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JUNE 2019



*One Snack,
One Camp,
One Craft at a Time...*

VBS June 9-13

SonPower Youth Choir Trip June 17-21

Centrifuge June 24-29

See inside for details!

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

Building a Faith for A Lifetime, One Snack, Camp and Craft at a Time...

A significant part of who we become as people of faith and followers of Jesus is already in place by the time we are 18 years of age and launched into the world on our own. Most people make their profession of faith, develop or fail to develop habits related to church attendance and begin to form foundations related to what it means to be a child of God in these seminal, life altering years.

Therefore, I believe that one could easily and persuasively argue that June is the most important month of the year in the life of our church. Now for some, that sounds a bit ridiculous. We don't celebrate Easter or Christmas in June nor is it the month when we have high attendance Sunday or kick off lots of new programs or studies. But, June is a prime month for camps and it's when we have Vacation Bible School.

This June, members of our youth choir will attend SonPower Camp in Nashville, Middle & High Schoolers will go to Centrifuge at North Greenville College and VBS will be offered for preschoolers and children. Every child from the earliest ages through recent High School graduates will have an opportunity to be formed as children of God in some special, direct way before this month is over.

In turn, I encourage you to pray for each and every one of these opportunities. I also thank those of you who have or will give your time to making these meaningful experiences. Over the next four weeks, we really will build lives of faith that will carry these students for the rest of their days one snack, camp and craft at a time...*Rickey*

Worship in June at FBC

A Summer in the Minors: God's Big Words from Small Places

June 2	<i>Present</i>	Jonah 1:4-16
	In Worship: Graduate Sunday, Baby Dedication	
June 9	<i>Everyone</i>	Joel 2:28-29
	In Worship: Praying for VBS, Commissioning Alaska Mission Team	
June 16	Celebrating VBS & Father's Day	
June 23	<i>Magic Tricks</i>	Hosea 6:1-6
June 30	<i>Humbled</i>	Obadiah 1-4
	In Worship: Communion	

Pray for Our Alaska Mission Team, June 13-21

Once again this June, we will be working with Mark and Nicola Faires in North Pole, Alaska. As you know, the Faires are SEND North Missionaries with a special focus on logistics and aviation. Our work will be supporting the Faires at their home through projects around their house, guest house and the airplane hanger that Mark operates for SEND. Our group this year includes 9 members: Mark Buhlig, Patton Croker, Tom Dickerson, Ami Hardy, Ted Ludford, Barry Martin, Fran Parker, Jim Yates and Rickey Letson. Please join us in praying for our team.

Remember: Even though it is summer-time, Sunday School remains important!

Over the next few months, we will begin to take vacations and quick weekend getaways. We will be able to take a break from the hustle of the workplace and just relax. As we do these things, there may also be a tendency to "take a break" from Sunday School.

There are many reasons to remain involved in Sunday School during the summer months. First of all, it is important for us to be consistent in our attendance and not fall out of the habit of attending regularly. This is especially important for parents. Our attendance during the summer months sends an important message about our priorities to our children.

Second, our spiritual growth is not seasonal and continuity in this growth remains important even during the summer. Attending regularly during the summer months helps maintain this sense of faithfulness as we head into the fall and beyond.

Finally, Sunday School is a community of learning, care, and connection. God created the church so that we might experience these in community together. To "take a vacation" from these things for a few months ultimately affects our Sunday School community as a whole.

Sunday School still matters, even during summer. Make a commitment to be involved this summer!

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Deacons

On Sunday morning, May 19, we elected eight new individuals who will begin serving us as Deacons in September. They are:

Walter Chandler	Todd Croker	Billy Strickland
Heath Coggins	Julie Hobbs	Matthew Turner
Jim Cothran	Rickie Shearer	

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 short work of fiction, one 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

ROAR! Vacation Bible School - June 9-13, 5-8pm

Please register early, if at all possible. Walk-In's are welcome; however, we ask that you please sign up by June 5th if you know your child will be joining us! Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/laurensfbc> to register!

Women's Ministry Summer Book Club

June Book: *The Ministry of Ordinary Places*

Discussion and Fellowship: Tuesday June 25th

5:30 PM in the Pairs and Spares class room

Sign up on the pew pads or call the church office!

CWAs (our group for those 65 and older) will meet on Tuesday, June 25, at 11:00 in Bobo Hall. The Joymakers, a gospel group from Spartanburg, will be our entertainment for the day. Til Culbertson will prepare our meal which will be \$7 per person. Come enjoy some beautiful music, delicious food and wonderful fellowship together.



June 6th Get Out of School Bash Pool Party

- We will gather at the Harlan's house for a party to celebrate school being out!!! Come for a great time of fun and fellowship, 7:00-9:00.

June 7th Tubing on Green River

- We will beat the early summer heat by going tubing down the cold waters of the Green River. Students will need \$9 to cover tubing and money for lunch on the way home. Don't miss out on this fun outing!!!

June 24th – 29th Centrifuge

- One of the greatest opportunities for us to grow in our faith and as a youth group is going to Centrifuge each summer. This summer will be no different, and may be the best week of camp ever!!! Cost is \$305. Sign up by June 9th.

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 3-9	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
June 10-16	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
June 17-23	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
June 24-30	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341

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For the Record - FBC in May

Average May Sunday School: 321

Average May Worship: 412

Average May Worship & Extended Session: 439

Giving YTD Needs: \$432,936.38

Giving YTD Actual: \$449,127.54

Capital Campaign Total Given: \$1,159,193.81

2019 Summer Golf Fellowships- This summer, we will be offering a series of golf outings, offering golfers a time of fun and fellowship on the course after work. Dates and locations for these fellowships will soon be available, so watch for announcements!

Meet our Newest Members!



Jesse Buroughs
with Andrew, Keri, Jacob, Jason



Chris & Elizabeth McCameron
Spires, Mary Elizabeth, Emma Kate