



The Discovery

JULY 2021

Volunteers Needed!

As we more fully re-engage our programs, we need support in our ministries. And we want to give opportunity for you to use your gifts in the greater service of God's work. First, general ministry is always in seek of support—from children, to youth, to worship (sanctuary choir, praise band, etc.). And we also have need for greeters on Sunday mornings. This need asks you to serve one Sunday per month during one of the programming hours. Also, as we prepare to resume Wednesday night meals, we need servers. This is not a weekly commitment. The more volunteers we have, the less often you would be asked to serve. And please be aware—outcomes of COVID are an inability to find labor and increased food costs. Consequently, by using volunteers to plate our meals and help clean up, we can keep our charge per meal at a reasonable rate.

If you are willing to serve in any capacity, please contact Cyndi Busby at cbusby@fbcaugusta.org or by calling the church office.

Financial Snapshot



As of May 31, 2021, tithes, offerings, and other income for the year totaled \$1,098,180 towards our revised 2021 budget of \$2,866,127. Our expenses through May 31st totaled \$1,078,782 leaving a balance of \$18,398 of income over expenses.

For ways to support the mission and ministry of the church, visit us at DiscoverFBC.org/give

Sunday

MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00AM—Contemporary Worship

10:00AM—Bible Study

11:00AM—Traditional Worship

Children's worship resumes August 8th.
Children will worship with families July 4th - August 1st.



Dear Friends,

In the month of June, I was able to travel for the first time in over eighteen months. For two weeks in a row, I was out traveling to different parts of the United States. The first week, I was in Waco, Texas for a conference at Truett Theological Seminary, which is part of Baylor University. Over two hundred people gathered together for a four-day seminar on the Book of Galatians! I was able to learn from some of the most important biblical scholars of our time, as well as make some new friends that are working in churches all across the United States. It was an amazing conference and obviously you can expect a sermon series on Galatians at some point in the near future!

During my second week out on the road, Sara and I (along with the girls) traveled to Parkland, Florida to spend a week with my family. It is hard to believe, but it had been almost two years since we had seen my sister, along with her husband and daughter, in person. My family is pretty close and there was not a week that went by where we didn't Facetime and catch up on what was happening in our lives. I am grateful for digital communication but let's be honest, being face to face with another person is an entirely different experience! You can't hug an iPad! Well, I guess you can but it would be weird. You get what I am saying. To visit with my family in the flesh was nothing short of amazing! I had almost forgotten how much it means to wake up in the morning and share a cup of coffee with your loved ones while you sit outside in the shade. Yes, technology kept us up to date with the happenings in our lives, but being with your family in person is just so much better!

In more than a few of Paul's letters, he refers to fellow followers of Jesus as "brothers and sisters." Paul talks about the church as a family that is bigger and more expansive than one of flesh and blood. Because of Jesus, we are all deeply connected to each other, very much like a family. Just like seeing my sister was a better experience in person, I hope that you know how awesome it is to see each of you on Sunday mornings!

Don't get me wrong, I know that summer is a time where we travel and relax our normal routines and I also realize that I just spent two weeks away from FBC! Honestly, my travels reminded me of how much I miss being with my people, seeing your faces and feeling your hugs! I want you to know that if you haven't been back to in-person worship, we miss you. We want to see you.

As we are now fully in the swing of summer, I trust that you are doing well. I know that vacations are happening and I know that many of you keep up with worship even when you are at the beach, which is awesome! That being said, I hope you will make every effort to be in worship on Sunday mornings when you are in the city. Why? Simply put, because we are much better when we are together.

Grace and Peace,

Will Dyer, Senior Pastor

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS *Coming in August!*

As we prepare for the fall, we are excited to announce our goal of resuming Wednesday night ministries on August 18th. The main goals for the evening will be fellowship and support of our worship ministries. Consequently, we look forward to resuming our food service and fellowship with a meal around the tables. The programs for the evening will focus on support of our worship ministries, allowing best possible times for sanctuary choir rehearsal and praise band rehearsal. Though we will offer varied and/or seasonal Bible studies, the pastor's study included, attention will be given to these other priorities. As we approach the end of the summer, please make reservations for Wednesday night meals. This will be important as we make necessary plans.



