



March 2022

# *First Family News*

**Love GOD.  
Love Others.  
Change The World.**

I can do  
**all things**  
through  
**Christ**  
who  
**strengthens**  
me

Philippians 4:13



**MARCH 2022  
Worship Opportunities**

**Sundays**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
4:30 PM Bible Study Led by Neil Cato

**Wednesdays**

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM—Youth & IDK Activities  
6:30 PM Bible Study

**ADDITIONAL MARCH ACTIVITIES**

Mar. 1 Renovation Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm  
Mar. 7 BMW meeting @ 6:30pm  
Mar. 8 Fellowship meal & program @ 11:30am  
Mar. 13 Deacon's Meeting @ 11:30am  
Mar. 13 Men's Ministry @ 1:30pm  
Mar. 17 MMO St. Patricks' Day Parties  
Mar. 20 Frances G. Miller Retirement Drop in Reception 2-3:30pm  
Mar. 27 Men's Ministry @ 1:30pm

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**OUR FINANCIAL RECORDS  
FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

General Fund Needed Weekly	\$ 6,895.26
General Fund Needed	\$ 62,057.34
Given to Date	\$ 50,209.90
<b>General Fund Shortage</b>	<b>\$ 11,847.44</b>

<b>Jan. 30</b>	Sunday School	47
	Worship	102
<b>Feb. 6</b>	Sunday School	46
	Worship	95
<b>Feb. 13</b>	Sunday School	56
	Worship	100
<b>Feb. 20</b>	Sunday School	53
	Worship	98
<b>Feb. 27</b>	Sunday School	52
	Worship	108

**THANK YOU!!!**

Your thoughtfulness on Valentines Day was appreciated. Thanks for Randy's visit and the food.

Love in Christ,

**Darald & Evelyn Binsz**

**MARCH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS  
Children's Church Workers**

**3/6**

Vickie & Sherry Gunter

**3/13**

Edith Leaphart

**3/20**

TBD

**3/27**

Jordan Black & Emily Cleveland

**Safety Teams**

**3/6 Team 1    3/13 Team 2**  
**3/20 Team 3    3/27 Team 4**

**Deacon of the Week**

<b>Mar. 6</b>	<b>Carlton Clarke</b>
<b>Mar. 13</b>	<b>John Gantt</b>
<b>Mar. 20</b>	<b>Eddie Cogdill</b>
<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>Leon Addy</b>

**THANK YOU!!!**

Dear First Baptist Church family,

I want to let you all know how precious you are to us. We appreciate the love and kindness you shown us now at the loss of **Betty Stewart**. Your cards and encouraging phone calls have brought us much comfort. I pray God will bless you as you have so richly blessed us.

**Robin Stewart and family**

## **THANK YOU!!!!**

It is with a grateful heart that I submit my resignation as office manager/financial ministry assistant of the FBCB. After 41+ years it will be hard to imagine not waking up early to come to work. Each of you will always have a special place in my heart as I remember how we worked together as a team to accomplish God's work and purpose for this church. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Our Lord in this ministry. For me, it has not been a job, but a called Position of Ministry. May God continue to bless FBCB as each of you ask him for guidance and direction in leading others into a closer relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. I love you all.

Frances G. Miller

**First Baptist Church  
of Batesburg  
Cordially invites you  
to attend a  
Retirement Drop-In  
Reception**

**Honoring  
Frances G. Miller  
On Sunday, March 20,  
2022  
2:00-3:30 p.m.  
in the church's  
Fellowship Hall.**

## **THANK YOU!!!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters of First  
Baptist Church Batesburg,**

**Thank you for all the cards, calls and  
visits during my heart situation. Most  
of all thank you for the prayers. I  
believe they are why I am doing so  
well.**

**Love you all,  
Neil Cato**

## **Thank You!!!**

**The family of Larry Boland greatly appreciates  
all of the loving acts of kindness shown to  
them during the passing of our dad, grandad,  
and great grand-poppa. The visits, phone calls,  
messages, cards, food, and memorial gifts  
were all a great source of comfort during our  
time of loss. Your kindness will never be  
forgotten. As dad would end with, "Remember,  
God loves you and so do I!"**

**Andy & Charlie Boland**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Gene Hallman  
3/2 Jason Prouse  
3/3 Jackie Gardner, Bobby Boutwell, Krista Allendorf, Katie Williams  
3/4 Janine Burrows  
3/5 Zoe Jackson, Lex Long  
3/6 Bridget Cromer, Tiffany Cockrell, Bowman Attaway  
3/7 Alex Shealy, Claire Cogdill  
3/8 Mary Tolar, Morgan Spradley, Maleia Taylor  
3/11 Kimberly Gunter, Cameron Bedenaugh  
3/12 Jackson Kirkland, Donnie Edwards  
3/13 Jennifer Hair, Lindsey Wise, Payton Dawkins  
3/14 Linda DeLoach, Missy Sturkie  
3/15 Tony Ridgell, James Cullum, Henry Stamper  
3/16 Matt Sheaffer  
3/17 Daniel Padgett  
3/18 Carole Ross  
3/19 Joan Hartley  
3/21 Polly Townes, Naja Levels, Blake Bryan  
3/22 Olin Gambrell, Brent Ricard  
3/23 Rebecca Hite  
3/24 Shane Summer, Megan Duvall, Elaina Sullivan  
3/25 Keith Lancaster, Hannah Leaphart  
3/26 John Paulling, Mindy Bundrick, Melissa Kenyon, Leslie Buzhardt, Laura Hibbard, Addy Grace Dukes  
3/27 Camilla Kenyon, Lynda Smallen, Abbey Burkett  
3/28 Van Gantt  
3/30 Tammy Crim, Chris Camp  
3/31 Debbie Moses, Chelsea Bryan, Eric Sanders

