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WELCOME!
Rev. Tim Marsh
Senior Minister,
First Baptist Church Laurens

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Brian Harlan Betty Lynn Cadle Ashley Bragg	2 Andrew Corley	3 David Corley Taeko Riddle Jean Deason JP Pratt	4 Emily Reynolds Tana Adams Penelope Kerber	5 Elaine Sumerel Father/Son Retreat to Camp McCall	6 Natalie Rubio Kevin Allmond
7 Susan Corley Joe Kirby Father/Son Retreat to Camp McCall	8 4pm Martha Franks Fellowship Kena Cox Andrew Burroughs	9 5:30 Men's Golf Fellowship Betty Lowry	10 Hunter Holmes	11 Summie Carlay Ruth Anne Sharp	12 Brandon Addy	13
14 Communion Sunday 5pm Children/Youth Back to School Pool Party @ YMCA Susan Sexton Alivee Coggins Don Price	15 7pm Deacon's Meeting Paintly Fun Night Bart Cothran Haymes Harlan	16	17 Jay Sherer Jeff Parks James Barbare	18 2pm Knitting Group Mary Beth Kennedy Mariel Cooper	19 Kirk Garrett Lynn Craig	20 Cindy Chandler
21 Baptism Sunday, Promotion Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, Bibles for Rising 1 st Graders Matthew Turner Caroline Culbertson Lori Wham	22 Cathy Little Laura Taylor	23 11am CWA Meeting 5:30 Men's Golf Fellowship Nancy Chapman Jerry Wright	24 Betsy Brown Mellie Motes	25 Sara-Frances Reid	26 Ray Craft Frankie Sherman Katrina Vaillancourt	27 Sandy Johnson Natalie Fleck Bill Tumblin Merry Chandler
28 Sonya Croker Barbara Ward George Love Linda Oliver	29	30 5pm Kindergarten Open House	31 Alice Brown			

Dear First Baptist Church, Laurens,

Rebecca, John Alan, Natalie and I cannot thank you enough for such a memorable weekend! We enjoyed meeting so many of you at each of the weekend opportunities. More than that, we were honored to have the opportunity to worship with you all on Sunday. Thank you for the overwhelming affirmation of the Pastor Search Committee's work and our discernment with your vote. We gave this much thought and, more importantly, prayer as we considered God's will throughout the call process. And we feel that this weekend more than confirmed that we are moving in the right direction.

I cannot thank the Pastor Search Committee enough for the time and effort that they put into this weekend, as well as the entire search process. David, Kay, Jim, Sonya, Craig, Meg, Heather, and Buhrmaster each represented your church so well.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Adair, Tommy, Elizabeth, Andrew, Tana, Lucy, and Emily for all that they have done to assist in this transition time. It was a joy to meet them during the process. You have an amazing ministerial and support staff, who all love you and value this congregation. And I cannot forget the importance of conversations with Rickey Letson and David Hull, which were so helpful in the discernment process. Both spoke so highly of this church as they provided a pastor's perspective on the character of this congregation. Their words, prayers and text messages of encouragement were particularly meaningful. You have had wonderful leadership!

Furthermore, in all the excitement of the weekend I failed to express my appreciation to the Sanctuary Choir, to Beth Holmes, and to Rev. Adair Rogers for leading such a powerful, Spirit-filled worship service! Solos by Phillip Dean and Bryson Schultz were amazing! From the anthems to the hymns and to Adair and Beth's offertory piece, everything was amazing! Thank you all for your hard work in preparation for this service! I cannot wait to join you each Sunday for worship, as I have felt God's presence not only on Sunday, but through the many services I sampled online.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your participation in the events of the call weekend. Thank you for taking the time to greet our family, to make us feel welcome, and to give us a brief glimpse of your family of faith! We are so excited to get to know you all!

