Music Day Camp
K5-5th Grade (Completed)
July 23-27 ★ 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Cost is $15. Bring sack lunches.
(Children will need to return to church at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.)

Church-wide Performance
Friday, July 27 ★ 7:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social
July 22 ★ 7:00 p.m.
Bring a churn of your favorite homemade ice cream! Don’t have a churn? Bring another dessert to share.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.”
Psalm 33:12
Remaining Faithful In The Summer

If your month of June was anything like mine, you were out on the road a lot. After spending a full week on mission in West Virginia, a few days with the Builders for Christ in Alabama, and several out-of-town visits to see family, we literally spent half of June away from home. For most of us, that's the reality of summertime. We take vacations, go on mission trips, see family and friends, or have weekend getaways.

While spending a lot of time away from home can take a toll on our bodies, it can also take a toll on the financial condition of our church. Each year, our church financial records indicate that our offerings through the summer months are very low compared to the rest of the year. Oftentimes, it's easy to forget about our spiritual obligation to give financially to the Lord when we travel and miss Sunday worship. Many people do not forget intentionally, but only because their routine changes. However, our offerings to the Lord are critical throughout the year to allow for much needed ministry to take place. God could supply all we need supernaturally, but instead He leaves the responsibility of financial giving to each believer, so that He will receive glory and worship when one chooses to sacrifice a meaningful amount back to Him. The Bible teaches us to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, and this means making sure that we worship Him through consistent financial giving.

Here are a few important reminders about faithful giving:

1. Make sure that you are giving joyfully. Paul reminds us, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If we give to the Lord with a begrudging spirit, God is not honored and we have given in vain.

2. Make sure that you are giving sacrificially. While the Old Testament teaches giving a tithe (10%) of your income, the New Testament is silent on the issue. However, this doesn't mean that God expects less from us when it comes to giving. Although the church does not operate by Old Testament practices, the Old Testament is still a faithful guide for what God expects. If God considered 10% of one's income to represent a respectable and worshipful sacrifice in the days of old, then it's probably wise to base your giving around a similar amount. As one pastor said, "We are not commanded to give a tenth, but that’s probably a good place to start." The main point is to make your offering meaningful, according to your lifestyle and level of income.

3. Make sure you are giving consistently. As we mentioned above, there are times when we may forget or neglect to give simply because our routine changes. However, if you do miss a Sunday at church, remember to include your missed offering along with your current offering when you return. A great practice is to send in your offering before you leave on a trip, then you will not be burdened with trying to catch up.

It is my prayer that you will continue to support what God is doing at FBC Fairburn. No matter how much you give, you will never reach the point when you out-give the Lord. He promises to be faithful to us as we give sacrificially to Him, and this means in the summer months as well.

Music Ministry

Donny Thomas, Interim Worship Pastor • donny@thedartzone.us

July is here!!! I am humbled and honored to be your interim music minister. I want to take this opportunity to invite each and every one of you to come and join the choir. There will be no choir practice on Wednesday nights during the month of July, but will resume in August. However, the choir will still be leading worship on Sundays as we do every Sunday. Over the summer, we will be singing choir specials out of the “Mighty Is Our God” songbook. Please be in the choir room on Sunday mornings at 10:40 a.m. each Sunday to prepare. Thank you once again for all you do in service to our Lord and King. So remember, as we enter this month where we celebrate our nation’s independence, let us also celebrate our freedom that is available to all through Christ’s sacrifice. God’s Word tells us that He loved you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for your sins so you could have eternal life through belief in Him.
Children’s Ministry ▪ Grades 1-5
Rev. Russell Aguirre, Student Pastor ▪ russell@fbcfairburn.com
Chandler Greer, Intern ▪ chandlergreer@yahoo.com

July is finally here! It’s that time of the year for celebrations, cook-outs, and many more fun activities! I hope everyone has been having a fun and safe summer so far. I know that many of you have been on vacations, and I cannot wait to hear all of your stories! Please keep in mind that there are still multiple activities going on each week for you to attend! We still have several Kids’ Day Out events, as well as several Fun Fridays. Also, remember that we are still having Kids For Christ on selected Wednesdays throughout the summer. As always, I hope to see you all at every event, and please bring your friends!

Children’s Weekly Schedule:
Sundays: Children’s Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. & Children’s Church - During Most Morning Services
Wednesdays: Kids For Christ - 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (June 27, July 11, July 25, Each Week in August)

Summer Events Calendar
Thursday, June 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Kids’ Day Out - Noah’s Ark Zoo ($8)
Friday, June 29, 6-9 p.m. - Fun Friday - Pool Party ($5)
Friday-Saturday, July 6-7, 6 p.m.-8 a.m. - Gwinnett Braves Game & Church Lock-in ($15)
Thursday, July 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Kids’ Day Out - Water Works Park in Newnan ($7)
Friday, July 13, 6-9 p.m. - Fun Friday - Rockbridge Adventure ($15)

Music Day Camp - “That’s So Daniel!”
Monday-Friday, July 23-27 ★ 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ★ $15 ★ Performance on Friday at 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Kids’ Day Out - Stone Mountain Park ($16)

Come! Bring friends!

