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Congratulations TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



Beth Bratton - RHS



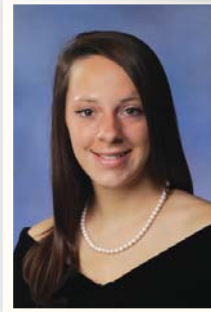
Joy Buford - RHS



Elizabeth Dempsey - MHS



Mary Grace Denson -
Darlington



Abbey DeVille - RHS



James Douglas - RHS



Nancy Ann Hubler -
Darlington



Kate Jones - RHS



Sam Loyd - RHS



Baxter McWhorter -
Darlington



Annie Ray - RHS



ALSO GRADUATING,
BUT NOT PICTURED:

Bailey Brock -
Darlington

Adam Davis - RHS

Daniel Hester - RHS

FROM OUR PASTOR

The deacon nominating process has begun. I thought you may be interested in a few facts about it. First, each year we recruit 14 deacons for a 3 year term. In addition to needing a new panel of 14, there may be a need to replace unexpired terms. We are currently polling reserve deacons to determine their willingness to be considered for a new three-year term. A reserve deacon is one who has served in the past and has been off the active panel for at least a year. The Nominating Committee is also seeking your nominations for individuals who have not previously been ordained. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, May 8.

With this information in hand, the committee will meet to determine the appropriate mix of returning deacons and nominations of new deacons. The bylaws express no formula for this mix, so the committee makes a prayerful assessment of the needs of the congregation to determine how many of each category to recommend.

For new deacons, the committee weighs such factors as the number of people who have nominated an individual, the level

of a person's previous involvement and leadership, and the perceived character of nominees. Members will often ask me why someone they nominated was not selected. Very often nominated individuals decline service. Sometimes members nominate previously ordained deacons. I cannot remember a single year where this has not happened. Other times, the committee may receive 50 nominations and only 2-3 slots for new deacons are available. There are always more highly qualified nominees than openings available. Sometimes factors come into play such as balance of age, gender, or family relationships. The Nominating Committee always seeks to provide a slate that represents the best of the congregation.

With those insights, I hope you will pray for the work of the committee and consider making a nomination. Remember, anyone who is 21 years of age and has been a member for more than a year may be nominated. I hope you will participate in this process.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

VBS AT FIRST BAPTIST JUNE 10 – 14, 2013

FBC invites all children rising K – 6th grade completed to step right up at Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes together. Explore and experience God's welcoming love at VBS! The fun begins June 10 and ends June 14 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. The adventures

include interactive Bible fun, great music, cool crafts, hands-on mission work, global games, and more. To be a part of all the excitement at Everywhere Fun Fair, call Sherri Dickens at the church office, or visit the church website and click the VBS link to register a child, or to volunteer! Alternatively you may register at <http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/fbcrome>. Many volunteers of all ages are needed. There is a place for you in VBS!



YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH SUMMER CALENDARS AVAILABLE

All of the Youth activities for the summer are detailed inside!

Download the latest version from the church's website.

SUMMER KICKOFF EVENT MAY 31 - \$35 PER PERSON

Varsity, Centennial Olympic Park, and Braves vs Nationals
Depart at 11:00 am – Return midnight



MIDDLE SCHOOL OVERNIGHT JUNE 14-15

Lock-in, Skyzone, and other fun.
Sign up NOW!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FBC HOSTS CBF/GA SENIOR CELEBRATION

Monday May 6, FBC-Rome will be hosting a Senior Celebration sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. Senior adult groups from across Georgia will attend. Registration is at 9:30 a.m.; a worship service follows in the Sanctuary with Dr. Bill Coates from FBC-Gainesville preaching and our own Men's Quartet providing special music. We then enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Two Can Do with entertainment by Applescraps, a trio that plays and sings traditional favorites. Cost is \$15. **You can pay at the door, but we need to know you are coming ASAP.** Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

NOMINATION OF DEACONS

The Deacon Nominating process has begun for next year. Forms may be turned in through the Sunday offering or by bringing it to the church office. Nominations must be completed by May 8. All nominating forms require the name of the person making the nomination, or it cannot be considered. Nominations are a vital part of the process for selected deacons. All members may participate.

A TRIP TO GIBBS GARDENS

Join us to see the roses, hydrangeas, azaleas, rhododendron and more blooms at Gibbs Gardens on Thursday, May 16. We depart at 9:30 a.m. and will return by 5 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person and includes transportation, admission and a ticket on the tram at the gardens. Sign up by Tuesday, May 14.

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

"ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING WORD"

BEGINNING MAY 15 IN THE DINING ROOM

Join us at noon every Wednesday beginning May 15 and through June 26th to pray for concerns within our church. Each week a different speaker will tell about times when they encountered a person or situation that called up memory of words in Scripture.

Chef Greg will prepare a light lunch (\$6). No reservations are required.

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19

Churches around the world will celebrate Pentecost Sunday on May 19. Many call this the birthday of the church. Red is the color traditionally used to symbolize the Holy Spirit. We invite everyone to show their "colors" and create a congregation of red to honor the Holy Spirit and in remembrance of the tongues of fire over the apostles at the First Pentecost. Wear RED for Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

PEDAL WITH THE PASTOR - SUNDAY, MAY 19

The entire church family is invited to join Dr. Snider for a bike ride on the Silver Comet Trail. We will meet at Seaborn Jones park in downtown Rockmart at 4:00 p.m. and return there for a picnic supper.

