

FBC DACULA

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF DACULA

GROWING FAITHFULLY TOGETHER IN THE PASTURE OF CHRIST

"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

JOHN 10:11

A NOTE FROM REYSHAWN

Dear CFBC Family,

The past few months have been so exciting to see how God is at work in our family and church and it is a great privilege to be a part of a great work. As I continue to shepherd the elders and congregation through this transition my desire has been for us to grow deeper in our love for Jesus, more connected in our fellowship with one another and more intentional in reaching out community with the gospel.

In the first few months Michele and I have prioritized family time together. From visiting the many parks and recreation activities that Georgia has to offer, walking to the store through the woods, riding bikes or just sitting at home roasting marshmallows in the backyard we have grown together a family. Thank you for all of your prayers for us (see next page for pictures).



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Walking with Jesus.
Learning from Jesus.
Living for Jesus.



SHEPHERDING AND UNDER SHEPHERDS

One biblical metaphor that has deeply influenced me in recent years is that of the shepherd. Throughout Scripture, this imagery usually conveys the responsibility to protect, care for, lead, and feed God's people. God is revealed as the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4), and Christ declares Himself to be the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:11). But then Peter exhorts elders in 1 Peter 5:2-3, "shepherd the flock of God among you." This is profound. Shepherding is not only an intra-trinitarian responsibility but elders work as undershepherds to faithfully protect, care for, lead and feed His people. What a sacred trust. Pray for us that as we ourselves are continually being shaped by Christ through His gospel that we would shepherd His people with faithfulness, humility, and devotion to His mission.

UPCOMING OUTREACH

This fall, we plan to begin intentional outreach efforts to local college students and young adults in our community.

Please pray that the Lord would:

- Open doors for gospel conversations
- Raise up faithful laborers
- Help us build meaningful relationships
- Give us wisdom and boldness in outreach

Dates of outreach: 8/11/26, 8/18/26, 8/25/26 and 9/18

We have been walking together through the Gospel of Mark—learning from Jesus, growing as disciples, and seeking to live faithfully for His glory. One of the great encouragements in this season has been hearing how many within the congregation have been strengthened through the preaching ministry of God's Word thus far and how they have noticed the Lord's gracious work among our church family. We thank God for the spiritual growth, encouragement, and unity He continues to cultivate among us through His Word.

Another encouraging development has been the beginning of a men's discussion group centered on our study through the Gospel of Mark. The group meets online every other week and provides an opportunity for the men of the church to further interact with the passages preached on Sundays. My desire is to cultivate a culture of not merely to hear the Word preached, but to thoughtfully discuss how the truths of Scripture shape our lives, leadership, homes, and walk with Christ.

Thus far, the discussions have been fruitful, encouraging, and sharpening for the men involved. Several who have attended have expressed how meaningful and beneficial the conversations have been. We are grateful for the ways the Lord is using these gatherings to strengthen fellowship, deepen understanding of Scripture, and encourage spiritual growth among the men of the church.



“Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” — Mark 1:17