

THE MESSENGER

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grace for the journey



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Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship: 10:15 AM



THE PURPOSE OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGETOWN IS TO GLORIFY JESUS CHRIST BY IMPACTING THE WORLD THROUGH MISSIONS, SPIRIT-FILLED WORSHIP AND BIBLICAL TEACHING IN A LOVING, CARING, UNITED FELLOWSHIP.

First Baptist Presents Greater Vision



A WORD FROM PASTOR BEN:

“Sin that Leads to Death” Series, Part 2

In our last newsletter, we introduced our subject for this series and established a thesis on what we are examining. We established our goal is to prove that the sin (ἀμάρτια | hamartia) that leads to death (Θάνατος | thanatos) is a spiritual death resulting from the rejection of the Holy Spirit’s testimony (μαρτυρέω | martureō) concerning Jesus Christ that results in the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, apostasy, and willful sin in the unregenerate secessionists. In this month’s newsletter, I provide a brief context for 1 John, focusing on 1 John 3:23. Through this verse, we gain insight into the overarching theme of 1 John, which aids in interpreting correctly the sin that leads to death.

Using 1 John 3:23 to Understand the Context of the Sin that Leads to Death

Because 1 John is a letter, understanding the letter’s purpose is a crucial element in interpreting the sin that leads to death. To answer the purpose of the letter of 1 John, one needs to look at 1 John 3:23.

In John’s letter, he is writing to a beloved congregation. He is writing to encourage them to have a correct belief in Jesus and a genuine love for others. Howard Marshall defends this understanding, stating, “Belief and love go together, and that neither is sufficient without the other.” Also, Kruse provides helpful insight into the message of 1 John 3:23, stating, “There can be no obedience to God’s commands if there is no love for one another, there can be no love for one another if people close their hearts to those in need, and there can be no confidence when approaching God in prayer if people close their hearts to fellow believers in need.” It should also be noted that 1 John 3:23 serves not only as a transitional verse to the rest of the letter but also as the context in which the rest of the letter should be understood. Essentially, this passage serves as a summary of what came prior and an

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

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Wayne & Nancy Cribb

Faithful In Giving

JUNE 2025

Monthly Required
\$142,766.70

Received
\$86,652.42

Monthly Difference
\$20,128.78

Annual Budget
\$1,471,654.98

Budget Required to Date
\$735,827.52

Budget Received To Date
\$727,321.69

YTD Difference
(\$8,505.83)

FUNDS:

FBC Family Benevolence
\$8,230.79

Prayer Garden
\$21,549.47

Organ Fund
\$22,124.50

Trail Life Scholarships
\$6,976.22

Other Funds are available
for contributions. Please
contact the Financial
Secretary for complete list

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Scholarships:  
Daniels  
Tamsberg  
Moore—Mixson  
Health Occupation

Honorariums & Memorials  
may be made to any of the  
above funds or the General  
Budget. Acknowledgement  
cards are sent to each  
individual.

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“You will be blessed in
every way, and you will be
able to keep on being
generous.”
2 Corinthians 9:11a

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Weekly Attendance
Averages for JUNE
Worship: 381
Sunday School: 208

Neighbor
To
Neighbor

Outreach bags are
available in the church
office for you to pick
up any time.

AUGUST 12th
at 11:00
Bring a Covered
Dish & A Friend!



Meet on Monday
Nights
6:00—8:30 PM

In Touch Ministry Honors...

ALVIE & ELOISE SMITH
1790 Highway 90
Conway, SC 29526

BRENDA STALVEY
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Pawleys Island, SC 29585

VICKIE TOMPKINS
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Send an Encouragement Card Today!

WOM Women On Mission

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, August 5th
at 11:00 in room 107

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Young As Ever

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Series Part 2 (Continued)

introduction to what comes next. Marshall adds that John stresses to the readers that they are to believe in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a point that is demanded by the situation in which false beliefs about Jesus were prevalent. Another consideration is the use of the two Greek verbs πιστεύσωμεν and ἀγαπῶμεν. Both are part of a comprehensive command,” according to Akin. He explains, “Fundamentally, there is only one comprehensive command conveyed in a dual form: an explicit belief in the Son, Jesus Christ, and an active love for one another. The two parallel verbs “believe” (pisteusōmen) and “love” (agapōmen) work together to form one primary command.” Warren Wiersbe agrees with Akin’s assessment and states, “Faith toward God and love toward men are two sides of the same coin.” Furthermore, Bruce Smilie claims in his dissertation that “John’s intention in writing 1 John was to urge his readers to abide in Christ, so that they could ‘overcome’ the sinful world and its various temptations in their Christian experience.” John’s theological and applied theological understanding of what it means to be a child of God, along with his purpose of writing the letter, is communicated in 1 John 3:23. It provides a clear understanding of sound doctrine and good morality. Furthermore, it serves as the context in which John writes the entire letter, providing insight into understanding the textual meaning of the possible interpretations of the sin that leads to death.



NEIGHBOR CHOICE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION



Tuesday, July 22, 2025
10 AM to 12 Noon

First Baptist Church
219 Cleland Street
Georgetown, SC 29446

Food will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until supplies are depleted.



Nourish Your Neighbors!

Do you know someone in need of no-cost food assistance?
Visit a Lowcountry Food Bank food distribution and pick up healthy food for friends and loved ones who are unable to attend.

THIS IS A **NO COST** EVENT – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS



Camp Cherokee
July 13—19



NOTE: NEW SCHEDULE!

4:45 – 5:30 ~ MEAL
5:30 – 6:00 ~ MUSIC
6:00 – 6:20 ~ MEMORY
6:20 – 7:00 ~ MISSIONS

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP BY
7:30 PM FROM THE DESIGNATED AREA
BY THE CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT.**

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES RESUME
AUGUST 13TH**

**ADDITIONAL LEADERS
NEEDED FOR
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.
YOU CAN HELP SOME OF
THE TIME OR FOR THE
ENTIRE TIME.
PLEASE CONTACT
ARENETTE GRAHAM,
MEREDITH MARSH, OR
KEITH WALL**



**Senior Adult Trip June 2026
~ Washington D.C. ~**

Save the date: June 12—16 2026
Tour brochure and pricing coming soon.
Trip includes The Museum of the Bible, Arlington Cemetery, Monuments tour, Mt. Vernon Estate, some meals, and so much more!

This trip is open to any senior adults (55 plus) of all churches, friends, and family members so, start inviting them now!
Maximum capacity: 50. All rooms double occupancy.



Sunday School is a great way to deepen your faith, build meaningful relationships, and learn more about God’s word in a supportive community. The fact that there are classes for all ages makes it even more special—everyone can find a place to belong and grow. All classes meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Do you have a heart for teaching young couples? If so, we have an opportunity for you to use your gift of teaching for our newly married couples. I would love the opportunity to help you begin this life-changing journey today! Please stop by the office or call Keith for an appointment: 843-545-5187.

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27TH
3:00—6:00
MUSIC ~ FOOD ~ GAMES
&
The Amazing One Way
Maze!**