Bring your own bike and helmet. The ride will be leisurely and suited to children. The park is also a perfect spot for tricycles.



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME

(left) Sam & Steve Atha, (right) Olivia Barfield



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

CHOIR TO SING AT NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Sanctuary Choir has accepted an invitation to perform at Washington DC's National Cathedral over Labor Day weekend! There are a few spots left for those who would like to come on the trip and support the choir. (You don't have to sing...just enjoy!) For more information, contact Keith Reaves.

YEAR-END PROGRAM – MAY 8 AT 6:15 P.M.

All Children's Choirs will sing for a year-end program on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 12 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Sr. by the Dewey Stevens, Jr. Family.



PARENTS – SEND US INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE GRADUATE!

We would like to honor them in the next Spire.
Deadline for submissions is May 7.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$1,009,848.12

Support Received \$899,868.31

2012-2013 Total Budget Commitments To Date 277

World Vision, Meals & More
and CBF World Hunger Relief \$1,000.23

May 4 – May 17

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 4

Minister on Call Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141
Prayer Group, Prayer Rm. 11:00 am.

Sunday, May 5

Graduate Recognition Breakfast, FH 8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Graduates meet with John, Sanctuary 10:00 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 62 11:00 am
Graduate Recognition
Prospect Luncheon, DR 12:00 pm
Children's Ministry Cmt.Mtg., Conf.Rm. 4:00 pm
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills (End-of-Year Celebration) 5:00 pm

Monday, May 6

CBF/GA Senior Celebration, FH, Sanctuary 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
Committee on Committees Mtg., Comm.Rm. 5:40 pm

Tuesday, May 7

Chick-Fil-A Devotions 7:00 am
Younger Women's Bible Study, Conf.Rm. 11:30 am

Wednesday, May 8

Family Night Dinner, FH (Last Family Night) 5:00 pm
Adult Bible Study Prep., Conf.Rm. 5:20 pm
Youth Gathering & Hangout, YR 5:45 pm
Prayer Meeting, FH 6:00 pm
Children's Choirs, Chapel (Year-End Program) 6:15 pm
Youth Worship, YR 6:15 pm
FBC.com & Mission Friends 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

Thursday, May 9

VBS Team Mtg., Conf.Rm. 6:30 pm

Friday, May 10

Finance Cmt.Mtg., Conf.Rm. 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 11

Minister on Call Joel Snider 706.235.7099

Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 62 11:00 am
Parent-Baby Dedication

Monday, May 13

Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Group, Comm.Rm. 11:00 am
Deacons' Meetings:
Executive Committee, Conf.Rm. 5:30 pm
Dinner & Committees, DR 6:00 pm
General Meeting, DR 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 14

Chick-Fil-A Devotions 7:00 am
Younger Women's Bible Study, Conf.Rm. 11:30 am

Wednesday, May 15

Prayers & Reflections, DR 12:00 pm
VBS All Volunteer Training, DR (Childcare Provided) 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 16

Sr. Adult Trip to Gibbs Gardens 9:30 am

seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: MAY 5

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *Do You Really Want To Be Well?*

PREACHER: Joel Snider

SCRIPTURE: John 5:1-9

ANTHEM: *I Will Rise* arr. Craig Courtney

SPECIAL MUSIC: James Douglas, Beth Bratton,
First Baptist Ringers

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Cherry Snider and Alice Clements

1's: Leigh & Ryan Weldon and
Pam & Molly Finnegan

2's & 3's: Kelly & Jason Sanker

4's: Ashley & Micah Duke

FAMILY NIGHT MENU (LAST FAMILY NIGHT)

MAY 8

Salisbury Steak with Brown Gravy

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: MAY 12

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *A Hard Case Gets Religion*

PREACHER: Joel Snider

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:23-34

ANTHEM: *There Is A Time* arr. Craig Courtney

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Nancy Hiscock and Kathy Cook

1's: Jennifer Uldrick and Kate Barron

2's & 3's: Miriam and Carroll Peterson

4's: Mary Shotwell and Ernie Smith

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 8 AT NOON, DR

SPEAKERS: Janet Williams and Keith Reaves

MINISTER ON CALL:

Joel Snider 706.235.7099

And the one who was
seated on the throne said,
"See, I am making all things new."
Rev. 21:5a

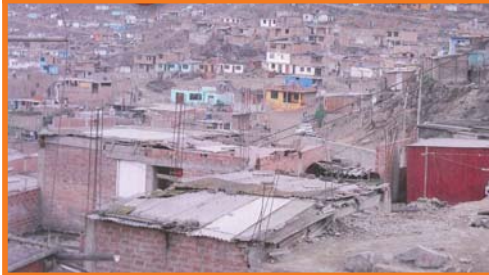
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PARENT-BABY DEDICATION FOR WILLIAM SIM WELDON

Pictured with Joel are parents,
Leigh & Ryan Weldon



MISSION ASSIGNMENT: PERU



OCTOBER 4 -13, 2013
\$850 - \$1,000 per person

Needed:

- Healthcare Workers
- Construction Workers
- Children's Workers

Sign up deadline is June 2nd. Those
interested or with questions please call
or email John Uldrick. Space is limited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JUNE 10-14
VBS at First Baptist

JUNE 27 - JULY 5
Passport Youth Camp

JUNE 30-JULY 3
Passport Kids Camp

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www.fbcrome.org

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