



FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The Bible describes a significant moment of awareness in the lives of the disciples. "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples'" (Luke 11:1).

These were good Jews who had prayed all their life. They had been taught by many religious leaders, including John the Baptist. But they saw something special about the prayer life of Jesus. They saw intimacy with God, divine guidance for life, power to do miracles, and the hand of God move in their midst. In other words, they saw something different about the prayer life of Jesus and they wanted to pray like Him.

When you ask the Lord to teach you to pray, get ready for a unique encounter with God. It will create genuine love for God's people, a keen awareness of God's presence, and the power of God to do the miraculous.

"Lord, teach us to pray!" In a dark and evil world, the church needs to be a house of prayer. It is the life of the church. But prayer is more than just words you recite; it is the expression of your heart. John Bunyan once said, "When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart."

You will be hearing more about our growing Prayer Ministry in the days ahead. I challenge you to ask the Lord, "teach me to pray." I challenge you to join us every Wednesday at 6:00pm to pray. I also ask you to consider joining our prayer ministry at the House of Prayer. Every prayer matters.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Mel

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEFSHARE STARTS
MARCH 7

SALT GATHERING
MARCH 9

STUDENT DNOW
CONFERENCE
MARCH 10-11

BOB GOFF & FRIENDS
MARCH 16

MISSION AT THE TRACK
MARCH 18

GO TEAMS
MARCH 21

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES
MARCH 28

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 19-23

*For more info and/or to register, visit
www.fbcjonesboro.com or call 770.478.6710



February SALT Gathering - Our senior adults enjoyed a Valentine's themed February gathering with a photo booth, delicious meal, raffle, and special program.



F.U.D.G.E. Social - The young girls of FBC Jonesboro and their father figures had a special night on Feb. 17 making memories to last a lifetime at this daughter/father-figure event.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is right around the corner!!! We are super excited because this year's theme is Twists & Turns, a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. During the week of June 19 – 23, kids ages 4 years (as of 9/1/2022) through completed 5th grade will discover that trusting in Jesus and following Him changes the game completely. We promise your kids are not going to want to miss it!!

Registration opens March 5th on our church website.

Of course, we cannot make VBS a success without our AWESOME VOLUNTEERS!! If you are interested in volunteering, in any way, you can email Amy at arhodes@fbcjonesboro.com.

Also, during the month of March, come see us at our Twists & Turns table located in the Gathering Place. We will have lots of VBS information, opportunities, and giveaways!! We cannot wait to see all that God is going to do through VBS this year and hope you will be a part of it!!

ONLINE GIVING

We're excited to announce that our online giving system has gotten an upgrade! To utilize this new Online Giving system, please visit our website www.fbcjonesboro.com and click "Give" in the top right. Select "New Online Giving Portal".

At the bottom of the left side of the screen, select "Sign Up". If you used our prior Online Giving, your email and password combination you used is not transferable so you will need to set up a new account.

We are so grateful for you and your generosity that enables us together to impact our world for Christ. Please contact Marcia Pundsack at mpundsack@fbcjonesboro.com if you have questions or need assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We have lots of visitors on Sundays. Pray that each person encounters God as we gather to worship.
- God has blessed FBC with many opportunities to serve in our community. Pray for open doors and open hearts in each area of influence.
- Continue to pray for Gospel engagement and mission endeavors in Ukraine, Thailand and Laos, Canada, Honduras, and Guatemala.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Post-Abortion Restoration Retreat - March 2-5
- ONE: Sunday Night Gathering - March 5
- GriefShare begins - March 7
- SALT Gathering - March 9
- Student D-Now Weekend - March 10-11
- Bob Goff & Friends on Tour - March 16
- Mission at the Track - March 18
- GO Teams starts - March 21
- Women's Spring Gathering & Marketplace - March 25
- Ballroom Dance Classes begin - March 28
- Good Friday - April 7, 7pm
- Easter Sunday - April 9, 10:45am
- SALT Gathering - April 13
- VBS - June 19-23

FINANCIAL REPORT

February Giving Received MTD - \$408,301.63
 February Giving Required MTD - \$448,000.00
 Variance to Budget MTD - (\$39,698.37)

Giving Received YTD - \$779,421.35
 Giving Required YTD - \$1,008,000.00
 Variance to Budget YTD - (\$228,578.65)