

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1

12:00 Noon Bible Study/Johnathan Bryson
Chapel Class/Bring a bag lunch if you so desire
5:15 pm Family First Feast

Menu: Baked Ziti/Salad/Roll/Dessert/Drinks

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 5 – Graduate Recognition Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship/Rev. Dwayne Burks
5:00 pm The Chosen – Season 4

Wednesday, May 8

12:00 Noon Bible Study in the Chapel/Johnathan Bryson
5:15 pm Family First Feast

Menu: Hot Chicken Salad Casserole/Green Beans/Sweet Potato Casserole/
Rolls/Dessert Drinks

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

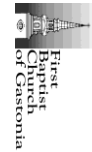
Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day

9:45 am Baptism Class with Pastor Dwayne/Parlor

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship/Dwayne Burks

5:00 pm The Chosen – Season 4



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GRADUATION

Class of 2024

On Sunday May 5 we will celebrate the accomplishments of four from our FBCG family:

Cody Combs



Cody is graduating from Hunter Huss High School with an impressive 4.05 GPA. She has been accepted into Gardner-Webb University, where she will embark on her pre-med studies this fall, aiming to pursue a career and ministry in Pediatric Medicine. Cody first became involved with First Baptist Church when she was invited to sing during our 2023 Storytelling Sunday. She has faithfully participated in worship since that first involvement.

Celeste Scott



Celeste graduates from Gaston College with an Associate of Arts degrees in Science and Human Services Technology as well as a specialized certification in Gerontology. Celeste is also a March 2024 inductee into the National Tech Honor Society. Celeste will begin working on her Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work at Appalachian State University as soon as she completes her second academic internship here at First Baptist in August. Celeste is dedicated to building a career and ministry in Gerontological Human Services.

Worship Greeters

May: Art Queen, Ann Siva

Welcome

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

May 1 – 11

- 1 – Larry Harris
- 2 – Beth Williams
- 3 – Regina Blalock
- Martha Spurrier
- 4 – Barbara Shore
- 5 – Kendra Schaffner
- 10 – Betty Taylor

WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

May: Kindness

May 1: Psalm 85:10

May 8: Isaiah 54:8

May 15: Jeremiah 31:3

May 22: Romans 2:4

May 29: Ephesians 4:32

SCOUT YARD SALE

Saturday, May 4th

7:00 am

Church Parking Lot



COMING SOON

A A STUDY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- SUMMER 2024 -



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An Unexpected Treat

Week before last on a Wednesday, Avis Taylor surprised us with a visit to the FBCG office where she showed us her lovely quilt that was created with surplus Covid-19 masking materials. It was wonderful to see her feeling better and back on campus for a little while. We are thankful for Avis and her legacy among us.



GASTON CHORAL SOCIETY
presents
Sounding the
CLARION CALL

An inspirational night of choral music from around the world woven together with themes of hope and wonder.

SATURDAY MAY 4TH | 7:30 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTONIA

Pay what you can to attend | Tickets on sale onsite and at GastonChoralSociety.org

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GASTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Homicide Family Support Group

As our community grows, so do the challenges we face, including a rise in violent deaths from domestic violence and homicide. To support those affected by these tragedies, First Baptist Church Gastonia (FBCG) is proud to partner with the Gaston County District Attorney's Office and Hope United to host a monthly support group.

Starting May 7, 2024, we will meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the church Parlor. This group provides a compassionate environment for sharing, healing, and connecting with others who have experienced similar losses.

*2650 Union Road
Entrance through the front doors for easy access.*

HOPE UNITED
Survivor Network

GASTON COUNTY HOMICIDE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

THE HOMICIDE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP OFFERS SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE TO VIOLENCE.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTONIA
2650 UNION RD, GASTONIA, NC
FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
6:30 PM-8:00 PM
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

PLEASE CONTACT DAISY AT THE GASTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.
704-852-3163

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Ellie McCully



Ellie is graduating from Belmont Abbey College, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Psychology and Education.

During her final semester, Ellie completed over 100 hours as an intern in our FBCG SEAM Program. The stole she wears in her photo was crafted and decorated by students of the SEAM program.

Following graduation, Ellie plans to work part-time with the SEAM Summer program. She will then relocate to Texas to commence her career and ministry in education this fall. Ellie is graduating from Belmont Abbey College, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Psychology and Education.

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Olivia Rushing



Olivia is graduating from Highland School of Technology and plans to pursue a degree in Film Studies at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington this fall. For her high school work-based learning requirement, Olivia successfully completed a 40-hour internship at FBCG this semester. During her time here, she contributed to various graphic design projects that greatly enhanced our Lenten Luncheon event, Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, and Sunday worship promotions. One of her standout projects was a short video highlighting Cassidy Hooper's recent involvement with us. Cassidy is now using this video to further promote her ministry of word and music to other churches.



Special Thanks and Recognition

Along with honoring the accomplishments of the class of 2024, we have another important recognition.

CC Nguyen and Leaf Mullins have been part of our First Baptist family for a couple of years. CC has shared their talents by leading music, singing in the Sanctuary Choir, and playing the piano on numerous occasions. Likewise, Leaf has assisted with our social media and is always ready to lend a hand.

Whether showing up early for services or moving lecterns, Leaf does those rare and wonderful behind-the-scenes things that go unnoticed.

CC and Leaf will be relocating to Attica, Indiana at the close of this school year. CC, who serves as the choir director at Hunter Huss, plans to continue similar work in Indiana. Leaf will enter mortuary science training in Indiana while helping their parents operate a family business. Both have made significant contributions here at First Baptist and will be deeply missed.