



# FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

As our country celebrates freedom, we need to understand what it means to be truly free in Christ. Peter said to “live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God” (1 Peter 2:16 ESV).

Freedom is not a license to live void of restraint, as that ultimately leads to depravity and anarchy. People who do not know God tend to use their “personal freedom” as a justification for all kinds of sin, even if it harms others. In fact, “pro-choice” sounds great, but it is nothing more than using personal freedom to take another life. Freedom has context; it is experienced in community. Freedom must be guided by moral conviction and the laws of God.

So how should we use our freedom? As Christians, we are to use our freedom to help others. To be free from sin is to be a servant of God, and God has called us to be a blessing. God is calling each of us to shine the light of Christ through acts of service to others (Matt 5:16).

Consider your freedom in Christ as the privilege to serve. You are no longer held back by sin and its self-centered ambition. You are now free to give yourself away for the sake of the gospel.

Join us! Find your place of service. First Baptist Jonesboro is committed to “making disciples who invest in other people and impact the nations.”

To God be the glory,  
Pastor Mel Blackaby

## UPCOMING EVENTS

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR  
HEALTH

JUL. 19

UNBEATABLE: MEN'S EVENT

AUG. 13

LIFEWAY WOMEN LIVE

AUG. 26-27

FAMILY NIGHT W/THE BRAVES

SEPT. 2

CELEBRATORS CONFERENCE

OCT. 10-13

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



*Student Camp - God answered our prayers for unity among our youth and several Students made the decision to give their life to Jesus! We are excited to see God continue to grow and shape our youth to be disciples of Jesus.*

*VBS 2022 - 172 children attended, 90 volunteers, 5 decisions to follow Jesus, 9 asked to talk to someone about following Jesus, \$1281 raised for Ukraine!*

## WEDNESDAY FALL KICK-OFF

On Wednesday, August 3rd, we will kick-off our Fall Wednesday Night activities. Join us for a tailgate themed dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30-6:45, followed by a Ministry Showcase of activities available for your family on Wednesdays this fall.

Wear your favorite sports team jersey for a family 4-pack of tickets to the September 4 Braves game!

## FALL DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Visit our website for a full list of upcoming discipleship classes starting August 10. Join us also for a special introduction to our classes, meet the teachers, and get the class curriculum on August 3rd.

If you would like to attend one of our discipleship classes, please register online. Email Pastor Andy at [acauble@fbcjonesboro.com](mailto:acauble@fbcjonesboro.com) with any questions.

## IMPACT MENTORING

We will be re-starting our mentoring program in our local public schools this fall. Mentors will be matched with a student and meet twice a month to follow a character-building guide to encourage qualities such as patience, respect, loyalty, and self-control. Impact Mentoring runs October - April.

We are looking for mentors to invest in the lives of the next generation. If you would like more info about becoming a mentor, email Michael Bridges at [mbridges@fbcjonesboro.com](mailto:mbridges@fbcjonesboro.com) or sign up at the Welcome Desk.

## CHURCH WIDE PRAYER CONCERNS

- Family Mission Trip to Ohio, July 3-7.
- 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.
- Pray for our Scotland church partners during their missions emphasis week July 4-8.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- No Wednesday night activities or dinners in July (Only the 7pm Chapel Service)
- Impact Mentoring Training & School Supply Collection - July
- Montana Mission Trip - July 27-August 2
- Wednesday Activities Kick-off - August 3
- Victoria, Canada Mission Trip - August 11-16
- Men's Dinner Event w/Jeff Struecker - August 13
- LifeWay Women Live Event - August 26-27
- Family Night with the Braves - September 2.

## JONESBORO BIBLICAL COUNSELING CENTER

The Jonesboro Biblical Counseling Center is a ministry of First Baptist Jonesboro that offers Biblical counseling services for couples, individual adults, teens, children, and families. We use Biblical principles to address life problems. Call (470) 525-4300 to make an appointment.