



# JULY 2021

## Old Glory Need Retiring?

Young Boy Scout Zachary Stanley has been busy building three drop boxes for residents of Trussville to use when our American flags are no longer useful and need to be properly disposed of. What a fabulous Eagle Scout project he chose! The three boxes are now located at Trussville City Hall, the Trussville Civic Center, and the Trussville Public Library. Members of the DAR will collect the flags from the boxes and the Boy Scouts will retire them at one of three retirement ceremonies they have each year.

See this story with photos in Trussville Tribune, May 13, 2021



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This newsletter is prepared and emailed monthly by and for 55+ adults of First Baptist Church Trussville, Alabama. Suggested information to be included in an upcoming SAM newsletter may be emailed to sam.news@fbctrussville.org. Printed copies will be available at the church Welcome Center and Events Center.



Wow! June has been a busy, exciting month, and July will be an even more exciting time in the life of our church. We have so much for which to be thankful!

THANK YOU to John Patterson and all his team for your faithfulness and hard work to make our Second Annual Leland Dockery Tribute Cruise-In a huge success. God presented us with beautiful weather and a great crowd. We had 9 people pray to receive Christ as their Savior. All glory to our God!

THANK YOU to the 200+ Seasoned Adults and others who prayed in teams around-the-clock from Tuesday, June 15 through Saturday, June 19 for our 420+ middle school and high school students in summer camp in Ocoee Ridge, TN.

THANK YOU to those who are preparing for our Men on Mission trip to Gap Creek, SC on July 24-31. Let's pray for them now and while they are serving!

THANK YOU to Suellen Edmondson for asking us, to Bill Hawkins for a tremendous devotion reminding us not to let Satan steal our first love, and to my friends Frank Jones, on the piano, and Lance Pate for joining me and to all of you for allowing us to sing as your "Mystery Guests" for our Thursday, May 27 SAM monthly luncheon. Hope you will plan to join me in welcoming Frank Jones back to FBCT on July 29. His OASIS Concerts are tremendous.

Every event we enjoy, every song we sing, every service we render, gift we give or love we show to others, every prayer we lift up for ourselves and others, indeed, every day we live, every breath we take is BECAUSE OF AND ABOUT HIM and FOR HIS GLORY. It is always, always about the message.

*Bob*

## FATHER / SON DUOS AT FBCT

Along with those pictured below, Mike and Mason Miller join our stellar group of father / son / grandson duos here at FBCT where at least one in the duo is a Seasoned Adult and both are current members of our church. We hope you've all enjoyed our fun recognition of mother/daughter and father/son duos in our newsletters over the last two months!



Dave & Jonathan Penuel



Eric Dorr, Scotty & Eli Moates, Bobby Dorr



Zeke, Micah & Drew Smith

# REGISTER WITH YOUR DEPOSIT NOW FOR TWO UPCOMING TRIPS

Register for both here! If you have questions, please contact Debbie Arrington in our SAM office at 205-228-1006.

## ARK ENCOUNTER / CREATION MUSEUM

**September 13-15, 2021, Williamstown, KY**

Double Occupancy with Transportation—\$350

Single Occupancy with Transportation—\$475

Double Occupancy NO Transportation—\$225

Single Occupancy NO Transportation—\$350

**Price includes: Two-day Pass (Ark Encounter and the Creation)**

Breakfast at Hotel on Tuesday & Wednesday. Lunch at The Ark Encounter Park and the Creation Museum Park. Transportation on Tour Coach Bus (Cline Tours)

**\$100 deposit to reserve your spot**

Price increase after 08/01/2021.

Full Payment by August 1, 2021.

Deposit refundable until 08/01/2021.



## CELEBRATORS CONFERENCE PIGEON FORGE

**October 11-14**

**Leconte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN**

**\$100 deposit to hold your spot**

PRICE INCREASE after 09/01/2021

Full payment by 09/01/2021

(Deposit refundable until 09/01/2021)

Conference & Lodging—\$280 Double Occupancy

\$400 Single Occupancy

Transportation (FBCT Minibus)—\$30 per person

Three Meals Included • Hotel Breakfast Only

**Speakers:** Mike Pence, Karen Pence, David Jeremiah, Dennis Swanburg and Phil Waldrep

**Musicians:** The Gaither Vocal Band, The Collingsworth Family, Gordon Mote and Charles Billingsley  
Meals and Transportation not included.



