# The First Baptist Visitor

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May 2025

#### CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF WORSHIP!



FIRST CHURCH SERVICE WERE HELD IN THE ROCKMART ACADEMY SCHOOL LOCATED ON BEAUREGARD STREET. --THE DEACONS RECEIVED A DEED FOR LOTS 12 & 13 ON ELM STREET. PROPERTY OBTAINED FOR A TOKEN PAYMENT OF \$1.00 FROM THE WIDOW OF SEABORN JONES. THE CHAPEL WAS DEDICATED ON 6/19/1891. SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS WERE ADDED IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS. THESE WERE FORMERLY THE KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL AREA, NOW THE PRESCHOOL AREA. 1ST PARSONAGE WAS ON MAPLE STREET, ERECTED IN 1910 LOCATED 2 DOORS DOWN FROM THE CHURCH. CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGER SANCTUARY AND EDUCATIONAL ANNEX AND THE 1ST SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED BY REV. W. C. CORLEY ON SUNDAY MORNING 12/22/1957. THE CHURCH WAS DEDICATED ON THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR 1958.

### 1875 - 2025

The annual Ladies Spring Fling Tea will be on Sunday, May 4 at 2pm. Our speaker this year is Allison Rounds. Allison works with students through the FCA program and is one of our weekday preschool teachers. She is going to share about her walk with FCA and women's ministries and the value of being seen in your gospel walk. We are also planning for special entertainment. This is for all ladies and their guests. Please RSVP to Janice Kinney, Linda Wright, Martha Bell, Susan Culyer or Kim Wilson to help us prepare for the event.



We thank our brave soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance.



Happy Mother's Day! This special day is all about celebrating and honoring the incredible women who have nurtured, cared for, and guided us throughout our lives. Whether it's your biological mother, stepmother, grandmother, or a mother figure, today is the perfect opportunity to express your gratitude and appreciation for all their love and support. Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms out there!



Save the date for VBS! Tuesday through Friday July 8-11

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World Contact Michaela if you'd like to volunteer. (As always, volunteers need to have a current cleared background check on file.)

Graduate recognition Sunday is May 18.

If you have a graduate of high school or college that you'd like to be recognized in the worship service that day, please submit a photo and a brief description of what they'd like to be known about them, possibly including their plans for next steps and their favorite scripture by Thursday, May 1. You can email these to Edie at office@firstbaptistrockmart.org. We invite the families of graduates to stay after worship for a lunch in their honor. RSVP with a number to Michaela or Edie also by May 1.



Check out our website! Www.firstbaptistrockmart.org

Our website now has a link for the current newsletter, calendar and all the information for our Youth and Children's Department. Special Events will be featured and registration for future events will be possible. You can even send us a chat!! Our bulletin can only hold so much so for your convenience, please scan the QR Code to go directly to the website!



Known May Birthdays

- 01- Emma Scott
- 02- Phyllis Watts
- 05- Cindy Feagin
- 06- Drew Lindsey
- 08- Wilma Turner
- 10 Teresa Brumbelow, Tye Tomlin, Bennett Vest
- 14- Lisa Criss, Michael Mathis, Drew Williams
- 15 Wendi Ludwig
- 24 Rich Rochester
- 26 Kerri Earwood
- 27 Linda Beatty
- 28 Kelley Wolfe
- 31- Kyleigh Sharpe

Wednesday Family Dinner May 14th at 5:30 pm

# PLEASE REMEBER TO **UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST!**



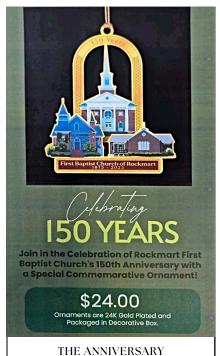
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ORNAMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE OR A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY.

#### For May

Deacon of the Week: 5/4 Randy Turner 5/11 David Vest 5/18 Matt Wallace 5/25 Danny Bell

5/4 Church Council at 445 pm 5/18 Deacons Meeting at 445 pm 5/18 Business Meeting at 6 pm

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE **SUNDAY** 

9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP 5:00 PM CHILDREN'S MUSIC, MISSIONS & MORE

6:00 PM EVENING STUDY MONDAY

8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:00 PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM YOUTH D'SHIP 6:30 PM PRAYER MEETING 7:15 PM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

#### Newsletter May 2025 Youth, Children and Young Families

Youth (6-12th grades)

May 18 Graduate Recognition Sunday during worship, 11AM. We invite the families of graduates who have RSVPed by May 1 to stay after worship for a lunch in their honor.

