



- The Messenger -  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
- HILTON HEAD ISLAND -

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AUGUST 2020

## ***Five Baptisms in the Atlantic Ocean*** ***Wednesday, July 8, 2020***

Isn't it nice to know that even during the Covid-19 pandemic, souls are still being saved? Our Minister of Youth and Families, Rev. Brian Parker, has continued working with our youth and as a result, five have given their life to the Lord and followed Him in Believer's Baptism. They wanted to be baptized in the Atlantic Ocean and the rain held off just long enough for them all to be baptized. Congratulations and welcome to the family of God to each one.



***L tor R: Charlea Loubaugh, Rev. Brian Parker, Eli Koch, Jayce Koch, Ty Koch, Kara Clark***



# From The Pastor

Dear Church Family,

Well, it's good to be back. I want to thank you so much for your patience with me and my family this year. This has been a difficult year for us with Kristin's three surgeries and then with most of our family, including me, fighting COVID-19. While I am thankful that my case was not as severe as some other people I know, I assure you that it was no fun. As I write this, over two weeks from my first sign of illness, I still battle a cough and exhaustion. So, thank you for your prayers and your patience. I also want to thank our staff for covering my roles in my absence, with a special thanks to Pastor Brian for his wonderful job at filling the pulpit on many occasions for me this year. Hopefully, we are past this stuff now, and I am excited to be back in the office and back in the pulpit.

## Thank You FCA Serve Camp

I want to briefly thank the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lisa Richardson, FCA and church staff members, and the many students who worked on our property Thursday and Friday, July 30 and 31. We hosted their FCA Serve Camp, and these students worked hard to help with several needed projects on our grounds. We are very blessed to be part of what God is doing through FCA, as they work tirelessly to reach students for Christ.

## The Church and Politics in an Election Season

Daniel Darling wrote an article for the Baptist Press with some excellent points challenging the church in this current situation to be a picture of Christ in divisive times, especially regarding social media in an election season. He wrote, "...we often abandon kindness because politics has replaced religion as the primary driver of our discourse. We may have Jesus in the bio, but it's the Republican or Democratic Party that is really in our hearts."

Certainly, do not abandon your responsibility to be a good citizen and to play your role in the political process as we strive to keep our country morally grounded, but remember Whose you are. You are an alien, a foreigner, a sojourner here. This is not your home, so do not become consumed with the earthly while forsaking the eternal. As Christians, we need to be more about Jesus Christ than absolutely anything else. There should never be anything about us that is divisive, outside the Gospel of Christ.

## COVID-19 Response Plan

Our Administrative Council will begin meeting again the first week of August after a short summer break during July. We will be meeting and making decisions regarding timing for our launch back into some of our ministries. This is a difficult time in our country and around the world, and is unprecedented, at least in my lifetime. As such, we covet your prayers and patience as we pray through the best timeline for our church.

If you are anything like me, then you are probably tiring of social media and Zoom meetings. I get it. As an extrovert and a people-person, this physical distancing thing is exhausting. But make sure to stay connected to people and to your church family at this time. We are offering many ways to do this including physical distancing in our services, continued live streaming of our services, and online Sunday School meetings, among others. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. If you are worried about meeting in person, any of our staff would be happy to talk to you by phone or even by video call if you would like.

Church, know that you are very loved and appreciated. I count it an incredible blessing to be your pastor, and it is a privilege to do life alongside you.

In Christ,

*Brett Myers*



**FCA  
Serve  
Camp  
2020**





## Thank You Fellowship of Christian Athletes Serve Camp 2020

We sincerely thank the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Serve Camp 2020 participants. A team of youth, all members of FCA, held a mini-camp on our campus Thursday and Friday, July 30 and 31, 2020 during the day. Being a 'serve' camp, they asked if there were some things they could do to help our church family. We invited them to do some yard work, which they readily agreed to do.

If you see any of these kids in our church or community and if you can identify them behind their masks, please offer them your sincere thanks for a job well done. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them with His wisdom through our churches and organizations like FCA.



From the Student Pastor - Brian Parker

# FBC Hilton Head Island Student Ministry

As we're continuing to adapt with all the corona provisions and the start of school now in sight, here is what our August will look like.

## **Sunday School Zoom Sessions - 8:30 pm Sundays**

Each Sunday evening we're still meeting online because of our current services times. We explore the stories and truths of the New Testament as we are currently walking through the Gospels. The zoom link for our weekly Sunday School meeting is listed below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/366219868?pwd=VWxidzJ5aTM3Zk53Zld1NzR5NW1KQT09>

## **No Wednesday Evening Session – Wednesday, August 5th**

Please enjoy a week off and extra time with your family as some start school on the 5th and others prepare to go back. Our normal Wednesday schedule had to be adjusted to work around one of my varsity football practices.

## **Wednesday Night Beach Summer Sessions – Wednesday, August 12th - September 1st, 6:30 pm**

During the rest of the month of August and the beginning of September we continue to try to get back into an ever-adjusting fall schedule. We'll try to continue meeting outside and remain low key. Once we develop a plan for how our church will respond in the fall with kids going back to school and small groups meeting on campus, I'll adjust our fall schedule and communicate it to parents. Please be in prayer for our leadership as we make decisions to keep advancing the kingdom while keeping our families as safe as possible.