**For more information, go to this website:**

<https://celebrators.org/events/2021-10-11---2021-10-14---pigeon-forge-tn---leconte-center/117/>

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**GOD BLESS AMERICA and GOD BLESS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TRUSSVILLE !**

**Sunday, July 4**

**Trussville Freedom Celebration**

6:00PM – 9:00PM – On the Mall

**Sunday, July 11 – Sunday, July 18**

**FBCT 200th Anniversary Celebration**

**July 1**

**Joyful Hearts Rehearsals**

10:30AM • Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, July 22**

**SAM MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

GAME DAY – Middle School Space

9:00AM til...

**Thursday, July 29**

**OASIS 2021 Concert comes to FBCT**

**Featuring, Dennis Swanberg, Frank Jones,**

**Paid In Full Trio**

FBCT Worship Center - Doors open at 12:30PM

Lunch in the Gym at NOON - Concert 1:30 to 4:30PM

Tickets \$20 - Includes Lunch

Tickets Available at the Event Center or

Call Frank Jones Ministries @ 205-393-7020

**Edible Education Monthly Luncheon**

**Speaker – Jewelia Gahan – CRNP**

**July 8th – 11:30 am – Fellowship Hall**

**Topic – GUT HEALTH - Cost \$6**

Topics of discussions: Probiotics effect on weight loss \*

What your poop says about your overall health

\*Your gut and brain connection \* How to reverse reflux

Register at <https://fbctrussville.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/1012>



## BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look, and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace.

One in Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

**NOTE: If you missed the May 27 Luncheon or others, you can find videos for viewing on our FBCT website [www.fbctrussville.org](http://www.fbctrussville.org) under the Seasoned Adult Ministry tab.**

**Not receiving our SAM newsletters?** If you haven't already responded to the letter mailed out last February by our SAM Leadership Team regarding your preference for receiving the newsletter, please contact Debbie Arrington in the SAM office at 205-228-1006 or email her at [debbie@fbctrussville.org](mailto:debbie@fbctrussville.org). Everyone for whom we have an email address will continue to receive the newsletters by email; however, if any of you prefer to have a paper copy mailed to you each month, let Debbie know. We will be happy to mail one to you!



*Teach a youth about the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*

A few weeks ago I came to church on Sunday morning dressed in my usual suit coat and dress pants. A fellow church member noticed my attire and asked "Do you always wear a suit to church? Who got married or who died?"

He meant it in a playful way, but it did cause me to look around at the way everybody was dressed. My how things have changed! Most of my fellow SAM friends should have no trouble remembering a time, not all that long ago, when it was largely inappropriate to wear casual clothing to church. We took that old saying "put on your Sunday best" to heart. Today it's common to see golf shirts, slacks, even T-shirts, blue jeans and tennis shoes in the pews.

Certainly, there's nothing wrong with being comfortable and casual at church, just so long as it doesn't contribute to being too comfortable and casual in your relationship to Jesus Christ. Like many of you, I was raised to believe that going to worship in God's house was a special time of the week, that it demands going to some effort to focus on God and to show him our best, both in behavior and appearance. I can't help wondering if dressing for church the same way you would dress to go out for a hamburger tempts us to devalue the privilege of devout corporate worship.

The scripture verse reminds us that we are not God's peers or buddies. He is our one and only almighty Lord and Savior. He expected His biblical followers to treat Him with the ultimate respect, to bow down and honor Him. I believe He expects the same from us.

As I found my seat in the balcony, I surveyed the faithful in the rows beneath me and was encouraged to see that I was far from being the only one who still dresses up a bit for Sunday church. I was proud to see several SAMers in their "Sunday go to meetin' clothes," as Andy Griffith would put it.

I know God doesn't care what we wear, but He does care what we think of Him, and how we show it. So go ahead. Pull on that polo shirt. Snuggle into those blue jeans. Lace up the sneakers. Just remember that the incredible gift of mercy from Jesus Christ, and our reaction to it, should never be taken casually.

## HIS UNFAILING WORD ... ISAIAH 40:8

"Just as you don't analyze the words of someone you love, but accept them as they are said to you, so you should accept the Word of Scripture and "ponder" (treasure) it in your heart, as Mary did. That is all. That is meditation. Do not ask how you should tell it to others but ask what it tells you. Then ponder this word in your heart at length, until it is entirely within you and has taken possession of you."

