/give)**

We have recently added a new function to our website. You now have the option to give online using the direct address [fbclaurens.org/give](http://fbclaurens.org/give) or by clicking on the "give" tab which can be found using the drop down menu on the home page of our church website. The giving page offers you four options. You may give to the General Fund, The Capital Campaign, give a Memorial gift or you may use the option labeled "other" to make a payment for a trip or special event. When you choose the option "other" you will then find a box that allows you to give a brief description of the event or trip for which you want to pay. With summer now here, we hope that this added feature to our website will be a very useful aide to you as you pay for upcoming trips or as you seek to remain faithful in giving to our congregation on Sundays when you need to be away.

### **Habitat for Humanity Workday Opportunities**

Members of FBC will be providing lunch on two upcoming Saturdays for work crews on the latest home under construction through Laurens County Habitat for Humanity.

Those Saturdays are June 2 & 16. Anyone interested in working on those days is welcome to come. Volunteers meet at the worksite at 8am on Saturdays and usually wrap up early afternoon. The house is located at 112 Campbell Street in Laurens. If you have question, feel free to see Tommy Cox or Rickey Letson.

### **Hamburgers for Missions!**

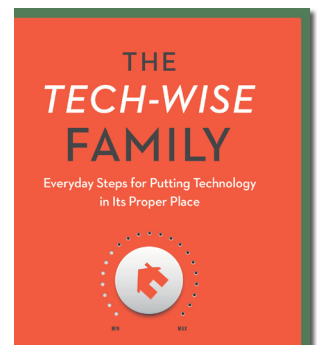
We will have a hamburger lunch after church this Sunday, June 3 in the FLC. Mike and Charlene Stroud will be cooking their great burgers and we will have all the trimmings, chips, drinks and homemade desserts available as well. There is no set cost only what you feel led to donate. The beneficiary of this hamburger lunch will be our Alaska Mission Team who will be serving in North Pole, Alaska June 25 through July 3. If you can stay and enjoy lunch and fellowship on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, please reserve your spot by contacting Emily in the church office at [emily@fbclaurens.org](mailto:emily@fbclaurens.org).

### **New FBC Deacons**

We are fortunate to have 9 individuals who have been elected to join our Deacon Fellowship starting in September. You read that correctly. We elected 9 not 8 Deacons! After the votes were tabulated on May 20th, we had a tie between our 8<sup>th</sup> and our 9<sup>th</sup> place candidates. After much reflection and conversation, the decision was made to elect both. Therefore, our new deacons are Josh Black, Jeff Brink, Richard Coggins, Glenn Culbertson, Mark Freeze, Randy Garrett, Ami Hardy, Julie Hill and Hugh Stone.

### **FBC Summer Read - *The Tech-Wise Family* Beginning Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Join us once again this year for our Summer Book study held on Wednesday mornings from 8-9am in Bobo Hall. This year, we'll be reading and discussing the highly regarded book *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch. The need to interact appropriately with technology affects ALL of us.



It is an issue for younger adults, older adults, parents, grandparents, children and teenagers alike. In turn, Crouch offers a Christian perspective on what it looks like to use technology in an appropriate manner. We strongly encourage you to join us for this timely discussion. Books will be available for \$10 each.



- Passportkids Camp: Final payment is due June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- VBS: June 10-14, 5-8pm

Attention Adult Sunday School Leaders! We will not have our monthly meetings during June and July. We will resume these meetings in August. Watch your TIE for future meeting dates.



- **June 10-14: VBS** We encourage all students to volunteer to help with VBS. If you plan on helping out and have not signed up, do so asap by contacting Elizabeth or Carl. Forms are online or in the youth room.
- **June 15: Mall and a Movie** Opening day for *The Incredibles*. We will head out for dinner at the mall then go to watch the movie.
- **June 27: Youth Group** meets together at church or home.
- **June 29: Tubing** We will get up early and head to Green River Cove for a 6 mile tubing trip. It's double the length as last year. The cost is expected to be \$12-\$20 for the trip plus stopping to eat on the way home.
- **July 16-21: Centrifuge** We will be doing XFuge on Mission this year, which is mission oriented. We will choose how we serve each day. Sign up and pay by July 1.

### CWA (Senior Adult) Opportunities

CWA's will meet Tuesday, June 26, at 11:00 in Bobo Hall. The Culbertson brothers will have our program. Come hear some great old hymns in beautiful 3-part harmony! Til Culbertson will prepare our meal. The cost is \$7. Call the church office to sign up.

The Senior Adults will take a trip to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on Tuesday, July 24. We will leave the church at 8:00am and will plan to return around 3:00pm. We will stop for lunch in Charlotte after our visit to the library. Spaces are limited, so please call the church office to sign up or do so using the pew pads on Sunday.

### Worship in June - A Summer Family Reunion: Lessons from Our Faith Ancestors

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| June 3  | <i>Adam &amp; Eve: Pushing God Aside</i><br>Genesis 3:1-13; 22-23 |
| June 10 | <i>Peter &amp; Andrew: Leaving Our Nets</i><br>Matthew 4:18-20    |
| June 17 | <i>Eli: Helping Our Children To Hear</i><br>1 Samuel 3:1-10       |
| June 24 | <i>The Prodigal Brother: Self-Righteousness</i><br>Luke 15:28-32  |

### MINISTER ON CALL

One of our ministers will be on call every weekend, so if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call us! The minister on call schedule is:

June 4-10	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
June 11-17	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
June 18-24	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
June 25-July 1	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424

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### FOR THE RECORD - FBC IN MAY

Average Sunday School: 320  
 Average February Worship: 432  
 Average February Worship & Extended Session: 454

### OFFERING TOTALS

As of May 29, 2018 YTD  
 General Fund Goal: \$433,188.82  
 General Fund Receipts: \$420,095.19  
 Capital Campaign Giving To Date: \$741,102.35

Get Connected in Sunday School! FBC Laurens can sometimes feel like a big place, but Sunday School provides a wonderful opportunity for us to connect and study the Bible together in a smaller community. We offer a wide variety of Sunday School classes for people of all ages. If you are looking for a Sunday School class, please contact Tommy Cox at (864)984-7500 or [tommy@fbclaurens.org](mailto:tommy@fbclaurens.org). We would love to help you find a place to connect!

**Ministry Opportunity!** We are still in need of additional volunteers (men and women) to serve on our **Safety Team**. This team provides leadership in the safety of our congregation on Sunday mornings. Teams operate on a rotation basis with each team serving only one month per quarter. Please contact Robbie O'Bryant at (770) 337-0006 or [rob.obryant@charter.net](mailto:rob.obryant@charter.net) if you are willing to help.