

The GUIDE

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The GUIDE
to the ministry of Columbus' First Baptist Church Family

**FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
May 31, 2026**

MESSAGE

God's Honey-Do List
Romans 12:9-21
Dr. Jimmy Elder

SANCTUARY FLOWERS MAY 31

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry William Kerwien on their marriage May 30.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS JUNE 7

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Timothy A. Franklin, Sr. by his wife and children.

BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO FIRST BAPTIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 1-5 9 A.M.- NOON

View the 11:00 A.M. service live on WTVM News Leader 9 or on the Internet by clicking the "Watch Live Streaming" link on the church website. (www.firstbaptistcolumbusga.com).

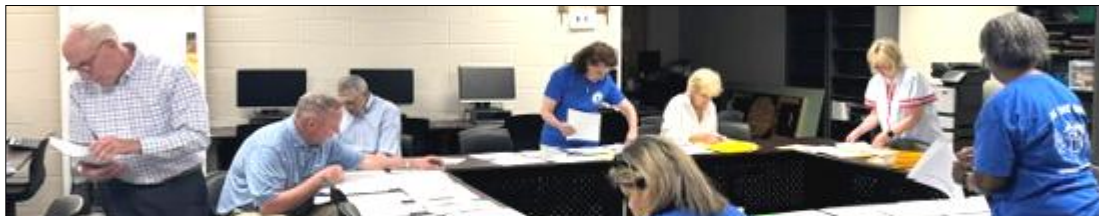


JUNE EVENTS

- 1-5 First Baptist Vacation Bible School
9:00 A.M. - Noon
- 8-11 Victory Mission Camp Grace
Monday-Thursday for Grades 3-6
- 11 Young in Heart Outing to the Clingstones Game
Meet at Synovus Park at 5:30 P.M.
- 14 Communion Sunday
8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Services in the Sanctuary
- 15-19 First Baptist Kids Summer Camp
9 A.M-4 P.M. at FBC
- 17 Church in Conference
5:45 P.M. in Fellowship Hall
- 21 Father's Day
- 22-26 Victory Mission Camp Grace
Monday-Thursday for Grades 7-12
- 28 Summer Sunday for Babies through Fifth Grade
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. in the YAB



Missions Day of Service with Volunteers on Sites Doing Needed Work



MENU JUNE 3

Thai Coconut Curry Shrimp
Pad Thai with Chicken
Spring Rolls
Asian Salad / Ginger Dressing
Matcha Cake

Call Peggy or Tate
(706.322.4468) or sign up
with Realm for supper
reservations by noon
Tuesday, June 1.

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Phone: 706.322.4468

Loving none more than Christ and loving others as ourselves, we strive to reflect God's love to all.

Renderings

Jimmy Elder, Pastor
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I have a number of things on my mind, beginning with our Children's Ministry. One of the great gifts God has given us over the past months is the gift of the leadership of Taylor Colwell, who assumed the position of Director of Children's Ministry last year. She told me it was for a temporary period of time to help shape the future of ministry to children for years to come. Paula Thompson, who ministered to children for some years, asked to transition to Nursery Ministry; and Taylor built a wonderful and successful ministry to children. She created opportunities for children to learn about Jesus, engage in creative craft activities, fellowship together, and essentially have a great time. This worked; and many children began to be a part of the program.

Taylor even asked to do the Children's Bible Study Roxann and I had hosted at our home for 20 years; and the Youth and Activities building became the venue. The Bible study grew in numbers as she expanded the ages for the children and used the fantastic, renovated facilities in a wonderful way. Taylor has been a gift to our lives. She and Joseph have been blessed with a new addition to their family, Penelope (Penny) Colwell, and Taylor has stepped aside in order to take care of the new baby. She came to us in a season when we needed her leadership and has done more than we could possibly have expected. The Lord truly sent her to us, and I am more than grateful for the hard work, vision, planning, and groundwork that will lead to a full-time Minister to Children in the near future.

As Taylor transitioned from the position she, true to form, made sure the work was covered and would be directed by a most capable person. She prepared plans for the entire summer and turned the ministry duties over to Janna Smith Elder. Taylor was determined not to leave us without leadership. Yes, Janna is the wife of my nephew, George Christopher (Bear) Elder. Janna had supported the children's programs and was interested in it having their son in the program. She was available to assume the responsibilities in spring through autumn because, as a teacher, her schedule allows it. Her presence gives our committees an opportunity to find the next children's program director. I am delighted that Janna brings her bright spirit and great talent to this position for a season. Please pray for our Children's Committee and Personnel Committee as they move forward in search for a Children's Minister.