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; WHY? for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will achieve success." Joshua 1:8. "Have I not commanded you be strong and courageous?" Joshua 1:9

Meditate implies to "chew" or "mutter," continually repeating until you have digested it and your heart is touched by His grace. While you meditate on God's Word, be open to His presence. You will be joining a conversation already in progress, as God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are eternally engaged in discourse of love into which you are admitted, embraced, and included. Participation in this communion is a unique Christian blessing.

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14

"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers." Psalm 1:1-3

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Meditating on the Word*



# 1821 – 2021: 200 YEARS

**SAVE THE DATE ... A WEEK OF CELEBRATION BEGINNING: SUNDAY, JULY 11**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FBCT JULY 14, 2021!**

Here are just some of the exciting events to take place here at FBCT during our Celebration Week, July 11-18, 2021. Watch for more details in upcoming LINK and other churchwide announcements.

Sunday, July 11 Celebration Sunday. 8:30AM & 10:30AM identical blended worship services. There will be no Sunday School classes this day. There will be a combined choir for any former choir and orchestra members. The gathering space will include a museum of history and timeline of the last 200 years in pictures and in artifacts.

Wednesday, July 14 Happy Birthday dinner! 4:30-6:00PM in the gym. Reservations for dinner are requested. The format for dinner will be similar to our normal Wednesday evening

meals. A worship service in the sanctuary will begin at 6:00PM. We will be opening the time capsule as well as preparing the next capsule for the next 50 years! The main focus for this evening will be launching our Mission200 project.

Saturday, July 17 Mission200 Missions Day with on-campus mission projects, including a Potato Crop Drop and School Supply Box packing.

Sunday, July 18 Legacy Luncheon immediately following 10:45AM service for those who have been a member of FBCT for over 50 years. If this applies to you and you have not received an invitation to the luncheon or have not yet RSVP'd, please do so at [rebeccap@fbctrussville.org](mailto:rebeccap@fbctrussville.org). The morning will include normal Sunday School and morning worship schedules.

## A TRUSSVILLE TREASURE ... THE TOMATO MAN ON THE ROAD

*By Judy Bryant*

Imagine yourself on the front porch on an overcast, quiet June afternoon, just sittin' and rockin' and watchin' the weather roll in. The wind picks up, the rain comes and then goes as quickly as it came. The little breeze cools you and the sun returns to add sparkle to those raindrops. I had the blessing to do just this a few weeks ago when I went to meet and talk with James and Jeannie Nabers at their home. Yes, James is the tomato man on Linden Street! We "visited" and watched passerby's stop to "shop" the produce tent. He's been offering his produce there on Linden on the honor system since the late 90's.

When I arrived at the Farm (called that lovingly by the Nabers) I was invited to come around back. There they were surrounded by the most beautiful, nice big onions I've ever seen ... just pulled from the ground, smelling a little like dirt and a lot like onions! James and Jeannie showed me around the huge garden out back ... you're familiar with their house on Linden Street and the side garden you can see from the street, but there's more, much more, in the garden out back ... big and beautiful. I'm a city girl, so this tour was fascinating to me ... from the fig tree, blackberries, tomatoes, onions, beans, squash, and even the red barn. I asked James how in the world he keeps up with all this and would he like to share with us his "secret" for growing such wonderful tomatoes. James said they rise every day at 4:00 AM (sometimes 3:00 AM!) and turn in at night at 7:00PM! Jeannie said, James is a hardworking man. He plants his tomatoes, by himself, putting them in starter cups one seed at a time with tweezers! He has 300 plants this year! He loves this Farm and Trussville.

James grew up in the home next door. His current home was built in 1989 by James and his first wife, who many of you may remember, Joyce Nabers. Their two children, Joy Askins and Jimmy Nabers are members of our church. Jeannie and James were married in 2017, and the family grew ... Jeannie has

three children by her first husband ... Robert, Lisa and Jackie. Jeannie and James knew each other in high school many years ago, but it wasn't until Jeannie returned to Trussville and took a friend to the tomato man's tent that the two reacquainted. Jeannie says "we owe our marriage to the tomatoes and turnip greens!" Much of the land surrounding the homeplace and the current home is now owned by James' sister, a nephew, and cousins.

