



# FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



## A WORD FROM PASTOR MEL

This has been a significant week for our church staff, as Isabel Loe and Pastor Sorn Clot have finished their race and are now with the Lord. As I reflect on these precious servants, my mind goes to a moment when the Resurrected Jesus came to the disciples. He showed them the scars on His hands and His side and said, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21).

Those scars remind us that there is a cost to discipleship; service is not easy. But the Scripture also says that Jesus, "for the joy set before Him, endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2). In other words, it is worth it. The blessings always outweigh the cost. There are never any regrets when you sacrifice for the Lord. And our strength for today is found in our hope for tomorrow - eternal life.

Let's follow the example of those who have gone before us. Let's serve the Lord with gladness. What a privilege, in this our day, to step up and serve the Lord.

To God be the glory,  
Pastor Mel Blackaby

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

**The Power of the Christian Life** - Walking in the Spirit

## UPCOMING EVENTS

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

**AUG. 17 - OCT. 19**

SBN EQUIP CONFERENCE 2021

**AUG. 21**

PAMELA KIRKLAND'S  
RETIREMENT RECEPTION

**AUG. 22, 4-6pm**

WINSHAPE FOSTER CARE INFO  
AND TRAINING SESSIONS

**SEPT. 7 & 20**

MEDICARE INFO MEETING

**OCT. 9**

\*For more info and to register, visit  
[www.fbcjonesboro.com](http://www.fbcjonesboro.com) or call 770-478-6710



**Guest Parking** - Located by the flag poles, we have parking spaces designated for our first time guests. Our Host Team is ready to greet guests and help them get connected to our church family.



**Sunday Shuttles** - Park in the Green and Yellow Lots and catch a ride on the shuttles to the church doors!  
Want to join our Host Team? Email [serve@fbcjonesboro.com](mailto:serve@fbcjonesboro.com)

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups will provide opportunities to connect with people in homes and neighborhoods. Our goal is to connect with each other regularly around the table, discuss and apply Sunday's sermon, and support each other in prayer. Group dates and times vary by location.

**Sign up for a Community Group today at**  
[www.fbcjonesboro.com](http://www.fbcjonesboro.com).

If you would like to host a Community Group in your home, please contact Andy Cauble at  
[acauble@fbcjonesboro.com](mailto:acauble@fbcjonesboro.com).

**Community Groups - where we do Life Together!**

## GRIEFSHARE

Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one to death? Have you learned the valuable lessons and experienced healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same?

Call or email Rhonda to learn more about the different **volunteer opportunities** with our GriefShare Ministry.  
[RButler@fbcjonesboro.com](mailto:RButler@fbcjonesboro.com) or 770-603-8502

**Fall Session of GriefShare** will start on October 12 @ 6pm in room 112. Cost of book is \$15.

## CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER CONCERNS

- Several key staff positions to be filled.
- Teachers and students to be missionaries at their schools.
- Safety and health of our church members.
- Volunteers to love and serve our children.
- Evangelistic engagement in our community.
- God's Spirit to fall upon His people in Jonesboro.
- ROC Community Outreach & volunteers.
- For wisdom and direction for our church leadership.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **Men's Basketball** - Starting Aug. 16, Monday nights @ 7pm-9pm.
- **Better Man Bible Study** - Starting Aug. 16, Monday nights at 5:30pm
- **Southside Baptist Network | Equip Conference** - Join our network of churches for a time of ministry training on August 21 at FBJ. Register by Aug. 16 for free!  
[www.SouthsideBaptistNetwork.org](http://www.SouthsideBaptistNetwork.org)
- **Photography Classes** - Beginner & Advanced, Saturdays starting Sept. 25.
- **Kid's ROC Basketball** - Registration in Sept.
- **Fall Family Fun Day** - Saturday, October 30th