This weekend has been a whirlwind! When we arrive in September, I look forward not only to learning your names but to building relationships with you. I hope to learn how God is at work in your lives and to join in with God's work in your congregation. I hope to learn how God is leading this church to embrace the challenges of this decade and beyond. More than that, I hope that through our time together lives are changed, souls are saved, the hungry are fed, and that we may be the embodiment of your mission statement – people who love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!

Grace and peace,

Tim

Notes from Adair

Where has the summer gone? The start of our fall programming is just around the corner! I'm excited about all the new beginnings that are going to be taking place in September, and I hope that you will be part of them!

- Adult Choir begins on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7:00. If God has given you the gift of singing, join us! We would love to have you!
- Children's Choirs (1st-5th grade) begin on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:00.
- 2, 3, 4 and 5 year old choir begins on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:00.
- Music, Mission and Recreation for 1st-5th graders will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 3:15-5:00. Our children will have 30 minutes of handbells with Adair, 30 minutes of recreation with Andrew and 30 minutes of Kids on Missions with Elizabeth. Call or email Adair or Elizabeth to get your 1st-5th graders signed up for Tuesday afternoons!

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 June and July, we offered four Backyard Bible Clubs at Hillcrest Baptist. During this time we served suppers, made crafts, played kickball in the 90+ heat, told a series of Bible stories, gave children's Bibles to the participants and in general just gave them love and attention. Several of our Sunday School classes contributed monetarily and some came every week to help. We are working on plans for our Mission Partnership during the Fall, so watch your TIE for more details on these opportunities. If you would like more information, please contact Tommy at the church office, or at tommy@fbclaurens.org.

Adult Bible Studies and Men's Groups

We will restart in September. More specific details on these studies will be made available soon.

RECREATION MINISTRY



Paintly Fun Night
August 15
Contact Andrew to Sign Up



- **August 5-7:** Father/Son Retreat to Camp McCall — Please be in prayer for Jeff & Will Brink, Richard & Cooper Coggins, Aaron & Weston Dasher, Marty & Declan Jacks, Ben, Wyatt, & Walker Little, Will & Will Prescott, George, Daniel, & Brady Sherer, Kevin & Matthew Werts, and Tim & Matthew Wilkie.
- **August 14:** Kids Back to School Pool Party at the YMCA from 5-7pm
- **August 21:** Promotion Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Bibles for our rising 1st Graders!
- **August 30:** FBC Kindergarten Open House from 5-7pm



- **August 14:** End of Summer Pool Party, 5:00pm at Nancy and Carroll Thomson's house.
- **August 17:** Parents' Meeting, 5:30pm

FBC August Golf Fellowship Schedule

Tuesday, August 9 and Tuesday, August 23. During each outing, we will have an opening devotion time, then play a 9-hole, Captains Choice format with a shotgun start at 5:30pm. The cost per golfer is \$25. The deadline to register is 5:00pm on the day before the event. Contact Tommy at tommy@fbclaurens.org to sign up.

August Preaching Schedule

- August 7 David Hull preaching (This will be David's last Sunday with us.)
- August 14 Tommy Cox preaching - Communion Sunday
- August 21 Adair Rogers preaching - Baptism Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, Promotion Sunday, Bibles for rising 1st graders.
- August 28 Andrew Corley preaching

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:

August 1-7	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841
August 8-14	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
August 15-21	Elizabeth Franklin	803-960-9099
August 22-28	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841

Financial Record - July 2022

July Needs:	\$109,164.00
July Giving:	\$100,802.22
2022 Giving to Date:	\$626,547.26
2022 Needs to Date	\$698,649.96

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A Note of Thanks

Our family is very grateful for all the kindnesses shown to our brother, James Maye, after his car accident and his passing. We especially want to thank Adair and all the others who sat with him in the hospital.

Mac and Katie Maye McGlade.

GriefShare Ministry

Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one to death? Have you learned valuable lessons and experienced healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same? We are launching a GriefShare group in the Fall at FBC. Contact Tommy to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities within this ministry.

Meet Our New Members!



Joe & Suzie McGowan



Bob & Martha Cathcart