Student News ▪ Grades 6-12
Rev. Russell Aguirre, Student Pastor ▪ russell@fbcfairburn.com

July is here already!? The summer sure is passing by fast… But it’s been an exciting summer thus far, and there is still more to come! Recently, our students have had the opportunity to serve the Lord by attending either the West Virginia Mission Trip or on the Builders for Christ Mission Trip. I am so proud of all of them! I’m hoping that at the end of the summer they will have an opportunity to share with the church about their summer experiences and how God used them for His kingdom!

The students not only have opportunities to serve but they still have opportunities to learn. We are still having SOULED OUT on select Wednesday nights. Don’t forget that during the week of Centrifuge there will be no SOULED OUT that Wednesday, July 18.

Please be praying for our students and adults who will be attending this trip. Centrifuge is an opportunity for fun, worship, spiritual growing, and fellowshipping with other believers. Centrifuge challenges students to make a difference and to be a disciple in this world!

Remember to mark your calendars with these important summer dates left:
□ July 10-11: Space Invaders Lock-In – Cost is $10 per student and please contact Russell to sign up. This event will be from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
□ July 15: FUGE KICK-OFF EVENT – This event is for all students and adults who are going to Centrifuge. It starts at 6:00 p.m.!
□ July 16-21: Centrifuge Camp @ Union University in Jackson, Tennessee
□ July 29: Youth YAC
□ August 2-3: White Water Rafting Camp Out – Cost is $35 per student and is an overnight trip. To sign up please contact Russell Aguirre or sign up in the Warehouse. Deadline to sign up for this trip is July 22.
Information for
Church Members Only

Join friends and family in celebrating
the recent marriage of
Cory & Sarah Ann Reagin
with a wedding shower in their honor.
Sunday, July 15 ♥ 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
The newlyweds are registered at Belk.

Mark your calendar:
Church Ministry Fair
Sunday, August 12
Watch for details!
First Baptist Church of Fairburn exists to worship Christ, grow in His word, serve His church, and reach our community!

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts, Library Open, Prayer
- 9:15 a.m. Orchestra Practice
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Hispanic Service
- 4:00 p.m. Awakening
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting,
  Souled Out (Youth),
  Kids For Christ

**OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS**

**THURSDAYS**
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

**FRIDAYS**
- 6:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast

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| Kids’ Fun Friday - 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. Gwinnett Braves Game & Lock-in |
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| 12:15p Hispanic Ministry Event  
6:00p Gideon Speaker | 6:30p Men’s Ministry Dinner | | | 9:00a KDO - Water Works  
11:30a Jolly Elders’ Lunch  
1:15p Silver Chord Practice | | 6:00p Kids’ Fun Friday  
(Rockbridge Adventure) | |
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| 7:00p Youth - YAC | | | | | | |
Upcoming Events: Woman’s Missionary Union/Women on Mission

Christmas in August
The date WMU considers the beginning of “Christmas in August” is 1950. However, “box work” was started in 1890 by Annie Armstrong. The purpose of both is to send needed items to Home Missionaries. In the beginning, items were sent for the missionaries themselves, but gradually items began to be sent for those with whom the missionaries would work. Boxes needed to be sent in late summer or early fall to reach missionaries by Christmas; hence, “Christmas in August.”

This year FBC Fairburn has the opportunity to send a “Christmas in August” box to missionaries Dennis and Cindy Conner. The Conners have lived in Arizona for five and a half years. During 2012, they will become the Church Planting Catalyst for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Dennis Conner says the needs for the west are overwhelming. He adds that they need individuals who are willing and called to work for the harvest God will provide. The Conner’s have requested the following items which will help them as they continue to plant new churches. 1. Bibles (NASB or ESV editions), 2. Small donation gift certificates, including to iTunes and Starbucks (primarily for college students), and 3. Handwritten, hand-decorated cards with Bible verses that express God’s love for people. Other items which are helpful to include are school supplies, pencils and pens, paper, crayons, wash clothes, toiletries, and baby clothes.

If you would like to make a donation to “Christmas in August,” please give your items to Rita Nicholson, Sharlene Amoss, Emily Terrell, or Jo Croom.

Planning for the Year Ahead - Saturday, August 11
As we begin to move forward with a new year ahead of us, we ask each Women on Mission Group to Pray, Enlist Leaders, Secure Resources, Train your Leaders, Share Information and Launch the New Year. We will have a WMU Leadership Team Meeting on Saturday, August 11 with the specific goal of planning for the year ahead. The team will meet at the home of Jo Croom.

Prayer Walking in August
We are scheduling a prayer-walk prior to the beginning of the school year. We hope all three of our WOM groups will want to participate in prayer-walking in our community and to the local schools. Any member of our church is welcome to join us in this endeavor. We will make handouts available (A Guide for Prayer-Walking) to all participants. Watch the church bulletin for more information about this mission project and the date for walking.

