



# FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

According to a 2020 study, people who take on new challenges as they move into a new year are more likely to succeed than those who try to remove something from their lives during that same transition into a new year. Have you noticed the many different new ministry initiatives we are taking on as we start 2023? We hope to enhance our church's ministries in worship, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, missions, and stewardship. Here is a glance at some of the new ministry efforts:

**ONE** - an initiative to help our church family come together as one body to enjoy time together as we eat and talk, learning from our church's leadership how things are going and where God is leading. Our hope through these "every-other-month" gatherings is that something special happens.

**PRAY: A CHURCH UNITED** - our intent in these weekly prayer gatherings on Wednesdays, at 6-6:30PM, is for our church to come together and unite to pray in one room for adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and interceding for needs as God leads us.

**FIFTH SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP** - we hope four times each year to create a worship experience that is engaging to all ages where families can worship together, with all ages participating. It is our prayer that this can become a teaching lab for all our families.

**SALT LIFE FOR SENIORS** - this strategic monthly gathering is our attempt to gather our seniors together for food, fun and laughter, musical inspiration, education about topics pertaining to them, and a challenging devotional led by our senior staff.

The ministries listed are just four of our newest ministry efforts. Others you will be hearing about soon include: Deacon Ministry Teams, Deacon Ministry Zones, School Mentors, a Young Adults Ministry Team, and a Prayer Team.

Remember the words from the January 1st message from Isaiah 43:19, Pastor Gary Lewis

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SALT GATHERING  
**FEBRUARY 9**

VALENTINE'S BANQUET  
**FEBRUARY 10**

F.U.D.G.E SOCIAL  
**FEBRUARY 17**

GRIEF SHARE STARTS  
**MARCH 7**

STUDENT DNOW  
CONFERENCE  
**MARCH 10-11**

BOB GOFF & FRIENDS  
**MARCH 16**

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES  
**MARCH 28**

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



**ONE Sunday Night-** We met as one church family on January 8 to celebrate all that God is doing in and through us and to fellowship together. Join us March 5 for the next gathering!



**Jonesboro House of Prayer** - Call the church office to reserve a time to spend in prayer at the House of Prayer, located across the street from the Fellowship Hall.

## MISSION AT THE TRACK

First Baptist Jonesboro is partnering with Raceway Ministries for this local mission opportunity. Raceway Ministries offers the racing community opportunities to experience God's love through guest services, chapel experiences, chaplain assistance and relational evangelism. This mission is accomplished by working with raceway staff and being available to race fans to address their needs.

Join us on March 18 to serve alongside believers from all over the metro Atlanta area to show God's love at the track.

### Mission at the Track

**March 18 | Nascar Race Weekend**

**Sign up to volunteer at <https://rma.ivolunteer.com>**

Here are some of the opportunities you will find there:

- Servers and table hosts for free breakfasts
- Children's ministry activities
- Concierge service
- Courtesy golf cart drivers
- Commercial bus drivers' hosts
- Fan Assistance

## GRIEF SHARE

Get help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. GriefShare support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

**Starting Tuesday, March 7 | 6:00 - 8:00pm**

Support is available to everyone, ages 5+. Book cost: \$20.

To Register, contact Rhonda at [rbutler@fbcjonesboro.com](mailto:rbutler@fbcjonesboro.com)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our staff and volunteers serving in the ROC Basketball program. Pray for children and their parents to encounter God.
- Many families are recovering from the devastation of tornado damage. Pray for our disaster relief teams as they minister both physically and spiritually.
- Pray for the teams that are preparing for mission trips in the next two months to Nepal/India, Ukraine, Honduras, Guatemala, and Australia.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Women On Mission Meeting - February 8
- SALT Life Gathering - February 9
- Valentine's Date Night - February 10
- F.U.D.G.E (Father/Daughter) Social - February 17
- Post-Abortion Restoration Retreat - March 2-5
- One: Sunday Night Gathering - March 5
- GriefShare begins - March 7
- Student D-Now Weekend - March 10-11
- Bob Goff & Friends on Tour - March 16
- Mission at the Track - March 18
- Women's Spring Gathering & Marketplace - March 25
- Ballroom Dance Classes begin - March 28

## WOMEN'S SPRING MARKETPLACE

**March 25, 2023 | 9am-2pm**

Save the date - More information coming soon!

Vendors Wanted: If you would like to be a vendor at this event, contact Cress at [cwelch@fbcjonesboro.com](mailto:cwelch@fbcjonesboro.com).

Cost is \$30 for an 8x10 space, 8ft table, and 2 chairs.

Deadline to register is February 24.