

Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church Geneva

May 2023

A Word from Brother Ed

The Book of Ecclesiastes says there is a "time for everything." Unfortunately, we have come to a time in the life of our church that we would rather not experience. Our Children's Minister, Emily Dale Kennington, will be leaving us at the end of May. For the last two years, Emily has been the ever-present, ever-smiling, ever-kind leader for our children's ministry on Wednesday nights and Sunday morning Children's Church.

First Baptist Church, as you know, is different, just like every church is different. One of the things that makes our church distinctive is that we place a high value on and we dedicate plenty of time to working with children and youth. Wednesday nights are a big part of what I am talking about. Churches do all sorts of activities on Wednesday nights, but our activities focus strongly on children and youth. And yes, such work requires lots of volunteers to be successful. To be completely honest, sometimes we as volunteers would rather stay home and rest after a big "hump day" at our regular jobs, but we keep plugging away because we believe in helping our children and youth become the next generation of our church.

Emily has been our leader in that important work for the last two years, and we will miss her, but we certainly want to thank her and celebrate her before she leaves.

On May 17th, the last regular Wednesday night before the Summer Wednesday Night Schedule starts on June 7th, we will give the children some party time with Emily so they can say goodbye to her. We will also recognize Emily as a congregation on her last Sunday with us, May 28th. In the meantime, as you see Emily at church, will you offer her your personal thanks and best wishes? I know you will!

Brother Ed





Vacation Bible School
June 25 - 29
5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TWISTS & TURNS VBS UPDATE

VBS is right around the corner, and we are working hard preparing for the most successful VBS ever! We have several dates reserved for VBS worker meetings and workshops so please add these dates to your calendars and try to attend as many as possible. We will have a very short meeting on Sunday, May 7th

right after the morning worship service to pick up materials and schedules for all workers.

Please make every effort to attend. We will have other workdays planned for preparing materials, crafts, decorations, etc. Even if you have not committed to work during the week of VBS, your help is needed. If you can't attend all of these dates, feel free to attend the dates that are convenient.

May 7, 11:30 Quick meeting right after worship to pick up materials, calendars, and schedules needed for VBS

May 24, 6:00 p.m. VBS Workshop in Fellowship Hall (light meal served). Teachers can use this time to prepare Bible Study packets, work on decorations, work on list of materials needed, craft preparations, music practice, recreation games preparations, etc.

May 28, 4:00 p.m. VBS Workshop. Come at your leisure to help with decorations, Bible Study materials, craft preparations, music practice, etc.

May 31, 6:00 p.m. VBS Workshop in Fellowship Hall (light meal served). All volunteers encouraged to help prepare.

June 11, 11:30 a.m. VBS Workers Lunch Meeting in Gym. All volunteers and family members invited. Lunch will be served (RSVP to Lori at 850-774-3414) and this will be used to finalize all plans and answer any last minute questions. Schedule will be discussed in depth.

June 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. VBS Workday. All workers will have access to classrooms for decorating and set up throughout the day.

We have opened up the student registration for those who want to go ahead and get registered. You can click on the QR Code and complete the registration form for each student. Please be sure to include all requested information. If you cannot access the QR Code, please see Allison or Lori for a registration form that can be completed and turned in.

Scan to Register

Scan to Order T-Shirt

TWISTS & TURNS

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME PSALM 25:4

Vacation Bible School
June 25 - 29, 2023
5 - 8 PM
Ages 3 to Grade 5

Or go online to our website: www.fbcgeneva.org/vbs-2023/

We are putting together an order for VBS t-shirts for workers and students. Please click on the QR Code from the bulletin, newsletter, or FBC website to order worker and students t-shirts. We will close the ordering by June 4, so please get your orders in as soon as possible.

We are collecting items that you may have around your home for use in VBS. If you have board games that are no longer needed/wanted (even if there are missing pieces), we could use them. We need empty family size cereal boxes, empty 12-pack soda can boxes, empty (clean) 2-liter soda bottles, colored poster boards, white foam boards, empty (but intact) cardboard boxes, craft paper (white, brown, black, etc.) colored paper or card stock, black electrical tape, cellophane paper, empty Cool Whip containers, colored tissue paper, etc. If you have any of these items, please bring them to church.

Most importantly, please begin praying right now for Vacation Bible School. It is a major under-taking but it is vital to the ministry of our church. Pray for opportunities to invite unchurched families and for decisions that will be made during VBS. If you have any questions, please see Allison Crews or Lori Shortt.