## **Aerial Adventure - Saturday, August 1st, 9:00 am-11:30 am**

What a fun Saturday morning. We have the opportunity to sweat and laugh together as we brave the high ropes course at Zipline Hilton Head. We get to stay on the island and have a great morning realizing we're a lot more scared of heights than we say. The plan is to meet at Zipline Hilton Head by 8:30 am, Aug. 1st. Your student's cost is \$20. Lunch will be provided.

Please check out how Zipline Hilton Head has taken precautions to make sure customers are safe. Please also note your student will need a mask. <https://ziplinehiltonhead.com/covid-19/>

If your student is planning to go with us, please make sure fill out the waiver found on the link below before Saturday.

<https://ziplinehiltonhead.com/policies/>

2020 calendar of events

[www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org)

August ( Coronavirus) Edition

## **2020 Fall Schedule TBD**

**What can we expect?** Right now, all I can tell you is expect adjustments as we continue to see the progress of the virus and the plan from our church. As soon as we make decisions on how we will operate this fall I'll pass the information on to parents. As of right now, we will just stay low key and continue to meet outside while we wait to see how our fall plans unfold.

## **As of right now...**

We'll continue with our format for Wednesday Night Sessions and Sunday nights for Sunday School. The only event I'll plan now before school gets rolling is a fall retreat probably on the 1st of November. Hopefully, by then, we have a good plan, and the virus will have lessened.

## **What can parents do to help?**

The best plans for parents are to be talking to their students about what is going on in the world, be praying, and looking at scripture together. Please be sure you make an effort to get them in the community with students. The mental and spiritual needs of our kids are just as important and their physical needs. - bp

# FBCHHI Kids



Care...  
Prepare...  
Share...

## Reopening Phases 2 and 3

The Administrative Council will be meeting in early August to begin making decisions regarding the process of reopening our church in Phases 2 and 3, reopening Sunday School classes (for children, youth, and adults), and small group Bible studies. They will, however, continue to follow governmental guidelines. Watch for information on our website, in [The Friday 5](#), and in the [September 2020 FBCHHI Messenger](#).

## Bring Your Children To Worship

Please feel free to bring all your children into the sanctuary if you choose to return to worship services.

## Children's Activity Packs and Sunday School Packs

Children's Activity Packs are available in the foyer of the sanctuary filled with crayons and activities for children to use during the service. **Please take your packet home with you because we do not reuse them.** Any packets left in the Sanctuary must be thrown away for health safety.



Children's Sunday School Packs are also available for home use. Contact Paulette Gardner at 843-785-4478 to get a copy for your child.

## Live Video Is Now In the Mother's Room

The mother's room will be open for nursing mothers or restless children. A television screen has been added to the room so you will not miss any of the service.

**"Kid's Matter to God and FBC."**

# MISSIONS

## Annual Mission Offering 2019-2020

Collected from November 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Goal - \$40,000

***WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!***

50% of the money collected goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

25% goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

25% goes to our Mission Fund to be used as designated by our Missions Committee.

Thank you so very much for your faithful and continued giving to spread the Gospel around our community and throughout the world.



## The Well Has Moved

Our 'well' has been moved to the end of the hallway to the left of the Family Life Center Front Desk, to make more room in the foyer. It is still ready and waiting for donations.

## Our Blessing Box Needs Donations

There is a continued need for support of our Blessing Box and Deep Well. Drop off donations at the church during regular business hours or leave on the front porch of the Family Life Center after hours.



## Needed for the Blessing Box

Combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small roll-on deodorants, toilet paper and paper towels, first aid items, shampoo, rice products (bags or pouches)



**Deep Well** continues to need items for their food pantry. They currently request non-food items.

Diapers - Size 3, 4, 5 or 6 (Please no Little Swimmers)  
Baby Wipes, Deodorant, First Aid Items, Sunscreen

## FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY 🎵

Over the past months, since we have seen so many changes in the life of our church during this virus crisis, we have had the unique opportunity to do worship ministry in a new and different way through recording and “live-streaming” our services on the Internet. With the advent of social/physical distancing, our options for making this happen have been few at best. However, when presented with the quandary of how to do worship ministry “from a distance,” we were quickly able to put together a great team of our people who have continued to bless and impress us with their devotion and commitment to serving the Lord and the people of our church during this challenging time. I thought that it would be appropriate to offer a word of sincere thanks to those individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty during this time to assure that our worship ministry was able to continue being a blessing to First Baptist Church of Hilton Head Island and beyond.

