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A Message from Pastor Andrew

Church Family, I'll go ahead and say it up front: change is hard and most of the time, it's not even fun.

Think about change like surgery. It's never fun, it's usually inconvenient, recovery is a difficult and sometimes journey, and usually, you are forced into depending upon others for help. But in almost all cases, if you had not had the surgery, your life would have been threatened or severely affected negatively. You see, surgery isn't preferable, but it's necessary for life, growth, and health. The same is true with change.

When you all called me to be your pastor, our brother Gene Reeves said, "Andrew will bring necessary change to our church, but he will do it slowly." Emphasis on slowly! Well, the time has come for some change. In fact, we've already experienced change. What I hope to convey to you all is that there are changes happening within our church, some of which may not be fun or preferable for you, but they are necessary.

There are good things happening at FBC Tucker. If you have been able to attend in person worship with us since we started back in March, you will have noticed all the new faces in our gathering. We have been averaging 100 people on Sunday's, and we have had first-time visitors every single week,

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Pam Woodson for 25 years of service at First Baptist Church of Tucker since May 15, 1996!



(for more information visit www.fbctucker.org or call (770) 938-1688)

Announcements



FBCT has volunteer opportunities on Sunday mornings at 11AM in the:

Childrens' Ministry

As Greeters

As Scripture Readers

Please contact the church office at 770-938-1688 or email pwoodson@fbctucker.org for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!



Registration in Process for Main Street Preschool!

Registration is currently in process for Main Street Preschool (MSPS) Fall 2021-2022 school year. Ages 6 months to 5 years (kindergarten). Contact MSPS at mainstreetpreschool@fbctucker.org or call **770-938-1688 ext 230** for information

If you call FBC Tucker your faith community, we ask that you pray about giving financially to support, and grow our ministries. You can give online by visiting www.fbctucker.org





A Note from Children's Director, Hillary Mackay



As we have returned to in-person worship, we have been excited to see a room-full of children most Sunday's. We are praying that the numbers continue to grow.

I am also thankful for the growing list of ladies that have volunteered to serve with kids.

We are having discussions around our growing children's ministry, and are working on plans to create a fun space downstairs that will allow for separation of age groups. This will require more volunteers for hands on participation in two separate rooms, so please let us know if you're interested in serving. We will have an upcoming volunteer interest & training meeting on June 6th at 12:30PM. Please RSVP at www.FBCTucker.org.



Church Conference

Sunday, May 2 at Noon

in the Sanctuary immediately following worship

SERMON SCHEDULE

MAY 2

"Gospel Truths Lead to Gospel Living"

1 Corinthians 3:11-24

MAY 9

"Not Every Spirit is From God!"

1 John 4:1-6

MAY 16

"Getting to the Bottom of Love"

1 John 4:7-21

MAY 23

"Birthmarks"

1 John 5:1-5

MAY 30

"Jesus is God"

1 John 5:6-12



oh baby

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER HONORING

Hillary Mackay

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, DROP-IN BETWEEN 2 & 4:00 PM
FBC TUCKER COURTYARD BETWEEN BUILDING A & B
REGISTERED AT TARGET & AMAZON

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many of whom have returned again. Further, these guests have been young families or younger single people. Our children's ministry has been averaging around 7 children each week, and Hillary now has 10 volunteers on rotation. However, she needs more! We desperately need to split into 2 separate classes because of the age range in children attending, but we can only do that with more volunteers. If we want our church to grow, and we want more young families to come, we must invest in our children's ministry more. We must work to provide a safe, worthwhile environment where kids can learn about Jesus, and their parents can be equipped and feel comfortable leaving them for an hour each week.

We were able to hire an Interim Worship Leader, Jared Duncan, who has been doing an excellent job leading us, and will continue to change and grow our worship ministry in good ways. He will begin working with the choir and musicians in the weeks to come, and is leading us with a healthy balance of both new and old songs we all love. Remember, you may not prefer all the songs we sing each week, but someone else in the sanctuary loves and is blessed by the

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A Continued Need for Food and Monetary Donations

NETWorks continues to experience increased requests for food assistance as well as assistance with rent & utility payments because so many of our neighbors are out of work, or have had their hours cut back. There is a constant need for shelf-stable food, but considering the difficulty now for you to shop and/or drop off your purchases, please consider making donations directly to NETWorks. We have several faithful young volunteers who can do the shopping. You can either make your donation through the church office (indicate on your check that you want it to go to NETWorks) or you can mail a check directly to **NETWorks at 2380 4th Street, Tucker, GA 30084**. You also can make safe and secure donations online here:

www.networkscoop.org/donate



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songs that you personally may not prefer. If we want our church to grow, and we want to see young families fold into our body, we must learn to have a more diverse music selection. I can almost certainly guarantee you that there will be at least one song each week you may not prefer, and that is ok. As long as we are singing truth, preference is secondary. In today's church culture, I think the words of Philippians 2 are the most applicable when it comes to music—"[be] like-minded, [have] the same love, [be] one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." By the way, I am preaching to myself in this as well!