*Our family invites you
to join us as we celebrate*

Alice Moore
for her
90th Birthday

Sunday, May 7, 2023

First Baptist Church
Geneva, AL
Fellowship Hall

2pm until 4pm

Your presence is a gift

Greetings ISLANDS

NATIONAL DAY of *Prayer*

Thursday, May 4th
At Noon
Geneva County
Courthouse




Mother Daughter Choir

Mother/Daughter Choir
Mother's Day: May 14

Special Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 10th
at 6 PM
In Choir Room



**First Baptist
Church**
Geneva, Alabama

**Sunday
School
9:30 AM**

**Worship
Service
10:30 AM**



Sunday, May 21

*Congratulations
to Our Graduates:*

Kadee Clemmons

Mollie Fain

Madison Johnson

Trent Mitchum

Camryn Sanders

Gerald Turner

Hunter Wyatt

**Youth Summer
Wednesday Night Activities**

will continue throughout the summer at 6 PM.

The Words and Waves
Junior High and Senior High Bible studies
will start up after camp.

Receive your newsletter by email.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email,
please call the church office,
or go to the homepage of our website
and give us your email address.
If you do not have email access,
you will be able
to pick one up at church.

Youth FugeCamp

June 5 - 9

Panama City Beach, Florida

The Youth Group's Silent Auction Fundraiser
ends this Sunday afternoon, April 30.

The money raised will help
cover the cost of camp.

Visit the Welcome Center and
support our Youth.

Donations are also being accepted.

Thank you for your continued support
to the Youth Program.

Youth and Parent Meeting

Wednesday, May 3rd

at 7 PM in Gym

to discuss the upcoming Youth Camp.

***May 17: Last Wednesday Night Meal and
Regular Program before Summer.***



Summer Wednesday Night Series

June 7, 14, 21

July 12, 19, 26

Look in the June Newsletter for more
information.

ROTATIONS

Nursery Workers Rotation

- 04/30: Jennifer Adams, Stacey Shirah, Andrea Coskrey
05/07: Macy Roney, Kaye Spear, Brandi Hall
05/14: Mallory Mixon, Jennifer Knowles, Abby Crews
05/21: Hannah Tidwell, Anna Padgett, Allison Crews
05/28: Chelsie Smith, Jami Seay, Michelle Sanders
06/04: Renee Clemmons, Beth Stough, Loren McKnight

Security Rotation

- 04/30: Brad Bynum, Jack Commander, Kerry McLaney
05/07: Terry Aycock, Wade Green, Joey Stephens
05/14: Marvin Miller, Sam Sharpe, Jay Stough
05/21: Jay Cooley, Lyle Warren, Bart Wilks
05/28: Tony Knowles, Chad McKnight, Brien Sullivan
06/04: Shawn Gilmore, Daniel Hart, Brent Johnson

Deacons In Service

- 04/30: Mickey Bennett, Keith Owen
05/07: Ricky Beck, Toby Seay
05/14: Al Folsom, Larry Sharpe
05/21: Greg Adams, Ryan Tidwell
05/28: Ricky Bennett, Donnie Chesteen
06/04: Michael Crews, Jason Padgett

Ushers

- 04/30: Jeffrey Adkison, Parker Adkison,
Trent Mitchum, Keith Owen
05/07: Ricky Beck, Braden Green,
Chandler Green, Brett Stephens
05/14: George Folsom, Les Sanders,
Luke Sanders, Larry Sharpe
05/21: Greg Adams, Lawson Adams,
Rufus Kervin, Harrison Tidwell
05/28: Donnie Chesteen, Baylor McKnight,
Brigham McKnight, Todd Mote
06/04: Shawn Thomas Gilmore, JD Hart,
Talan Johnson, Jason Padgett

Children's Church: Helper/Teacher

- 04/30: Sonja McLaney & Emily Kennington
05/07: Dawn Wilks & Emily Kennington
05/14: Jill Crews & Emily Kennington
05/21: Melanie Adkison & Emily Kennington
05/28: Haley McCoy & Karol Beck
06/04: Sue Earley & Emily Kennington

Sound Rotation

- 04/30: Adam Commander, Ethan Commander
05/07: Steve Shirah, Larry Sharpe
05/14: Steve Shirah, Chandler Green
05/21: Mike Turner, Larry Sharpe
05/28: Adam Commander, Ethan Commander