**Steve Hays** (pianist) was in the middle of a project in Africa when the stay-at-home order was taking place, which brought him back to Hilton Head just in time to play the keyboard for our online services! Steve is not only an accomplished pianist but has also served our church as a deacon and as a youth Sunday School teacher in the past. **Paula Duncan** (singer) must love to sing because she has been a faithful member of our Sanctuary Choir for at least 18 years, and also sang on the praise team in our church’s contemporary service for many years. She has also been faithfully serving as the director of our children’s choir for almost ten years. **Natalie Wade** (singer) has been singing all her life and has been a member of our Sanctuary Choir and praise team too. This fall, she will begin her third year at Clemson University pursuing a degree in architecture with a minor in music. **Heath Duncan** (guitarist) is one of the most versatile guitar players I have ever known. He not only plays the acoustic that you hear in our services, but also the electric guitar which he played on occasion in our contemporary service a few years back. And if you could see his feet, he has a number of “toys” down there that he is using on any given Sunday to help create the sound he wants! He has also faithfully served as a deacon in our church for many years. **Jacob Duncan** (drummer) is not only an accomplished drummer, but he is also a phenomenal pianist as well. He began filling in on the drums for our contemporary service when he was only 10 years old (!) and has gradually blossomed into the impressive percussionist he is today. Jacob will be a freshman in high school this fall. **Paulette Gardner** (production room) graciously agreed to try mixing the sound for our services less than a year ago. Little did she know what lay in store for her as the events unfolded this past March! She truly has gone above and beyond as she has learned how to successfully operate new equipment and computer programs during this challenging time. What a joy to have someone as faithful as Paulette to be a part of our production team (and in her spare time, she is also one of our administrative assistants at the church)! **Dick Sanders** (sound and projection) does a little bit of everything!! It seems like every time I turn around I am learning about something

else that Dick can (or does) do in the life of our church. During our Wednesday night service recordings, Dick was faithful to not only oversee the mixing of the “live sound,” but also to run the projection system for our singers. He has been one of our faithful Sunday School teachers for many years, has been a part of production crews for numerous community arts productions, and is the current chairman of our Building and Grounds Committee. **Steve Harris** (production room) is one of the newest members of our media team, but we are already wondering to ourselves, “How did we get along without him?” Steve has been a wonderful asset to our behind-the-scenes crew and has been especially helpful with the advent of some of our new production room equipment.

To all of these faithful servants of God, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Your dedication and commitment to serving our Lord together during these uncertain times inspire me to persevere as we labor together for the King of kings. And to our congregation, be sure and express your thanks to any and all of these wonderful people through words of gratitude in the days to come.

For Christ and His Kingdom,  
*Richard Wade* 🎵

# who's your **1**ONE?

## 10:02 PRAYER PRAY & GO

### Church Staff

- Rev. Brett Myers, Pastor - c/o [lhopkins@fbchhi.org](mailto:lhopkins@fbchhi.org)
- Rev. Richard Wade, Minister of Music and Education - [rwade@fbchhi.org](mailto:rwade@fbchhi.org)
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- Lynda Hopkins, Ministry Assistant - [lhopkins@fbchhi.org](mailto:lhopkins@fbchhi.org)
- Paulette Gardner, Receptionist - [pgardner@fbchhi.org](mailto:pgardner@fbchhi.org)
- Richard Lewis and Danielle Wallace, Custodians - [c/o\\_lhopkins@fbchhi.org](mailto:c/o_lhopkins@fbchhi.org)

Contact us at 843-785-4478.



### Online Prayer List

Contact Lynda Hopkins at [lhopkins@fbchhi.org](mailto:lhopkins@fbchhi.org) or 843-785-4478, to have your email added to the listing to receive a weekly online prayer list.

### Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 06/30/20	\$ 436,520
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 06/30/20	\$ 444,689
Year-to-Date Expenses 06/30/20	\$ 387,658
Budget Receipts Goal for July 2020	\$67,157
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 07/28/2020	\$67,421
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 07/28/2020	\$65,275



# AUGUST

- Saturday, August 1 Youth Aerial Adventure - Find Information on Page 4  
 Sunday, August 2 8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.  
 Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.  
 9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms  
 10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org), Facebook and Youtube
- Wednesday, August 5 5:00 PM - Deacons' Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 6:30 PM - 6th Grade Celebration with FBCHHI Youth Group, Student Building Yard
- Thursday, August 6 12:00 PM - Administrative Council Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 Sunday, August 9 8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.  
 Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.  
 9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms  
 10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org), Facebook and Youtube
- Wednesday, August 12 4:00 PM - Mission's Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 No Youth Activities Tonight
- Sunday, August 16 8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.  
 Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.  
 9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms  
 10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org), Facebook and Youtube
- Tuesday, August 18 5:00 PM - Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, August 19 5:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 6:30 PM - FBCHHI Youth Group, Student Building
- Sunday, August 23 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.  
 Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.  
 9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms  
 10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org), Facebook and Youtube
- Tuesday, August 25 4:00 PM - Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, August 26 4:00 PM - Personnel Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 6:30 PM - FBCHHI Youth Group, Student Building
- Sunday, August 30 8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.  
 Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.  
 9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms  
 10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open  
 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at [www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org), Facebook and Youtube

**Meeting times listed on the August calendar are subject to change.  
 Check with your Committee Chairman or Group Leader for final details.**

