



FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



A WORD FROM PASTOR GARY

Hello FBJ Family,

How excited I am to be a member of the FBJ Staff. I wondered at first if I was fully accepted because the key fobs I received as a new employee didn't work on all the doors. In due time, they didn't work on any of the doors. I couldn't get in any of the buildings. I breathed a big sigh of relief to learn that we just had a bad set of fobs, and people were not trying to keep me out of the buildings. Sometimes you just have to laugh, right?

I am also humbled though to be working with such great people, including staff, leaders, and volunteers. So many at FBJ have a big heart to see lost people saved and saved people disciplined. I hear you praying for those you love along with those around the world whom you have never met. I see people encouraging those going through tough times while celebrating with those going through great moments. It is so exciting to see the Body of Christ in Jonesboro, Georgia embracing God's heart to love His world of people.

As we do life and ministry together, I wanted you to know the two essential guiding truths that lead me every moment of every day. I live to "connect people with people and people with God." Those two statements comprise the mission I believe God has given me to live out with every sacred minute He so graciously gives me. I look forward to connecting with all of you sometime soon if I have not spent some time with you already. Selfishly, I also look forward to my wife Krissy joining me here in Jonesboro once her school year ends.

Krissy and I both consider ourselves blessed to call First Baptist Jonesboro our new church home, belonging to a great family of people doing life together!

Pastor Gary Lewis

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEFSHARE BOOK CLUB
MAY 11

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT
MAY 19-21

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS
STARTS MAY 21

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE
MAY 31

BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP
JUNE 6-9

MEN'S BRAVES BASEBALL GAME
JUNE 10

VBS & KIDZ KAMP
JUNE 13-17

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



Look for our flags on the walls each week to see our upcoming mission trips and pray for our teams as they reach many for the gospel!



Building Renovation Update: work is well underway on the baptism, stage, and ceiling structure.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: MAKE WAVES

VBS is a big deal around here! Vacation Bible School is a whole week we set aside each year to teach and disciple our children to walk with God. The theme this year is Make Waves! We are excited that our children will learn how they can have a big impact for the Kingdom of God and how their actions can change the world around them. We are praying that God would bring us 200 kids to reach during VBS this year and we invite you to partner with us in prayer and in action! Invite your friends and neighbors to come! Volunteers are needed to make this week possible. If you are interested, email arhodes@fbcjonesboro.com to sign up!



Registration opens TODAY!

June 13 - 17, 9am - 12pm
Open to ages 4 (by 9/1/21) - 5th Grade



Kidz Kamp is being offered on those days from 12-5pm for completed grades 1-5. Kids must attend VBS. Cost is \$100 and includes lunch and a full schedule of activities involving sports, science, & the arts. Limited spots are available. Volunteers are needed!

CHURCH WIDE PRAYER CONCERNS

- Volunteers for our growing children's ministry.
- Building renovation to go well and ahead of schedule. Safety for the working crew.
- The Ukrainian crisis and our missionary partners working to provide aid.
- Outreach in our community/Go Teams.
- Planning & preparation for Student's and Kid's Ministry summer activities

LOOKING AHEAD

- Women On Mission Meeting - May 10 @ 10am, Room T-12
- Grief Walk Book Club - May 11
- First Responder Appreciation Event - May 18
- Young Adult Retreat - May 19-21
- Men's Ministry Braves Game - June 10
- VBS - June 13-17
- Student Summer Camp - June 17-20
- Montana Mission Trip - July 28-August 2, 2022
- Honduras Mission Trip - August 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving as of April 28, 2022

Giving Received MTD - \$500,070.91
Giving Required MTD - \$444,392.00
Variance to Budget MTD - \$55,678.91

Giving Received YTD - \$1,812,079.76
Giving Required YTD - \$1,888,666.00
Variance to Budget YTD - (\$76,586.24)