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The Upside-Down Blessing

The Beatitudes are more than poetic lines from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. They're a radical redefinition of what it means to be blessed. The Greek word *makarios* doesn't just mean "happy." It describes a deep, untouchable joy that pain, loss or hardship cannot erase. As scholar William Barclay wrote, it is "the joy which shines through tears."

Jesus flips the world's idea of success upside down. The "blessed" aren't the powerful or prosperous, but the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek and the merciful. Imagine reading them as "Congratulations, you who feel broken, God's kingdom belongs to you!" His words assure us that, even in suffering, we stand in God's favor.

Real blessing isn't about shiny possessions or smooth sailing. It's the steady, saving presence of God — a life preserver tossed to us when we're struggling to stay afloat. And it's not just an individual promise. Jesus spoke these blessings to a community, a "we" more than a "me". Together, as the body of Christ, we find comfort, strength and the courage to live with joy that nothing in life or death can take away.

— Adapted from *HomileticsOnline.com*

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**Watch our Sunday Morning Worship Services
on live stream or watch it later on YouTube!**



The Scroll

The Official Newsletter of First Baptist Church
Dawson, Georgia

To worship God, love others, and share Jesus.

February 2026

Pastoral Perspectives

Dear Church Family,

As I have been spending my personal time with the LORD, I have been walking through the book of Jeremiah. A few days ago, I came to Jeremiah 9:23-24 and it says this:

²³ 'This is what the LORD says:

The wise person should not boast in his wisdom;
the strong should not boast in his strength;
the wealthy should not boast in his wealth.

²⁴ But the one who boasts should boast in this:

that he understands and knows me—
that I am the LORD, showing faithful love,
justice, and righteousness on the earth,
for I delight in these things.

This is the LORD's declaration."

The Holy Spirit gave me pause and the questions came— "What is it that you take pride in and boast about (even if only in your heart)? Do you know the LORD as deeply as you could (or should)? Do you have an understanding of Him that demonstrates your relationship with Him? Does the way you live your life, the choices you make, and the priorities you really have show you have an (or any) understanding of God?

I encourage you to lean into this passage of Scripture and into these questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to give you pause and contemplate what He has to say to you...

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Currie

Student Scoop

Hey y'all! We are so excited to be a part of this awesome church family. You guys have already made us feel at home. We are grateful for the opportunity to preach the gospel and build relationships with your students. We are looking forward to the upcoming events at the church, which brings me to the topic of this year's Dessert Auction.

I have heard nothing but good about this event and how much fun everyone has. This event is put in place to help raise money for our students to go to Big Creek Missions. We do fundraisers to keep the financial stress as low as possible for students and their parents. We hope to see all of you there on **Wednesday, March 11**, to raise money for students to grow spiritually and bond as a youth group at Big Creek.

Thank you so much for everything you are doing to support FBC Dawson!

Dustin Aspinwall
Youth Director

Upcoming Events

Connect



Connect will start back on **Sunday, February 1**, at 6:00 pm at the Spoon's house. Join us as we eat and fellowship with one another. Childcare will be available in the Fellowship Hall, so see you there!

Senior Adults Trip to Jonah's Restaurant

The Senior Adults are taking a trip to eat out at Jonah's Fish & Grits Restaurant in Thomasville on **Tuesday, February 10**, in place of Tuesday morning bible study. The bus will leave at 10:00 am. Be sure to bring your appetites!



Food Box Ministry



The Food Box Ministry helps so many people in the community who need food, but they also have their souls fed with a devotion. Come and help if you're available. Food Box Ministry will be **Thursday, February 19**, at 1:30 pm.

Announcements

Big Creek Youth Mission Trip 2026

The FBC Dawson Youth are heading back to Big Creek in Kentucky for their summer mission trip again this year!



When: Sunday, May 24–Saturday, May 30

Where: Leslie County, Kentucky - Big Creek Missions

Costs: \$50 deposit due by **Wednesday, March 4** to reserve your spot. The total cost will be determined by the Dessert Auction on **Wednesday, March 11**. More details on this event to come soon!

To reserve your spot or get more information, please contact Dustin or Travis.

2026 Flower Calendar

The 2026 flower calendar is now available on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up on the list or call the office to put flowers in the Sanctuary this year!

The Scroll Deadline for March

If you have an article or addition for *The Scroll* newsletter for March, it is due to the church office by **Tuesday, February 17**. Putting things in *The Scroll* is a great way to get news, updates, announcements, and other information that is pertinent to the church body out to them. Feel free to take advantage of this important communication tool.





2026 FEBRUARY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Connect 6:00 pm Beverly Bowen Thea Riehl |  | | Supper Menu: Chicken & Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert | | Erica Laing Gail Lawrence |  |
| | Deacons Meeting 5:30 pm | Senior Adults to Jonah's Restaurant 10:00 am | Supper Menu: Pork Pot Roast w/ Carrots & Potatoes, Rice, English Peas, Rolls, & Dessert Youth & Kids Trip to Nursing Homes Rachel Aspinwall | Gideon's Pastors Dinner 6:00 pm FBC Dawson | |  |
| Business Meeting |  | The Scroll Deadline | Supper Menu: Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Coleslaw, Rolls, & Dessert David Brown | Food Box Ministry 1:30 pm |  | Rebecca Schofill Ray Stallings |
| Kids Sing AM Gail Bell | | Erin Cook | Supper Menu: Lasagna, Corn, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert |  | James Cleveland | |

EVENTS

CONNECT
February 1 at 6:00 pm



SENIOR ADULT TRIP
TO JONAH'S RESTAURANT
 February 10 at 10:00 am



YOUTH & KIDS TRIP
TO NURSING HOMES
 February 11



2025 FOOD MINISTRY REPORT

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>PARTICIPATED</u> | <u>NEW</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| January | 27 | 2 |
| February | 47 | 11 |
| March | 45 | 9 |
| April | 37 | 7 |
| May | 15 | 2 |
| June | 40 | 11 |
| July | 30 | 3 |
| August | 31 | 8 |
| September | 39 | 12 |
| October | 39 | 21 |
| November | 62 | 7 |
| December | 55 | 7 |

Total served - 467

Average per month - 38

High month - November - 62

Low month - May - 15

Average cost per bag - \$15.00

We have not received food bags from Piggly Wiggly this year but hope to soon. That will bring the cost per bag down. We are not sure if we will continue to receive these bags in the future. We purchase food from Feed the Valley but we did not have access to as much food as we have in the past. We hope this will be better this year.

We had a food drive this year and also received monetary donations from our church members. This is how we continue to make this a successful Mission for our church.

Currie presents a devotion and prayer for the participants in groups and then the food is distributed to the participants by our faithful volunteers. We had a special devotion time in December with Currie presenting the plan of salvation and each participant was presented with a small Bible and a trac regarding why we should attend church.

We distribute food bags on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30 - 2:30. We have 10 volunteers to assist with the distribution.

Food Ministry Team:

Fran Barry - Co-Chair
Alice Carter - Co-Chair
Mike Barry
Buck Johnson
Linda Mayo

Currie Spoon, Pastor
Shirlean Rickerson
Marilyn Powell
Louise Darley
Donna Granberry