#### GO FISH!

On Wednesday 21st, we will go fishing at the Watts' lake in Yorkville, 5-7:30PM. We will also have a hotdog dinner. Bring a rod, if you have one! Mr. Charlie will supply the bait. Carpool provided from/to the church.

Every Sunday morning, we meet for Bible study 9:45-10:45AM. Every Wednesday we meet for Bible study, service and fun, 6-7:15PM. Friday, May 23rd Last day of school for PSD & RHS Graduation

#### Children

Every Sunday morning children meet for Bible study 9:45-10:45AM and walk through the Bible using the Gospel Project curriculum. Children's church (K-5th grade) and the worship care (babies-4K) are available during worship each Sunday morning for children to learn in their age-appropriate ways.

We will have children's activities on Sunday evening May 4 and 18, 5-6PM. There are NO evening activities on Mother's Day (May 11) and Memorial Day (May 25).

Save the date for VBS! Tuesday through Friday July 8-11

Volunteers needed for stations, crew leaders, technology, food, hospitality, prayer, registration, promo, science experiments, runners, assistants, folks to bring ice-cream, and to set up the bouncy house. (As always, volunteers need to have a current cleared background check on file.) Contact Michaela.

Young Families

We start a new series in Sunday school this month around the biblical passages depicted in The Chosen, the historical drama about the lives of Jesus and his followers. We plan to watch and discuss episodes using a study guidebook. We welcome newcomers every Sunday 9:45-10:45AM.





There are many ways to turn in your contribution:

- 1) Place it in the secure drop box at the back of the church building, now located in the office door.
  - 2) Go to firstbaptistrockmart.org, click on "Giving," and fill in the simple form.
    3) Drop by during weekly office hours (Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to give in person.

4) Mail it to the church office (P.O. Box 388 Rockmart, GA 30153).
5) Place it in the offering plate worship service.

6) Text FBCROCKMART followed by your gift amount to 73256 and follow the prompts.

Offering envelopes are available in the pews along with a special benevolence envelope. All other special envelopes are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. Always be sure to mark on the envelope what fund you would like your gift to go to.

# **Church Greeters for May**

Scott Kinney David Vest Jimmy Norris Alan Dryden Sondi Vest Lucille Harris

Sounds Techs May 5/4 Todd Mathis 5/11 David Vest 5/18 Lane Mears 5/25 Jimmy Norris



1st Sunday of each month

# Volunteer **Opportunities**

Jimmy Norris will be responsible for locking and unlocking the church during the month of May.

Children's Church for May 4-May Michaela Odom & Brenda Johnson 11-May Kay Hughes & Melissa Register 18-May Stephanie Mears & Kathy Dolbeer 25-May Michaela Odom & Vickie Worsham

Sun Morning Worship 5/4 Lisa Terry 5/11 Charity Ratcliff 5/18 Stephanie Mears 5/25 Rhonda McCormack

If you would like to volunteer for any area of church life, please contact the church office.

Men's Breakfast the Snack Shack in Aragon

Golden Age Thursday, May 24th at 1030 am

Every Monday at 8 am @

This year, FBCR will celebrate our 150th Anniversary. We are beginning to prepare for a full year of celebrating and honoring our Church. If you have any photos, articles or any kind of history, please see a member of the History or Anniversary

Mid-week Women's Bible Study

Thursday Mornings 10-11:30 am

Until May 22nd

"Sensible Shoes" will be the study this time. It follows the lives of 4 women, from different walks of life, and how they grow spiritually and with one

another.

We have also placed a special "Anniversary" contribution envelope in the pew and at each entrance for you to use if you wish to make a contribution to the 150th celebration.

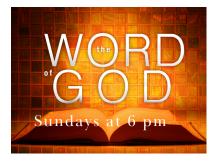
Committee.

Meet & Greet Sunday, May 18th at 9:30 am Beth Lester & Phyllis Watts



Celebrate Recovery meets every Monday night in the Great Room 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Supper and Fellowship, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Praise and Worship, 8:00 pm Open Share Groups.





Little preschool Bigheart

2025 Preschool Graduation Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am

We would like to thank the Preschool for the generous donation to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. They collected money each week during chapel and donated \$181.35.

Thank you for being the best part of FB

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RHS Graduation will be held on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm

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