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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		3pm Adult SS WLBG 1	John Outz Bubba Rawl 2	Chip Jenkins Greg Davis Adeline Kerber 3	Harriette Nabors Rosemary Patterson Brent Smith Greg Weaver 4	Tom Reid Rebecca Corley 5
8 & 9:30 am Worship 11am WLBG Worship Virtual worship available all day Rachel Spoon John Topping Melissa Lindley 6		3pm Adult SS WLBG 5:30pm Golf Fellowship Angela Marlett Elizabeth Weaver Abby Wigley 8	Robin O'Bryant Lewis Compton Kristen Rinaca Tori Carpenter 9	Lisa Corley 10	Peggy Lee 11	Bobby Creech Carolyn McDaniel Melissa Gault Jalen Bragg 12
8 & 9:30 am Worship 11am WLBG Worship Virtual worship available all day 13	Mike Little Gary Allen Nancy Brown 14	3pm Adult SS WLBG Jon Henderson Victoria Fleck Macy Sweatman 15	Davis Sexton Glenn Culbertson 16	Fran Robbins 17	Perry Lanford Brittney Allen 18	Beverly Hall Margaret McIntyre Debbie Campbell Kim Mitchum 19
8 & 9:30 am Worship 11am WLBG Worship Virtual worship available all day 20	Bekah Carpenter 21	3pm Adult SS WLBG 3:15pm 1&2 Grade Activities 5:30pm Golf Fellowship Bob McCraney 22	Millie Gwinn Bobby Ivey Cheri Griffin 23	3:15pm 4&5 Grade Activities Doug Todd 24	Katie Hanna 25	Beth Holmes Claire Pratt 26
8 & 9:30 am Worship 11am WLBG Worship 6pm Men's Study Virtual worship available all day Buddy Craig Pam Cox Ahna Rubio 27	Malinda Chalmers 28	7am Men's Study 3pm Adult SS WLBG 3:15pm 1&2 Grade Activities Lynn Finley Ashley Hall Joseph Ricard 29	Carolyn Madden Brie Holmes Catie Rawl 30	Wednesday Schedule 10am Older Adult Study (begins Sept. 23) 3:15pm 3 rd Grade Activities (begins Sept. 23) 4:30pm 4 & 5 yr olds Activities (begins Sept. 23) 7pm Virtual Mixed Adult Study (begins Sept. 23) 7pm Youth Worship (all month)		



- Middle School and High School Sunday School continue virtually each week. Middle School begins online at 10:30am and High School at 11:30am. Both groups meet for 30 minutes.
- Diverge Parking Lot Worship takes place each Wednesday Night at 7pm. Join us on the main church parking lot or at Thomason Shelter for study, worship, fellowship and games. Each week wraps up by 8pm unless otherwise noted.
- New 6th Graders Promote to FBC Youth Ministry on Wednesday Night, September 9th! King of Pops will be here with free ice cream for everyone and we'll have a new Diverge T-Shirt available.
- Info coming soon about Fall Sunday nights.

Sunday School Opportunities

- Our Adult I and II Sunday School classes will continue to meet online at this time. If you are not involved in a Sunday School class and would like to join one of our virtual classes, now is a great time to get involved!
- FBC Sunday School on the radio meets each Tuesday from 3:00-3:30pm on WLBG. Each week, teachers from our Adult III classes will be leading sessions from the *Explore the Bible* series. Teachers for the month of September are as follows:

Sept 1	Mark Freeze	Session 12 (Prov.)
Sept 8	Gwen Adams	Session 1 (Isaiah)
Sept 15	Jim Bryan	Session 2 (Isaiah)
Sept 22	Mark Freeze	Session 3 (Isaiah)
Sept 29	Pat Meadows	Session 4 (Isaiah)

For more information on either of these opportunities, please contact Tommy Cox at the church office or at tommy@fbclaurens.org.

First Baptist on Mission...

One of the hardest parts of the changes brought about by COVID 19 has been our inability as a church to take this year's trips to Haiti and Alaska. Likewise, we have also had to scale back a number of other things we are normally involved with mission wise both in Laurens and in other parts of our state. However, our Missions Committee, led by Jim Cothran as chair, has done a great job of helping us to find ways to continue to be on mission as a congregation. I think you might find it encouraging to know several ways we have made a difference in recent days....

- In Haiti, we are partnering with First Baptist Church Pensacola, Florida to provide the finances for locals to build a home. Numerous houses have been built in Haiti through But God Ministries during recent months with finances coming from partner congregations in the U.S.
- In Alaska, we have provided the funds to install a new GPS system in one of the airplanes used by the Faires and Send North who are our ministry partners there. We also have a group of ladies who have also made quilts to be used in Alaska.
- In Laurens, we have partnered with First Presbyterian Church to provide a small gift to all staff of Laurens District 55 as a sign of our support and prayers as a new, challenging school year begins. These gifts will be given to over 1,000 employees of our schools.
- In our church, 4 folks in our Handyman Ministry built a ramp for a church member. They are preparing to build a second ramp in coming weeks.

Members of FBC also continue to partner with Family Promise in supporting homelessness in our county. At the moment, Family Promise could use individuals to help drive their van which transports families daily to school, work and other daily meetings. If you have interest in volunteering, please contact Steve Hobbs.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list. But, it does offer a good glimpse of where our folks have been the presence of Christ in meaningful ways even in challenging days. I am honored to serve a congregation with such a mission minded spirit...Rickey

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

- WHO:** All Senior Adults
WHAT: Senior Adult Fellowship
WHERE: The Sanctuary
WHEN: Every Wednesday at 10:00am
WHY: Because we need each other!
HOW: With masks, socially distanced



Enjoy a time of fellowship, Bible study and beautiful music beginning September 23! More information about the Bible study can be found below.