I loved the time we spent talking about the friends we had in common, and I especially enjoyed James telling me old stories of when he and his siblings were young and growing up on the Farm. He's seen lots of changes over his 80 years in Trussville. He spoke of his lifetime love of hunting with his coon dogs all around Trussville, a great deal of the time on the land that is now Dew Gardens. James laughed and said "my first wife always accused me of loving my dogs more than her!" These kids used to get into Mr. Morrow's watermelon patch too! (I hope not with the dogs!) All this land was different back then ... lots of land and woods. He used to walk all the way from the house on Linden to the property where Home Depot is now and back again ... all in the woods. He remembered the old bluing factory that used to be in the downtown Trussville area close to Western Supermarket. He also recalled going inside and playing in the old, shut down factory, and coming out blue!

James said one of his earliest memories of First Baptist Trussville was when he was about 5 years old. He won a Bible during Vacation Bible School.

We discovered we're all huggers, so James and Jeannie, I shall look forward to seeing you on Sunday's during Sunday School and greeting with hugs! Turns out our classes are right across the hall from each other!



# BEST DAY EVER!

By Bill Bowser

**A little factoid: "Any customer can have a car painted any colour that he wants so long as it is black."**

In 1922, Henry Ford made this statement believing that because of the quality of paint at that time, the black paint would dry faster and not hinder the progress of the mass production lines. Other colors were used, of course, as paint quality improved.

On Saturday, June 5th in the front and north parking lots, FBCT hosted the 2nd Annual Leland Dockery FBCT Cruise-In from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Registration again was free and was open to any and all who wished to participate. We featured all kinds of Vintage & Classic Autos, Military Vehicles, Sports & Exotic Cars, and of course Hot Rods. We had Joey Legano's NASCAR team lead complete with their competition #22 race car and several race car simulators that everybody could try out. The Christian motorcycle group "Faith Riders" had a booth and also roamed the lots handing out tracts and spreading the Word. The Monster Mud Bogger Truck "Heaven Bound" was back again to provide a witness for Jesus Christ.

Here are some of the activities and statistics surrounding this year's very successful Cruise-In. This year over 275 registered vehicles (up from 207 last year) participated formally in the Cruise-In. There were also many unregistered cruisers who just came in for the fun. Ken Lass was our MC for the day. We had live musical entertainment provided by Carrie Cunningham, Larry Tidwell (Homeland) and Doors of the Heart. Pastor Buddy gave a short but powerful devotional on the similarity of how we take "bags of nuts and bolts" fixing up our Hot Rods to show condition; and how Jesus can take our personal "bag of nuts and bolts" and turns us into having powerful, complete and fulfilled lives. There was a half-dozen food trucks serving up hot dogs, chicken, BBQ, tacos, ice cream, frozen lemonade and more.

Under the direction of John Patterson, who was the main FBCT organizer of the event, there were dozens upon dozens of FBCT volunteers on site setting up and tearing down the venue, directing traffic, providing registration support, bottled water, technical support, first aid, manning the "show favorites" voting tent and more. Besides having hundreds of participating vehicle drivers, there were hundreds more accompanying the drivers and still many hundreds more people who just came to enjoy the cars, music, message and festivities. It was a staggering turnout and great Christian outreach into the community. Best of all, there were 9 professions of faith in Jesus Christ during the day... WOW!



Awards were presented in 2 categories, Best Car and Best Truck. Each category had 5 awardees and 1 winner. One grand prize winner for "Best in Show" was awarded between the Car and Truck category winners. The Best in Show winner was a beautifully restored and modified original series Ford Bronco. Throughout the day dozens of door prizes donated by local businesses were awarded to both car owners and other attendees culminating in the grand prize awards of two flat-screen TVs and a portable BBQ Smoker.

Several people asked me in conversation what kind of church was FBCT. I told them we were first a gospel-based church that believed in the lordship of Jesus Christ our Savior...and second, we were a church that put on Cruise-In car shows! And, all are welcome to visit with us in person or on-line anytime. That is what this day was really about, sharing Jesus with the community and having a good time doing it. Enjoy some of the pictures below. Many more can be found on the Seasoned Adult Ministry Facebook page.



## T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!

There are Cruise-In t-shirts available for sale at \$20 each. Purchase them while they last at the Events Desk on Sunday mornings or you may contact Debbie Arrington in the SAM office at 205-228-1006.