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MAY 2019

A SEASON
OF
CHANGE

May 12	Mother's Day
May 19	Deacon Election
May 26	Memorial Service
June 2	Graduate Recognition

MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Wednesday Night Activities See Below Bland Roper	2 5pm Grief Support Group Nicole Firmin	3 Ray Hawkins	4
5 8:45 Cinco de Donut 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Roy Lee, Buzz York, Robert Sherer, Tommy West	6 7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior-Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Joyce Dennis, David Coggins, Ruth Thompson, Lindsay Edwards, Matt Strickland	7 7am High School Breakfast 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 10m Norton WMU Sally Hall	8 Wednesday Night Activities See Below Hugh Stone, Beth White	9 5pm Grief Support Group Mary Cash, Blakeley Hall	10 Nancy Burden, Rhetta Cothran, Linda Wessel, Taylor Craft, Virginia Smith	11 Walk for Williams Herbert Adams, Jeff Thompson
12 Mother's Day 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Vickie Shearer, Tiffany Hudson, Jon Downs	13 7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior-Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Susan Carlay, Ashley Buhmaster, Collin Harlan	14 7am High School Breakfast 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study Faye Yates, Bettie Howe, Vicki Coleman	15 Wednesday Night Activities See Below Sybil Jeffords, Anna Beth Martin	16 2pm Knitting Group 5pm Grief Support Group Pat Meadows, Patty Goode, Jennifer Davis, Van Tumblin, Dallas Pridgen	17 James Hall, Karen Jacks	18
19 Deacon Election 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Paul Gwinn, Bobby O'Rear, Cynde O'Rear, Stephen Lynch	20 7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior-Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Deacon's Meeting Ami Hardy	21 7am High School Breakfast 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study Betty Templeton, Terry Vincent	22 Last Wednesday Night Wednesday Night Activities See Below Cecil Brown, Brenda Garrett, Miranda Langston	23 5pm Grief Support Group Nancy Todd, Luke Kerber	24 Tamara Nelson, Jason Pridgen	25 Autry Martin
26 Memorial Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Memorial Service Sunday Night Activities See Below Preston Mahon, Scarlett Kerber	27 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	28 Golf Fellowship @ Lakeside 7am Men's Study 11am CWA Meeting 12pm Men's Study Sharon Vincent	29 5pm VBS Work Night Jeanne Lindley	30 5pm Grief Support Group Pete Angelakos	31 Travis Riddle, Rebekah Smith	

Sundays		Wednesdays	
4:15 Youth Handbells	6pm Men's Study	5pm VBS Work Night	6pm Youth Worship
5pm Youth Choir		6pm Adult Study	7pm Adult Choir
6pm Youth Group			

Under Construction...

These are exciting days at FBC as Phase One of our construction project is in full swing. The demolition work is done, the first phase of electrical and plumbing is getting started and framing for the new Kitchen and Youth Space will begin within the next couple of weeks. I love the excitement of walking down to the FLC every couple of days and seeing what is taking place. Changes to our building are coming and we are all going to benefit from it!

Truth be told, the term “under construction” is not only a good phrase for our church but it is also always a good byword for our lives of faith. On a regular basis, there are old ways, perspectives and ideas that need to be torn out and replaced. As people of faith, we need to be open to God’s ongoing work of renovating and renewing our hearts, minds and souls. We should never be satisfied with the way things are or with keeping our lives the same at all cost. Instead, a life of faith which is also at all times a construction zone is a good thing...*Rickey*

Dress Down for the Summer - Summer Sundays Between Memorial and Labor Day

Summer is a more relaxed time of the year. School is out, the pace slows down, we go on vacation and we recharge our batteries. Summer is also the warmest season of the year and not always the most comfortable time for coats, ties and our “Sunday clothes”. This summer, we invite you to feel free to set aside your more dressy attire and join our staff in being more casual. We will follow this dress code from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Of course, if you simply feel more comfortable in your Sunday best then by all means do what seems most appropriate to you. However, we want you to have our blessing and to know our plans to be a little different this summer.

Worship at FBC in May

May 5	<i>Under Construction: The Church</i> Matthew 16:13-20
May 12	<i>Under Construction: Our Families</i> Luke 6:46-49
May 19	<i>Under Construction: Our Hearts</i> Psalm 51:1-10
May 26	<i>Reconstructing: After A Loss</i> II Samuel 12:15b-23

Fine Arts Institute

The Fine Arts Institute is our program for children who have completed grades 1-5. It is a week-long concentration in classes that will help our children begin to discover their God-given talents. Fine Arts Institute will be held August 4-8, and registration forms will be available on May 1.