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/2 Michael & Christy Dawkins  
3/7 Neil & Denise Cato, Evan & Lauren McNeal  
3/10 Johnny & Mindy Bundrick  
3/12 Dustin & Hope Crapps  
3/17 Gary & Melissa Holmes  
3/29 Steve & Julie Ortiz

**SAVE THE DATE:**

***Sunday, October 9, 2022***

***First Baptist Church  
Batesburg***

***150th Homecoming  
Celebration***

### **First Baptist Church of Batesburg Deacon Family Assignment 2021-2022**

#### **Deacons**

Neil Cato  
John Gantt  
Eddie Cogdill  
Blair Raines  
Steve Padgett  
Dave Reese  
Dale Robertson  
Leon Addy  
Carlton Clarke

#### **DFM Family Members**

Tracy Asbill - Victoria Burkett  
Janine Burrows - Travis Cook  
Jimmy Copeland - Ryan Duvall  
Luanne Edwards - Vickie Gunter  
Kimberly Gunter - Glynda Hickerson  
Michael Hickerson - Bruce Marvin  
Jeremy Matthews - Anthony Rankin  
Blair Raines - Lynda Smallen  
Greg Smith - Ronnie Younce

## **From Jordan Black...**

I have a new schedule that I would like to propose to you all in hopes of getting your feedback!

As you know, the spring sports are kicking off, and I know many in the youth have practices or games during the week. This makes it difficult for them to be able to attend Wednesday night youth group. My solution is that we move youth to Sunday nights 6-7:30 and keep the kids activities on Wednesday. This would also make it a lot better for me to serve the kids and youth as I desire to be equally present in all of their lives here at FBC Batesburg.

I have also discussed with my fiancé about opening up an adult group (18+) that would meet on Thursday nights, 6-7:30. We would do lessons, which would not be led by me every time, and we would also have men and women break up into groups during this time to form bonds with each other. Worship music will also be incorporated during this time as well. My hope is that this will serve the young adult population well in this town as I know many of my friends I grew up with might be interested in this. Not only young adults, but my hope is to have adults from all walks of life coming together in community, fellowship, and discipleship. We all need each other and the younger generation would extremely benefit from the council of those amongst the older generation so that's why I am making it an all adult group instead of just a young adult group.

I am also thinking about just doing a worship night on Thursdays instead of the group. We would get together, pray, read scripture, and sing songs of praise to the Lord. That would be from 7-8, Thursday nights.

I will have a voting sheet on the lobby counter and invite all who read this to respond as you see fit! I love to hear from you all and so please let me know what you guys think! Nothing is set in stone yet; I just simply want to hear from you all on how these ideas sound to you!

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Frank Bledsoe  
2.9.2022

### **IN SYMPATHY**

Robert Hartley & family in the loss of his father

Robert Hartley  
511 W. Railroad Avenue  
Batesburg, SC 29006

Karen Bledsoe Dickert & family in the loss of her  
father Frank Bledsoe

Karen Dickert  
291 Drooping Leaf Road  
Lexington, SC 29072

Linda DeLoach & family in the loss of her father

Linda DeLoach  
1462 Matthews Rd.  
Batesburg, SC 29006



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**RESIGNATION OR ACCEPTANCE?**

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

It's been said that peace is not so much a condition as it is a state of mind, that too often peaceful circumstances do not always make a peaceful heart. Our world is a constant reminder of this fact. Today, people are earnestly seeking peace in their relationships, in their career, in their finances, in the hopes that these things will grant them a measure of happiness. However, true peace comes from within. It is that calm assurance that no matter what happens, all is well with my soul.

It is a peace not arising from circumstances but the peace that rests in a loving, merciful Savior of knowing that no matter what happens in life Jesus Christ is always with me. It is, in fact, a willingness to accept whatever life throws our way. Elisabeth Elliot once wrote; "only in acceptance lies peace...not in resignation." Indeed, acceptance sees beyond the present to embrace the future. Resignation is the belief that nothing can change my situation.

In the book *Lord, If I Ever Needed You, It's Now!*, author Creath Davis defines wonderfully the difference between acceptance and resignation. He wrote:

Resignation is surrender to fate.  
Acceptance is surrender to God.

Resignation lies down quietly in an empty universe.  
Acceptance rises up to meet the God who fills that universe with purpose and destiny.

Resignation says, "I can't."  
Acceptance says, "God can."

Resignation says, "It's all over for me."  
Acceptance says, "Now that I am here, what's next, Lord?"

Resignation says, "What a waste."  
Acceptance says, "In what redemptive way will you use this mess, Lord?"

Resignation paralyzes the life process.  
Acceptance release the process for its greater creativity.

Today you may be experiencing a crisis in your life. You may even feel like your life is unravelling and falling apart. But know this; Jesus Christ is with you! For that singular fact you have access to the peace only He can give. Today, at this very moment, do you choose resignation or do you choose acceptance? The choice is yours, but only one leads to true peace.

In Christ's Abundant Love,

*Pastor Henry*