



FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



A WORD FROM PASTOR MEL

The Apostle Paul made a statement to the church that is more significant than most people realize. He challenged believers to “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). The context of the early church was a time of struggle, persecution, and spiritual warfare. Burdens were real, and the challenge of living out their faith was a daily experience.

Believers were meant to do “life together.” We are a family. We are the body of Christ. We are a holy nation. We are called out of the world and gathered together as the people of God. When the burdens of life come, God did not mean for us to carry them alone. This is the heart of the church - a people who love God and love one another. To remain distant from the church or think that our faith is simply “between me and God,” is to deny the heart of salvation and our new identity as God’s children.

Look for opportunities to “bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Let the law of love guide your relationships with one another (see Matthew 22:39). Together, we will overcome anything this world brings against us. Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friend” (John 15:13).

To God be the glory,
Pastor Mel

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

Recalibrate: God’s View is the Real You | Ephesians 1-3

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

OCT. 23

**YOUTH ROC BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION**

Now - Nov. 13

**WIDOW & WIDOWERS
LUNCHEON**

OCT. 24

THE WELL - WOMEN'S EVENT

NOV. 16

*For more info and/or to register, visit
www.fbcjonesboro.com or call 770-478-6710



Think LifeChange
INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Mother's Room - available for moms to quietly and privately feed/care for their little ones. Located near the stairs by the Portico Entrance.

Biblical Care Center Training- Thursdays at 6pm in the ROC Celebration Room. Contact Kerry for more info at kerry@thinklifechange.com

WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS

On the last Sunday in October, we will be kicking off a series of Sundays Emphasizing World Missions.

Oct 31 - we will worship as ONE Church (all 6 FBJ congregations together!). We will sing, hear from God, and celebrate in 6 different languages and cultures.

Nov 7 - we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the medical ministry of FBJ.

Nov 14 - Steve Bray of St. John's, Newfoundland, will join Pastor Mel in the pulpit.

We will also be collecting a special World Mission's offering to support our many global missions efforts. Our goal for the WMO is \$250,000.

GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Georgia Baptist Convention will be holding their annual meeting here at FBJ on November 7-9. As our church will be the host of this large gathering of pastors and church leaders from across the state of Georgia, we want to have a great representation from our church.

There will be a Pre-convention Rally on Sunday night, Nov. 7th. Our FBJ choir and orchestra will be leading in worship and we invite you to join us!

Also, we are looking for people to serve as greeters, ushers, and registration volunteers each of those days. Volunteers will receive instructions, an FBJ t-shirt, and volunteer lanyard at the volunteer training on Nov. 4th at 6pm.

Contact Juliana at jtemple@fbcjonesboro.com for more info.

2021 DEACONS

We are excited to announce the returning deacons as well as the four new deacons being called into service at FBJ.

Returning Deacons:

- Charles Bowen
- Andy Camp
- Tim Carter
- Jarred Orona
- Jon Campbell
- El Ward
- Norm Wood

New Deacons:

- Richard Lawless
- James Oberst
- Mark Shepherd
- Zach Gilbert

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Family Fall Festival** - Saturday, October 23
- **Georgia Baptist Convention @ FBJ** - Nov. 7-9
- **Haiti Mission Trip** - Dec. 6-10
- **Marriage Matters Christmas Caroling Event** -
- **Christmas @ Jonesboro** - Dec. 11 & 12
- **Think LifeChange: Heart of the Problem Class** - Jan. 6- March 24, 2022

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.