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## JULY 2022 BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Bill Traynham<br>Pat Henry  | 8. Monique Culbertson<br>Anna Stevenson                      | 16. Jimmie Keller<br>Patsy Craine<br>Laurie West<br>Todd Croker<br>Keri Bolding          | 24. Gwen Adams   |
| 2. Mike Turner<br>Taylor Marchman<br>Matthew Werts   | 9. Wilma Byers<br>Dianne Patterson                           | 17. Tee Langford   | 25. Miriam Smith<br>Danny Sherer<br>Valerie Stevenson<br>Sera Grace Dunaway<br>Joy Kirby |
| 3. Jamie Gault   | 10. Cyndi Ashe<br>Holly Welch                                | 18. Janice Wynn  | 26. Jane Ivey<br>Meghan Corley<br>Matthew Firmin   |
| 4. Rick Shearer<br>Brian Reid  | 11. David Martin<br>Brooke Yarbrough<br>Ryan Wilson          | 19. Steve Garrison   | 27. Jim Barton<br>Suzanne Butler<br>James Rawl<br>Blake Culbertson                       |
| 5. Juanita Alexander<br>Margaret Brown<br>Charles Metz<br>Kevin Franklin<br>Callie Harlan<br>Anna Norton | 12. Brantley Wiggins<br>Amber Jefferson                      | 20. Sharon Angelakos   | 28. Layton Mahon   |
| 6. Alton Davis<br>Tracy Addy<br>Patton Croker  | 13. Fred Wilson<br>Craig Little<br>Katie Black<br>Will Price | 21. Brother McDaniel<br>Susan Burns<br>Haley Reynolds<br>Davis Thompson<br>Charles Allen | 29. Wayne Sharpton   |
| 7. David McCall<br>Charlsie Downs<br>Courtney West   | 14. Lilly Gault<br>Wesley Carlay<br>Stella Jenkins           | 22. Steve Griffin<br>Chad Sherer<br>Lane Brown   | 30. Stan Holman  |
|  |  | 23. Connie Hodges<br>Charlene Brooks<br>Trae Culbertson                                  | 31. Brian Allen  |

## TRANSITIONS

David Hull

I love what Billy Graham said about stewardship. "God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing." Let's think about that for a moment as we explore the theme of generosity.

In the Greek language of the New Testament, the same root word is found in words that we translate to be "grace," "gift," and "thanks." The word in the Greek is charis. Grace is the wonderful gift that we receive which we do not deserve. The hymn says it well – it is truly "Amazing Grace." Remember, that the same word for grace is the word for gift. We have two hands, as Billy Graham would say, one to receive undeserved grace with deep gratitude and the other hand to give generously because grace is so amazing. These two hands are not to be "cisterns for hoarding" but are to be "channels for sharing."

When we live our lives with one of our hands tied behind our backs, we cannot be all that God wants us to be. We are not emotionally healthy because our lives are out of balance. Too many Christians are not using both "hands" in the life of faith.

Our gratitude for God's grace can shape us to be generous. As the Apostle Paul challenged us in 2 Corinthians 8:7, "excel in this grace of giving." I encourage you to let each day call forth praise and worship for the abundant generosity of God's grace, and then return to God our tithes and offerings, our time and talents so that the good news of God's grace can be shared through the ministries and missions of First Baptist Church. It is easy to grow complacent in our giving to God. That is especially true during an interim season in a church. It is also easy to fall behind in our giving over the summer vacation months. Using both of our hands for the Kingdom of God, let's "excel in the grace of giving." Are you a cistern or a channel?

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Please be in prayer for our students and chaperones as we attend Centrifuge Camp at North Greenville University July 18-23.

**Hillcrest Baptist Missions Partnership:** This summer we began a mission partnership with Hillcrest Baptist Church to minister in the neighborhood that surrounds the church. During the month of July, we will be offering Backyard Bible Clubs at Hillcrest Baptist on Wednesdays, July 13 and July 27, from 5:00-7:00pm. If you would like to be involved, or would like more information, please contact Tommy at the church office, or [tommy@fbclaurens.org](mailto:tommy@fbclaurens.org).

### FBC July Dates at a Glance

July 4	Office Closed - Happy Fourth of July
July 5-8	PassportKids Camp @ Montreat
July 11	Green River Tubing Trip for anyone interested
July 12	Golf Fellowship at Lakeside CC
July 18-23	Youth at Centrifuge Camp
July 18-22	Kindergarten Summer Camp
July 24	Camp McCall Parent Meeting @ 9am
July 26	Golf Fellowship at Lakeside CC
July 27	Children's Ministry Family Picnic @ Lake Rabon Park from 5:30-7:30pm

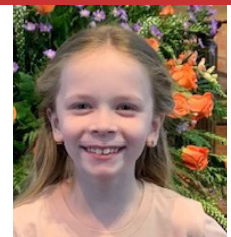
### Worship in July at FBC

July 3	<i>God and Country</i> Matthew 22:15-22	Dr. David Hull
July 10	<i>Precious Memories</i> 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3	Dr. David Hull
July 17	<i>Life Interrupted</i> Mark 5:21-43	Dr. David Hull
July 24	<i>Helping Hands</i> Exodus 17:8-13	Dr. David Hull
July 31	Communion	Rev. Tommy Cox

## Meet our Newest Members!



Ella Rinaca daughter of Rhett & Kristy Rinaca



Ellakate Cooper daughter of Jake & Jessica Cooper



Harper Holmes son of Hunter & Brie Holmes



Lillie Jones daughter of Stewart & Kelly Jones