Right now, there are two other projects I am working on implementing in our church with the help of so many of you: **small groups and Mainstreet Preschool.**

On May 23, following the worship gathering, we will be hosting a small group interest lunch. If you are interested in any way in small groups, please come! You can learn about them and ask all the questions you want, and get free lunch! We just ask that you register so we will know how many to cook for. You can do so on our website or give us a call in the office. Small

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Tucker Book Group

Book Group is meeting in-person. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 20th at 10:00am** in the Main Street Fellowship Hall. The book is ***The Light Over London*** by Julia Kelly. We meet on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like to join us, please contact Kathy Ray; she will make sure you get this year's book list. Our theme this year is Courageous Women. If you don't feel secure in attending the meetings

but would like to add your thoughts, you can email Kathy and she will share these at the meeting. All precautions and safeguards will be in place, and we can socially distance in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Readings!

Kathy Ray

kathy.ray1955@gmail.com / 770-605-2498

COMING IN MAY 2021

"The Healing Place" Ministry is Every Mon.-Thurs. from 9:30-11AM in the GYM.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

Sunday, May 2nd

9:30 AM Adult A Sun. School - MSFH
9:45 AM Seekers Sun. School - LFH
11:00 AM Sunday Worship - Sanc
12:15 PM Church Conf. - Sanc

Tuesday, May 4th

1:00 PM NTO Council - MSFH

Wednesday, May 5th

6:00 PM Core Seminar - MSFH

Saturday, May 8th

2:00 PM Baby Shower for Hillary Mackay

Sunday, May 9th • Mother's Day!

9:30 AM Adult A Sun. School - MSFH
9:45 AM Seekers Sun. School - LFH
11:00 AM Sunday Worship - Sanc

Tuesday, May 11th

11:30 AM NTO Luncheon - MSFH

Saturday, May 15th

7:30 AM GA Association of Home Inspectors - MSFH

Sunday, May 16th

9:30 AM Adult A Sun. School - MSFH
9:45 AM Seekers Sun. School - LFH
11:00 AM Sunday Worship - Sanc
12:00 PM Social/Luncheon for Choir and Musicians

Thursday, May 20th

10:00 AM Tucker Book Club - MSFH

Sunday, May 23rd

9:30 AM Adult A Sun. School - MSFH
9:45 AM Seekers Sun. School - LFH
11:00 AM Sunday Worship - Sanc
12:15 PM Small Group Interest Lunch - MSFH

KEY
CR - Choir Room CoR - Community Room
LFH - LaVista Fellowship Hall GL - Gym Lobby
G - Gym MC - Ministry Center NTO - Never Too Old
SANC - Sanctuary SGR - Small Group Room
MSFH - Main St. Fellowship Hall LC - LaVista Chapel



NTOUCH

A SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TUCKER

NTO MAY LUNCH MEETING EVENT

Tuesday, May 11th at 11:30 a.m. 🧐🧐



We were excited to return to IN-PERSON meetings! The sound of friends chatting was music to our ears. Remember, we are **still observing safety protocols**. Even though many have been vaccinated, Covid-19 remains a serious concern. Please wear a mask when not eating; wash your hands; keep distance. There is limited seating and the number of people at each table is limited to four.

Entertainment will be Pianist & Vocalist Roger Buice

MENU: A delicious meal prepared by Ann Sarubbi, to be announced at a later date.

RESERVATION REQUIRED • LUNCH IS \$8 PER PERSON • EXACT CHANGE

RSVP via email at nto@fbctucker.org or leave a message at 770.938.1688, ext 217.

Please use email if you are able. Whichever method you use, you will receive a confirmation. If you use email, please add [nto@fbctucker](mailto:nto@fbctucker.org) to your contacts to prevent your confirmation from going into your spam file. Please be patient.