FBC Golf Fellowships in September!

We have two golf fellowships scheduled during the month of September. These will be on Tuesday, September 15 and 22. Each of these rounds will be played at Lakeside CC with a shotgun start at 5:30pm. We will play a nine-hole, Captain's Choice format. Cost is \$20 per golfer.

Registration deadlines are at 5pm on the Sundays prior to the scheduled round. To register, call the church office or contact Tommy Cox at tommy@fbclaurens.org.

Fall Wednesday Bible Study Opportunities for Adults

This Fall we will offer two unique midweek study opportunities. One will be in person during the day and the other will be offered online at night. Both studies will begin Wednesday, September 23rd and will last 9 weeks ending Wednesday, November 18th.

Exodus: On the Move with God, Older Adult Study, 10:00-11:00am, The Sanctuary: Join us as we study selected passages from the book of Exodus as we learn from the life of Moses and the story of the Israelites both in Egypt and in the Wilderness. This study is aimed at our older adult population and will meet in the Sanctuary. This study will parallel worship this Fall where we will also be looking at the Exodus account. We will spread out so that we can socially distance. You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Rickey will lead the study and Adair will join us to offer special music. We may also welcome a guest from time to time.

Ecclesiastes: Chasing After Meaning, Virtual Mixed Adult Study, 7-8pm: The book of Ecclesiastes tackles one of life's biggest questions: What is the meaning of life? Commonly considered the work of King Solomon, Ecclesiastes is a rich collection of profound insights that are poetic, philosophical, and practical. This study will examine the big ideas in Ecclesiastes, explore challenging concepts and share how to be truly satisfied. Tommy Cox will lead this virtual study. Being a virtual study, you will need to sign up by contacting the church office or tommy@fbclaurens.org and provide us with your email address. Questions? Contact Tommy.

Attention Men!

Our Men's Groups will resume the week of September 27. We will begin our year with a study of the book of James. In an effort to offer meeting options during our current health crisis, we will be offering two meeting formats at this time. Our Sunday night group will meet in person at 6:00pm (beginning September 27; location TBA). We will also offer a virtual meeting time on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am (beginning September 29). For more information, please contact Tommy at the church office or at tommy@fbclaurens.org. This is a great opportunity to get involved with our Men's Studies, so make plans now to join us!



Fall Schedule for 4 and 5 Year Olds

An afternoon of Sunday School, Kids on Missions and Music! Every Wednesday from 4:30-5:15, beginning Wednesday, September 22. Call Adair or Elizabeth to register your child!

Fall Schedule for 1st-5th Graders

Beginning Tuesday, September 22nd, we will meet with our children each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, following this schedule:

Tuesday - All 1st and 2nd Graders

3:15-3:45 Lesson (Sunday School or Kids on Missions)
 3:45-3:55 Snack
 3:55-4:30 Music (Handbells, Percussion or Choir)

Wednesday - All 3rd Graders

3:15-3:45 Lesson (Sunday School or Kids on Missions)
 3:45-3:55 Snack
 3:55-4:30 Music (Handbells, Percussion or Choir)

Thursday - All 4th and 5th Graders

3:15-3:45 Lesson (Sunday School or Kids on Missions)
 3:45-3:55 Snack
 3:55-4:30 Music (Handbells, Percussion or Choir)

Elizabeth and Adair will be teaching these classes. Please register your child as soon as possible. We will only be able to take 20 children each afternoon and we will register them on a first come-first serve basis. Please register by texting or emailing Elizabeth or Adair.

September Opportunities

- September 9: Rising 6th Graders will promote to youth during the Youth Parking Lot Worship service at 6pm at Thomason Shelter. This will be an amazing time of celebration & fellowship that you will not want to miss! KING OF POPS will be serving delicious “pops”! Parents of rising 6th graders are invited to stay! Please let Elizabeth know if your 6th grader will be there!
- September 13: We will have a meaningful “Back to School” Worship service at our Outdoor Worship services! We will have a Blessing of the Backpack & our rising 1st Graders will receive their new Bible! 1st Grade Parents....please let Elizabeth know if your child will be present!
- September 15: FBC Kindergarten October Tuition Due — Be on the lookout in your email for a prorated amount for the month of October!
- September 22: Our new FALL Children’s Schedule begins! Please be sure to check the date/time/grade for the day your child’s activities will be held. We have a limited number of spaces available! Sign up with Elizabeth or Adair!

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:

Aug 31-Sept 6	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
September 7-13	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
September 14-20	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
September 21-27	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
Sept 28-Oct 4	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341

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September Opportunities for Worship at FBC

- **Outside In Person Worship:** we are offering two weekly services at 8am and 9:30am. Both last 30 minutes and take place at Thomason Shelter. Dress casually and join us.
- **Online worship** available every Sunday. The service can be found on our website, our app or our Facebook page.
- An **abbreviated worship service** is also broadcast on WLBG (860 AM) every Sunday at 11:00am.

If you’re unable to see or hear our services online or on the radio, please call the church office and we’ll be glad to mail you a transcript of the sermon along with selected announcements and updates.

For the Record - August 2020 (through August 27)

August Needs to Date	\$105,552.25
August Giving to Date	\$60,005.79
Year Needs to Date	\$738,865.77
Year Giving to Date	\$686,863.03

First Baptist Worship in September

Sept 6	<i>Only a Carpenter’s Son</i>	Matthew 13:53-58
Sept 13	<i>Living In Between: Change</i>	Exodus 3:1-15
Sept 20	<i>Living In Between: Watchful</i>	Exodus 12:1-14
Sept 27	<i>Living In Between: Power</i>	Exodus 14:15-31