Vacation Bible School is on the horizon. Janna needs workers to help in this year's Bible School which begins June 1 and concludes June 5. If you are willing to be part of this important ministry to our precious children, please let us know. I have always said VBS is so important because in one week the children receive almost a half year's worth of Bible Study. Many deepen their relationship with Jesus during this VBS week.

As we have moved through the Memorial Day holiday, I am still struck by the importance of this day. We remember individuals who gave their lives in service to this country. I am personally convinced that if I really understand the sacrifice and gift, I must be a good steward of what they have left. Part of this is my civic involvement. To honor those who sacrificed, we are to be good citizens. This includes being responsible enough to serve the community in any way we are able, build better relationships in the community, vote our consciences (only a small fraction of our population votes), and build a future for the children we love so they will have an increasingly better place to live. That is an important challenge and opportunity. Let's do our part.

Your Pastor,
Jimmy

FAMILY MATTERS WELCOME NEW MEMBER



BY BAPTISM:
Freyder Rodriguez
May 24, 2026

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Virginia Ladner and family in the death of her father, Mr. Jake Mathews.
Cindy Sparks and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Doris Black.
Hunter Story and family in the death of her grandmother.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS TO

Autumn and Pearson Long in the birth of a daughter, Anna Katherine Long.
Proud grandparents are Elizabeth and Bob Long.
Liv and Daryl Stafford in the birth of a daughter, Sylvia Evie Stafford.

IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Doris Black
Sherida Brannan
Mr. Chandler and Mts. Anna Cox
Mrs. Julie Littlejohn
Mr. Kevin Franklin
Sherida Brannan
Friends in Faith Bible Study Class

Dan and Sue Newberry
Carolyn Newberry

Mr. Glenn Newberry

Mr. Rob White

Mrs. Jean Mann

Ms. Paula Norton

Judge William and Mrs. Louise Smith

IN HONOR OF

Dr. Jimmy Elder

The Keenan Franklin Family

The Kevin Franklin Family

Dr. Howie Hooper

Judge Stephen and Mrs. Linda Hyles

Mrs. Susan Kelly on Her Birthday

Mrs. Phaedra Childers

Mrs. Charlene Ellison

Mr. Michael Hurley and Ms. Patti Pool

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Mullins

Weeks at a Glance

May 31 - June 5

SUNDAY

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
9:00 AM Victory Mission Sunday School
9:45 AM Bible Study (FBC and Second Story)
11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

Vacation Bible School Begins

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (Chapel)
9:30 AM Food Closet
11:00 AM Ladies' Mission Action (FH)

TUESDAY

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (Chapel)
10:30 AM In His Presence Prayer Group (111)
1:00 PM Senior Adult Wellness (YAB)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Dan Ross Study Group (Panera BP)
9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (Chapel)
5:00 PM Fellowship Supper (FH)
5:45 PM Children's Time
5:45 PM Prayer / Pastor's Bible Study (FH)
6:30 PM Adult Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (IFM 2308 Hilton)
9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (Chapel)
9:30 AM Food Closet
10:30 AM First Thursday Coed Study
Pesky Passages (FBC Library)
6:00 PM College and Young Adult Bible Study (Second Story)

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (Chapel)
12:00 PM VBS Closing Ceremony (FH)

June 7 - 11

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
9:00 AM Victory Mission Sunday School
9:45 AM Bible Study (FBC and Second Story)
11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

9:30 AM Food Closet
5:00 PM Finance Committee (122)
6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting (YAB)

TUESDAY

10:30 AM In His Presence Prayer Group (111)
1:00 PM Senior Adult Wellness (YAB)

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THURSDAY

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (IFM 2308 Hilton)
9:30 AM Food Closet

**CHURCH IN CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
6 P.M. IN FELOWSHIP HALL**



NEW YORK

**YOUNG IN HEART/ SENIOR ADULT
HOLIDAY SIGHTS AND SOUNDS TRIP
TO LANCASTER AND PHILADELPHIA, PA
AND NEW YORK CITY
NOVEMBER 1-7, 2026**

- Tour Flight 93 Memorial
- American Music Theatre's "Winter Wonderland," Stone Gables Estates, Holiday Express Train Ride
- Tour 9/11 Memorial, Lower Manhattan, and Rockefeller Center backstage; attend a Rockettes show; and shop NYC
- Tour Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and Museum of the American Revolution

Contact Peggy White in the FBC office. Flyers are available for pickup.