Greeter

- 04/30: Tammy Owen
05/07: Renee Clemmons
05/14: Michelle Sanders
05/21: Hannah Tidwell
05/28: Loren McKnight
06/04: Krissy Gilmore

Wednesday Children's Rotation

05/03 Team 1

- Bible Lesson:** Emily Dale, Renee Clemmons
Recreation: Kyle Kennington, Mike Shortt
Bible Drill: Abbie Kay Thompson,
Hannah Commander

Check-in/Out: Allison Crews

Pre-K: Mallory Mixon

Playground: Renee Clemmons, Mallory Mixon

05/10 Team 2

Bible Lesson: Emily Dale

Recreation: Krissy Gilmore, Toby Seay

Bible Drill: Jami Seay, Katie Warren

Check-in/Out: Mandy Precise

Pre-K: Tiffany Turner

Playground: Jami Seay, Krissy Gilmore

05/17 Team 3

End of School Party

Wednesday Youth Rotation

05/03: Jami Seay

05/10: Jomanda Johnson

05/17: Michelle Sanders

Wednesday Supper Greeter

04/26: Randal White

05/03: Keith Owen

05/10: Ricky Beck

05/17: Al Folsom

If not able to make your appointed time,
please call someone else on the list and
swap with them.



- 1 Myles Eaves
- 2 Sherrie Aycock
Leyton Cotton
- 4 Jerry Cain
Carolyn Phillips
- 5 Baylor McKnight
Brigham McKnight
Katy Mote
- 7 Harrison McGowan
- 9 Brady Bennett
- 10 Alice Moore
- 12 Lisa Parker
- 13 David Hayes
- 14 Tony Clemmons
Ava Mixon
- 19 David Bilbrey
Jack Commander
- 20 Jimmy Hicks
Rayleigh Knowles
- 21 Kerry Commander
Ashley Powell
Marvin Salter
Beth Stough
- 23 Casey Spear
- 24 Isabelle Johnson
- 26 Teresa Perez
- 27 Taylor Salter
- 28 Steve Shirah
Madison Stephens
- 29 Terri McGowan
- 30 Katie Owen
Chelsie Smith
- 31 Brent Bennett
Madison Chesteen

ALTAR FLOWERS



Several weeks are available in the coming year for weekly Altar Flowers.

If you would like to change your week or drop your week, please call the church office. If you would like to be added to the list to supply flowers, please call the church office.

Church Office: 334.684.9910

April 30, 2023

In Memory of Eliza Anne and Grover Beck,
Margaret Elizabeth & William Henry Harris, Abbie & Lamar Beck
by Mr. & Mrs. George Beck, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Beck

May 7, 2023

In Honor of The 90th Birthday of Alice Moore by Her Family

May 14, 2023

In Memory of All Mothers and in Memory of
Charles A. and Susan Lee Stough by The Wilda Stough Family

May 21, 2023

In Loving Memory of Emilee Fain, Cassidy Dunn, and Addyson Martin
by Cindi and Vann Fain

May 28, 2023

In Loving Memory of Addyson Grace Martin on Her Birthday
by Freddy, Erica and Brooks Martin

June 4, 2023

Open



Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Wednesday, May 3:

Spaghetti Bake, Meatball Sub, Antipasto/Salad,
Chips, Garlic Bread, Key Lime Cake Squares

Wednesday, May 10:

BBQ Pulled Pork, Yankee Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cinnamon
Roll Poke Cake, Mississippi Mud Cake.
Kids: Hamburgers, Chips, Fruit, Cupcakes

Wednesday, May 17:

Pizza, Salad Bar, Dessert

\$3/child; \$6/Adult; \$20/Family.

Please sign up if you plan to attend!

Financial Report As of
April 23, 2023

Budgeted Weekly
\$7,506.48

Budgeted YTD
\$127,610.16

Tithes and Offering YTD
\$122,482.19

Quarterly Missions Offering to Date
\$12,072.00

Brown Bag Ministry
\$65 will provide a bag of
groceries for a senior adult
each month for a year.



You can help!

Brown Bag Calendar

April 30 – Canned Veggies/Fruit
May 7 – Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues
May 14 – Canned Meat
May 21 – Bags of Rice
May 28 – Canned Veggies/Fruit
June 4 – Condiments, Spices, Crackers



Donations of
gently used items
accepted.

**Nichols Mission
Building**

**Open
Every Tuesday
from
9 AM - 3 PM**

**Closed for lunch
12 Noon - 12:30 PM**

All items are free!



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