TAKE-OUT will continue to be offered; Pick-up at 12:00pm. Reservations required. No limit to the number of take-out meals you can order.

SHREDDER TRUCK • MAY 11TH

Get all your "secret" papers together, the Shredder Truck will be in the main church parking lot on **May 11th from 9:30am to 11:30am**. Thank you to our anonymous donor for making this service available.



COUNCIL MEETING • MAY 4TH

Council Meetings have resumed on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in the Main Street Fellowship Hall (aka: NTO meeting place).

🧐🧐 **Masks required.**



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groups are not intended to replace Sunday school, but are another option for discipleship. There are benefits to both types, and I believe we need both.

We have an incredible opportunity to see Mainstreet Preschool grow into a healthy and vibrant Christian school in our community, which I believe is greatly needed. We are working to hire a new director who can take us there, help hire and train more staff to educate our children well, strengthen curriculum, and boost enrollment.

I'll wrap this difficult topic up with a plea for your prayers for our church. Here are some specific ways you can be praying for the FBC Tucker family in the weeks to come:

- Pray for our children's ministry, **Mainstreet Kids**. Pray for Hillary as she leads. Pray for more volunteers (knowing you could be the answer to your own prayers). Pray for the transition we will make to another space in the building for more room and better security. Pray for the children who attend, that they would learn to love Jesus and be saved at an early age!
- Pray for our **worship ministry** and **Jared** as he leads it. Pray for his wisdom and discernment. Pray that our church would be joyfully diverse in its music, that we might be just as diverse in its membership.
- Pray for **Mainstreet Preschool**. Pray for the new director, the new staff, and for enrollment in the next semester. Pray that we could develop and strengthen our school to include more children in our area, and provide an excellent & Christian education, all for the purpose of reaching families for Christ in our community.

I cannot express to you all the excitement and anticipation that I have for our church family. I truly believe that there are great days ahead, and that the Lord will use us for His glory in our community.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

—Ephesians 3:20-21

Grace & Peace,

Andrew McNair

Senior Pastor, FBC Tucker



Sanctuary Flowers New Process

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in memory or honor of someone, please call the church office at **770-938-1688** or email Pam at pwoodson@fbctucker.org by the Monday before the Sunday you'd like to place them. Please note, even if you have placed flowers every year on the same Sunday of the year, you will still need to place a call or send an email by the Monday before the Sunday you'd like the flowers placed.



Social / Luncheon for the Choir & Musicians

Following Worship

Sunday, May 16

Main Street Fellowship Hall

**RSVP to 770-938-1688
by Thursday, May 13**



CLASS OF
2021
CONGRATS GRADUATES!



Olivia Keeter
Tucker High School



Luke Perry
Providence Christian Academy



Ryan Wade
Parkview High School



Austin Wahl
Collins Hill High School

Walking & Exercise in the First Baptist Church Gym

The FBCT Gym, has reopened and will be open each week **Monday thru Thursday, 9:30am to 11:00am**. Precautions will be in place: social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizing strongly encouraged.

The Healing Place

Walking & Exercise in the FBC Gym

Monday-Thursday 9:30-11:00 AM

• AIR CONDITIONED! • MUSIC! •

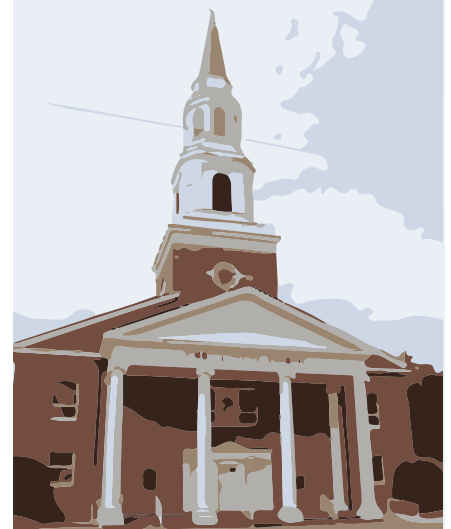


Sympathies To...

» **Sympathy to Ann Vining and family** in the death of **James Vining**, April 10.

FBC OFFICE HOURS

Our office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM (**closed 12 to 1 for lunch**). Should you need to see a staff member, we ask that you call the church to make an appointment. All of our staff are practicing social distancing and request that you wear masks when visiting the office. Calling ahead allows us to open larger rooms where we can meet in a healthy and safe way.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED



MEMORIAL DAY

★ REMEMBER AND HONOR ★

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021