WMU Regional Training - Saturday, August 25
All leaders/officers of the Women on Mission are invited to attend the regional training at Jonesboro First Baptist Church on Saturday, August 25. The cost is $10 per person.

The schedule is as follows: 8:30 Registration and Brunch served
9:30 Opening Session
10:00 Individualized Age-level Conference for new and experienced leaders
11:15 Break
11:30 MAP (Ministry Action Plans) for the WMU Directors and Age-level leaders
12:30 Dismiss

Please let your group facilitator know if you are planning to attend. We will car-pool to Jonesboro. We hope to have a large number of ladies to attend this training.

Celebrate, Connect, Commit
Two years ago, the WMU sponsored a weekend of missions emphasis, with mission projects within the Fairburn community completed on a Saturday. This was followed on Sunday with tables (booths) set up in the Fellowship Hall promoting each mission organization or group. An “ethnic” meal followed before adjourning to the sanctuary for a time of sharing by each organization. This allowed us to celebrate all the mission activities we were engaged in during the year and to welcome new members to join us in one or more groups for the following year. Our church has the opportunity to again participate in a similar activity promoted within the Fairburn Association. Please continue reading below:

Association-wide Community Missions Day - October 20
Plans are underway by the WMU Associational Leadership Team to sponsor an Association-wide Missions Day. We will be giving more information in subsequent newsletters. The plan is for all groups/organizations within churches in the Association to participate in one or more mission projects on that day. For example: the ladies who meet to crochet on Thursday evenings have already begun to crochet scarves and hats for the homeless throughout the Association. Please mark your calendars for October 20: a day for mission activities.
Sunday School Teachers & Workers’ Learning Session
Sunday, July 1 ★ 8:30-9:20 a.m.
Our fourth session in the Sunday School Done Right series focuses on CONSISTENCY and CERTAINTY. Sunday School Done Right Requires Constant Attention. We know that “Talent Can Make It Good, but Consistency Can Make It Great!”
Come join us as we explore what this means for your students and for YOU.
Doughnuts and coffee will be served.

Men’s Brotherhood
Monday, July 9 ★ 6:30 p.m.
The Men’s Ministry of FBC Fairburn meets for dinner and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall on a regular basis. The $10 Challenge was a great success at our last meeting. Come on July 9 at 6:30 p.m. to learn what $10 can do!
Menu: Barbecue
This is a great time to bring someone YOUNGER than you, as we will discuss what it means to be a godly MENTOR.

Jolly Elders
Thursday, July 12 ★ 11:30 a.m.
Are you age 50 or older? If so, join the Jolly Elders on Thursday, July 12, for a special treat! Chick-fil-A will be provided (by the Jolly Elders Fund), as long as you have a reservation. The meal will have a Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich, Chips, a Cookie, and a drink.
Reservations must be made by Thursday, July 5. Contact the church at 770/964-1431 with the names of each person for whom you are making a reservation.
The program will be presented by our own Bob Kay.
The Silver Chord will practice immediately following the luncheon.

Mission Moment: At Home
In June, another weeklong project took place right here at the church. The Community Food Bank had been operating in a storage area using just tables. The room was cleared and painted, new carpet was laid, and shelves were assembled. If you saw it before, you can really appreciate the new view. A special thanks to the overhaul team: Don McGouirk (coordinator and Buildings & Grounds chairman), Jared Redding, Clinton Thomas, Meredith Redding, and Molly Williamson!

The Jolly Elders will have a Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich, Chips, a Cookie, and a drink.

The Silver Chord will practice immediately following the luncheon.

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WOM Monthly Meetings
Mae Cook WOM
Tuesday, July 3 ★ 7:00 p.m. • Fellowship Hall
Mary Amoss WOM
Thursday, July 19 ★ 11:00 a.m. • Fellowship Hall
Young Ladies WOM
Monday, July 23 ★ 7:00 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Barbecue
We will also look at the role men have in -
• Worshipping Christ
• Growing in His Word
• Serving His Church
• Reaching His World

All Men; All Ages; All Welcome

The bottom shelves hold the boxes of bags used in distributing the food. On the right are the canned vegetables and breakfast items. The middle shelves hold canned fruits, soups, and spaghetti with sauce. The shelves on the left have boxed corn meal, macaroni and cheese, and other boxed items along with a few toiletry items on the lower shelf. On the top shelves are divider boxes, paper bags, and other tools used in maintaining the Food Bank.
The Mission Team to West Virginia ★ June 9-15 ★ Thank you all for serving!


Bottom Row (L-R):  Donny Thomas, Rita Thomas, Justin Terrell, Emily Terrell, Joan Bunn, Preston McLean, Perry Redding, Janice Redding, Cory Jones, Chandler Greer, Peyton Whiteside, Collin Greer, Mia Whiteside, Ahmia Porter, Cassie Farr, Jenni Cunningham, Randy Cunningham, Betty Baughman

Watch for next month’s picture of the Builders For Christ team!