May Adult Study of Colossians

Our last Wednesday night Bible Study of the school year will be a brief four week look at the book of Colossians. At four chapters in length, Colossians is the perfect book for a month long study as it give us the chance to cover one chapter each week. Whether you are a regular to our Wednesday night study or if you are someone who has wanted to get involved, consider joining us for this brief, yet meaningful, focus on one of the important works of the New Testament. Rickey will lead the study each Wednesday night from 6-7pm in Bobo Hall.

Cinco de Donut will be Sunday, May 5! This will be a Sunday School High Attendance Day, with donuts, juice and coffee in the Rotunda beginning at 8:45am. If you have been away from your Sunday School class for a while, this is a great time to re-start and become involved again. If you are not involved in a Sunday School class yet, this would be a great day to get started!

Beam Signing Sunday May 5th

On Sunday, May 5th, representatives from Harper Construction and Furman Architects will join us in worship as we pray for and celebrate the start of our construction work in the FLC Building. As a part of the day, we will all have the chance to sign one of the steel beams that will be installed in the new Youth Area. Our plan is to have the beam outside the Rotunda so that you may sign it at the Donut Fellowship before Sunday School or after the morning worship service. This will be a special day together.

FBC Summer Reads

This summer rather than offering one book study, Rickey will be offering three different one night book club opportunities. We will read a collection of fictional short stories, one work of historical biography and one book focused directly on our journey of faith. Of course, we’ll look for faith elements in all three works. Each discussion will take place from 7-8:30pm at the Letson’s home which is at 207 Sherwood Drive. This summer’s selections and discussion dates are: *Andy Catlett: Early Travels* by Wendell Berry, on **Thursday, June 27**; *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough on **July 23** and *Eat This Book* by Eugene Peterson on **August 27**. Join us for any or all of this great reads and discussions.

FBC Children's Ministry

- May 1 - Final Balance due for PassportKids camp
- May 1 - Fine Arts Institute 2019 Registration Begins
- May 16 - Last day of MMO at FBCK
- May 17 - Last day of Kindergarten at FBCK
- We will have VBS work nights each Wednesday in May from 5-7pm. Please let Elizabeth know if you are able to assist! You don't have to be crafty to help — we need lots of hands and all skill levels! Childcare will be provided only to those who are assisting with VBS. Pizza will be served to the children only and the cost will be \$4 per kid to eat. Children will be dropped off and picked up at the Thomason Shelter. If your child plans to eat, please let Elizabeth know.

CWAs (Comfortable with Age)

Our CWA meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, at 11:00am in Bobo Hall. Jane Robelot will be our guest speaker. Jane was a co-anchor of CBS television's This Morning from 1996 to 1999. In the 1980s, she worked at WSPA-TV in Spartanburg, South Carolina. A native of Greenville, she graduated from Wade Hampton High School, and Clemson University, she is currently the 4pm news anchor at WYFF-TV in Greenville, South Carolina. Til Culbertson will prepare our meal. The cost is \$7. You may sign up on the pew pads or call the church office.

Our **C3 ministry** is the ministry to our homebound and shut-in members. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, please get in touch with Adair Rogers. The C3 visitation cards will be available from 9:00-12:00 on Thursday, May 2nd in the choir room. Feel free to stop by anytime during that morning to pick up a card for a member you would like to visit. We would love for you to join us for this ministry that is so meaningful to members of our church who are no longer able to be with us for times of worship and fellowship.



During the **renovation** process, youth will meet in different locations during the week. Sunday School will be in the gym. Sunday and Wednesday night groups will meet in the Craft Room.

- **Graduate Recognition** is Sunday, June 2. If you are, or have, a college student graduating this year please give Carl the name, school and degree earned. We will recognize college graduates during the service.
- **Centrifuge** is quickly coming. If you would like to begin making payments now, please feel free to do so. The cost of the camp is \$309.
- FBC is sponsoring a **college rafting trip** June 6-8 in Black Mountain, NC. Please be in prayer for the students and leaders.

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:

April 29-May 5	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
May 6-12	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
May 13-19	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
May 20-26	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
May 27-June 2	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341

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For the Record - FBC in April (through April 21)

Average April Sunday School: 363
Average April Worship: 501
Average April Worship & Extended Session: 530
Giving YTD Needs: \$329,856.29
Giving YTD Actual: \$329,239.70
Capital Campaign Total Given: \$1,120,091.06

Detroit Tigers vs. Atlanta Braves, June 1

Join us for a trip to see the Braves play the Detroit Tigers in Atlanta on Saturday, June 1. Tickets are \$20 each. We have a limited number of tickets so sign up soon by paying for your tickets in the church office.

Meet our Newest Member!



Caroline Culbertson with Neal, McCullen, and Rhett