



FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



A WORD FROM PASTOR MEL

Obeying God

In my college days, I went with a group of friends to explore the beautiful Lynn Valley Canyon in Canada. In the valley is a fast-flowing river fed purely by snow melt. At a certain point, the narrow white water briefly widens into a pool. A steep rock wall towers over the river. As we approached, the girls gasped at the bravery of some men jumping off the cliffs. Well, as you can imagine, I was cool, willing to do whatever necessary to impress my friends. Before I had time to think about what came out of my mouth, I confidently announced, "I could do that!"

Immediately I realized that talk is cheap. Anyone can boast about things they haven't yet done. As I climbed up the "cliff of death," the people below looked smaller and the boulders beneath the crystal clear water appeared larger. I remember thinking, Why did I open my big mouth? There I stood at the edge of the cliff with nothing between me and a fifty-foot drop into ice-cold water. All I needed was the courage to do it.

It took one simple step and there was no turning back. The wind came rushing through my hair, and the adrenaline was surging. Fear turned to excitement. I plunged deep into the pool. Shooting out of the water to the crowd of cheering onlookers, my first thought was, I am alive! Second thought: Let's do it again!

Faith can be scary because it takes us out of our comfort zone. But rest assured, abundant life is only one step away. But biblical faith is not a reckless jump in the dark like my college adventures, it is responding to the voice of God calling you. His ways are not our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. But you can trust Him to lead you and to catch you! This is true for an individual or a church. Let's follow the Lord into uncharted territory this year. And let's do it together!

To God be the glory,
Pastor Mel

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S NIGHT OF PRAYER &
PRAISE

APRIL 11

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

APRIL 19

WOMEN | THE WELL

APRIL 26

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

STARTS MAY 21

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

STARTS MAY 31

MEN | BRAVES BASEBALL GAME

JUNE 10

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

SERMON SERIES

Title: God's Greater Good
A Perspective from James



Student Discipleship Weekend (March 24-26) encouraged students to KNOW, GROW, & Go for Jesus. Students heard gospel teaching all weekend then were given the opportunity to put their faith in action by sharing the gospel in our community. God is at work among our students!



Michael Bridges & his wife, Virgil, joins our staff as Minister of Connections.

MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE PASTOR!

Gary Lewis

We are excited to welcome Dr. Gary Lewis and his wife, Krissy, to join First Baptist Jonesboro as our new Executive Pastor. Gary has served over thirty years in pastoral ministry, with his last place of ministry being First Baptist Church Rincon, Ga. He started his ministry right here at FBJ as an intern under Dr. Charles Carter (which is where he and Krissy met) and served for many years as the Lead Pastor at Sharon Baptist Church in McDonough. They have two grown children: Harper and Graham. His educational background includes finance, accounting, and leadership at the undergraduate level and theology and church leadership at both the master's and doctorate levels. He has an impressive history of planning, assessing, and implementing church initiatives and will be providing oversight and direction for our Staff and Leadership development. He loves to build partnerships between the church and community and believes that each local church should passionately seek to fulfill the Great Commission by allowing God to transform it into the church body He has uniquely created it to be. His life's mission statement is "Connecting people with God and people with people."



CHURCH WIDE PRAYER CONCERNS

- Evangelistic engagement in our community.
- Volunteers for our children's ministry who are passionate about our little ones & the gospel.
- Building renovations to go well.
- The Ukrainian crisis and our missionary partners working to provide aid.
- Praise for the many new families God is bringing to FBJ.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Good Friday - April 15 (service at 7pm)
- Easter Sunday - April 17 (service at 10:45am)
- Young Adult Retreat - May 19-21
- VBS - June 13-17
- Student Journey Camp - June 17-20
- Montana Mission Trip - July 28-August 2, 2022
- Honduras Mission Trip - August 2022

THE WELL | WOMEN'S NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Ladies of all ages, we are excited to invite you to come worship with us at "The Well" on Tuesday, April 26th in the ROC. Join us for a night of encouragement through singing and scripture as we are filled up by our Father with living water who brings hope, love and peace that can only be found in Him. Doors will open at 6:30p and we will begin worshipping together at 7:00p with a guest band and speaker, Lanie Beth Sinclair. Come on your own or bring a friend; there will be a place for you!