



FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



A WORD FROM PASTOR MEL

DEFINING MOMENTS

The year 2022 awaits our obedience to God. What we experience in the days ahead is a reflection of our relationship to Jesus Christ. Does that get you excited about the New Year? Are you anticipating great things because of the awesome God we serve? It is my prayer that the glory of God in our midst would not only transform us, but also transform our community with ever increasing influence.

This year, you will hear me talk a lot about reaching young families and raising up a new generation of leaders to carry on the mission. The many staff members who have recently retired and the new leadership that is rising, reminds us that we always need to intentionally pass on our faith to the next generation. That means reaching and discipling children must be a priority. That means a heavy investment in youth is crucial. But it will take all of us! As a grandfather, I am calling on all of us "old folks" to sacrifice for our spiritual grandchildren that are growing up in an increasingly secular society. We want FBC Jonesboro to have a strong and vibrant witness in this community for many years to come.

We will gather as a congregation and talk specifically about what God is doing. But in the meantime, please pray for God's guidance. Pray for volunteers to step forward and serve. Pray for God to add members to the body just as it pleases Him. We are ready to put the Pandemic behind us and step out in faith to embrace the future.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Mel

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

A Celebration of Life

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES STARTING JAN 12.

COURAGEOUS - CONSISTENT FAITH | JOSHUA 1-6

JANE BARNARD - WED. 10:30AM,
ROC CORNERSTONE ROOM

TABERNACLE: A REVELATION OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

NORM & CAROL WOOD - WED. 11AM
ROC CELEBRATION ROOM

MASTERLIFE: THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS

MICHAEL & VIRMIL BRIDGES - WED.
6PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL A

SEVEN REALITIES FOR EXPERIENCING GOD

WENDELL WEBB - WED. 6PM, ROOM 105,
WORKBOOK REQUIRED

THROUGH THE BIBLE

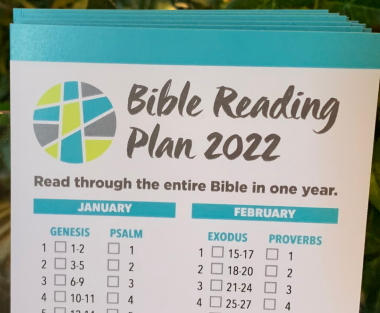
HAZEL CLAYTON - WED. 6PM, ROOM 207

ABIDE: SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

ANDY CAUBLE - WED. 6PM, ROOM 205

HEART OF THE PROBLEM

BRIAN EDMOND - THURS. 6PM, ROC
CELEBRATION ROOM, WORKBOOK REQUIRED.



Pick up your 2022 Bible Reading Plan at the Welcome Desk or Church Office!



FBJ Christmas Family Dinner on Dec. 19 was a fun time of community where we enjoyed fellowship, food, and worship together as brothers and sisters in Christ..

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

Our first construction trip of 2022 will be to assist a new church in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, renovate a building into a church facility. This will be a great "first trip" if you have never traveled with us. Puerto Rico has the international feel while never leaving the USA and a short 3-hour, non-stop flight from Atlanta. You don't need great construction skills; we have skilled people leading who can help you.

Here are the details:

- Dates: January 31 to February 09
- Cost: \$875 covers airfare and all ground expenses.
- If you are not vaccinated you will need a negative COVID test to enter Puerto Rico and that is not included in the above cost. If you are vaccinated, no tests are required.
- Puerto Rico is the United States, so NO PASSPORT is needed.

For more information contact Jeff at jwerho@gmail.com or the mission office.

WIGGLE WORSHIP/KIDS ROCK

On Jan. 9, we will be launching Wiggle Worship and Kids Rock during our 10:45am worship service hour. This will be a dynamic time of high energy, active worship and bible learning for ages 3 - 5th grade.

To make this exciting opportunity for our kids happen, we need YOU! No matter your age or talent, we have a spot available for you to pour into the next generation. To volunteer, contact Amy at Arhodes@fbcjonesboro.com

CHURCH WIDE PRAYER CONCERNS

- ROC Basketball ministry that starts this month.
- Personnel needs we are trying to fill.
- Volunteers for our pre-school ministry who are passionate about teaching our little ones about the gospel.
- The Deacon ministry that serves and ministers to our church.
- 2022 mission trips

LOOKING AHEAD

- ROC Basketball - starts the week of Jan. 3
- Discovery Class - Jan. 9
- Discipleship Classes Begin - Jan. 12
- Puerto Rico Mission Trip - Jan. 31-Feb. 9
- Spring Marriage Retreat - May 13-15

FBJ MISSION STATEMENT

First Baptist Jonesboro lives to **glorify God** by **making disciples** who **invest in other people** and **impact the nations**.

BIBLICAL CARE CENTER

Anxious? Depressed? Need to speak with someone? We are here for you. Call the Biblical Care Center for biblical counseling at (470)525-4300.