MUSIC, MISSIONS, & MORE

First Baptist Augusta Kids Ministry and the Choir Ministry are launching a new schedule for children this fall. It will now be on Sunday evenings and we are calling it M³ (Music, Missions, and More!).

This is a great opportunity for families with preschoolers, children, and youth to all be here and having fun. The youth schedule has remained virtually the same and will continue with it's dynamic Worship on Sunday nights.

It's going to be a great time of food, fun, and making connections for all ages while singing and learning more about God. Take a look at our new schedule!

Waterslides, Dunk Tank, Moonwalks, & fun games for all ages. Hamburger and Hotdog Picnic + Dessert Trucks on site!

COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS FUN FELLOWSHIP!

It's TIME!

Register your PK3 to 5th graders for our new M³ children's activities on Sunday evenings beginning Aug. 15th 2021 from 5-7pm.

Our program will begin with a child and family friendly dinner at 5 pm. Choir for preschoolers and children will begin at 5:30 and Mission/Bible Learning Fun begins at 6:15. Everything will conclude at 7:00 pm. We would like to know who to expect so please sign up today for this new and fun experience for your children!

4:30-5:30- **Youth Choir** (Choir Room)

5:00-5:30- **Children's Supper**, ages PreK 3-grade 5 (Fellowship Hall)

5:30- **Youth Praise Team** Warm-up (MAC)

5:30-6:00- **Youth Supper** (Grill in MAC)

5:30-6:15- **Children's Choir** (Children's Building)

5:30-6:15- **Preschool Choir** (Preschool Building)

6:00-7:00- **Youth Worship/Small Groups** (MAC/Grill/Game Room)

6:20-6:55- **Preschool Spiritual Formation** (Preschool Building)- Parents can pick up preschoolers first and then head to pick up Children.

6:20-7:00- **Children's Spiritual Formation** (Children's Building)

August 8th we will host an awesome kick-off event with fun games, food and more.

August 15th we will begin our new M³ schedule. We look forward to seeing your kiddos and you next month!

Worship & Digital Ministry

The pandemic forced us to rethink worship ministry. We have navigated a time where the only “reach” to you was through some type of digital platform. As we emerge on the other side of the crisis, churches across the nation have discovered new possibilities. And, in a recent survey with our congregation, we heard the desires shared from our own church members. Finally, to grow the church, research shows you must recognize guests engage, first, through digital worship. To that end, we want to share our next steps in meeting your needs for worship, while continuing to connect others with Christ.

Traditional Worship—When we complete installation of a new soundboard in the sanctuary, we are going to resume live stream of our traditional worship service at 11AM. This is, in part, a result of hearing from many of you who desire to see and experience “live” worship when you cannot physically be present. It also means hearing the sermon “live” from the sanctuary.

Contemporary Worship—For a variety of reasons, we are going to prerecord the contemporary worship service and make it available online at 9AM every Sunday. By doing this, we are provided with much greater flexibility in crafting a digital worship experience that reaches out to guests. Research demonstrates the first thing a guest will seek to experience is the sermon.

By prerecording the sermon in our studio or other locations, it creates a more relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Additionally, we can record a greater variety of church members leading in the welcome or other parts of the service. As you experience this service digitally, we hope you will come to understand the format is targeted more towards those unfamiliar with church.

Television Broadcast—As we move forward, our television broadcast will incorporate a “blending” of the ideas given above. Other than the sermon, the service will include the music and other elements recorded during the previous week’s live stream of traditional worship. In other words, prior to the sermon, viewers will see the previous week’s service. The sermon, however, will be the recorded version as presented in the contemporary service. This allows participants to hear the same sermon as those who are physically present on a Sunday morning. It truly keeps us “all together” in what we are hearing from our senior pastor.

IN SUMMARY

- **11:00AM Traditional Worship**
Live stream is returning.
- **9:00AM Contemporary Worship**
Will continue to be prerecorded.
- **Television Broadcast**
Music and worship elements will be from the previous Sunday, and the sermon will be current for the week.



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