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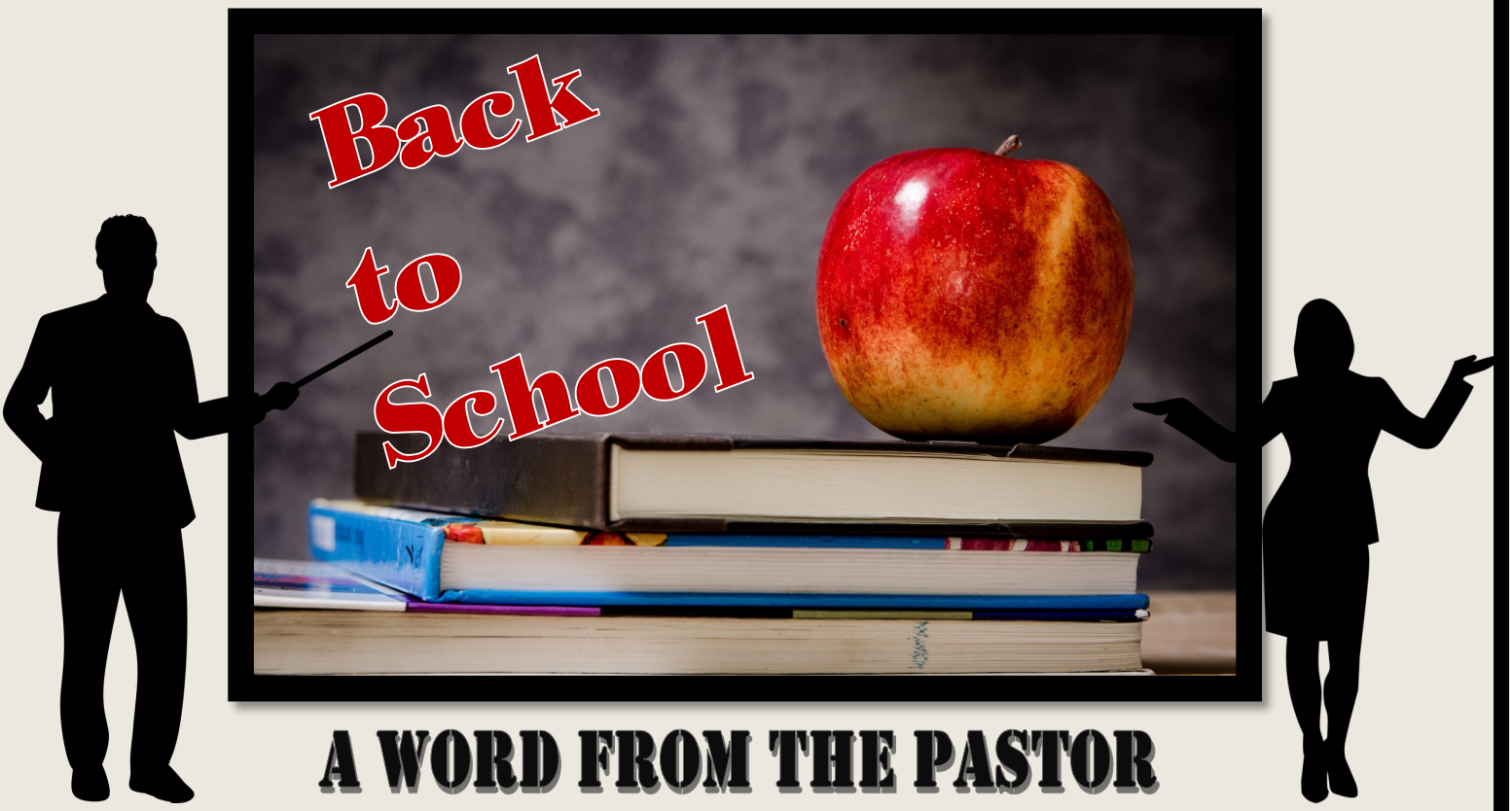

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Wow, what a great summer! God has answered prayers, and we are rejoicing in His work in our church family. Welcome to our new staff members. We are praying that God will use them in a very special way in the ministry of GSBC.

THINK ON THIS. It costs nothing to operate a dead church, but the price in the matter of lives would be appalling. All a Christian has to do to die is never to give.

In the physical reality, our body grows by what we take into it, but in the spiritual reality, it is the very opposite. If your religion is a living religion, it will cost you something, but if it is really alive, you will find happiness, joy, and blessings in paying the price.

"Our church costs too much!" a chronic complainer stated. "I am getting sick and tired of it."

"Yes," said another, "but I want to tell you a story out of my own life. Some time ago a baby boy came into my house, and from the time he was born he cost me something. I had to buy food and clothing and medicine, and, after a while, toys and a puppy dog. When he started to school, he cost me more, and more, and when he went to college, the costs were still greater and greater. Later, he began to go out with girls, and you know how much that costs. Then, in his senior year, he suddenly died, and since then he has not cost me one cent."

YES, if your religion is alive it will cost you something, but you will be glad to pay the price.

- Dr. Charles E. Brown

A LITTLE BIBLE HISTORY

1. The Bible consists of 66 separate books!
2. It was written by more than 40 men ranging from a fisherman to a king.
3. It was written during a period of nearly 1,600 years.
4. The Bible consists of 3,566,480 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, and 1,189 chapters.
5. The Bible, the Old Book, consists of 39 books and the new Bible, 27 books.

Sunday school promotion day is Sunday, August 4

MINISTRY MINUTE

Education Ministries

The Sunday School Promotion Day is Sunday, August 4. Please make sure to be in attendance on August 4. All preschoolers, children, and students will move up to their new classes on August 4. We will have a Continental Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 8:15 am to 9:00 am.

One Great Sunday is a Sunday School Training for all of our Sunday School Officers and Teachers of all age groups. It will take place on Sunday, August 11, immediately after our morning worship service. We will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods such as finger sandwiches, meatballs, chips and dip, fruit, desserts, etc. After lunch we will go to our training sessions. The adult leaders will meet in the Auditorium. The youth leaders will meet in the Youth Room. The children's leaders will meet in the Children's Room. The preschool leaders will meet in the Hospitality Room. Each age group will watch four videos lasting about 10 to 15 minutes each, and there will be an opportunity for discussion after each video is shown. The videos are provided by the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, and we will be able to view excellent and helpful presentations from Sunday School experts in our nation.

All men are invited to the Men's Lunch on Wednesday, August 14, at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Please invite a guest to come with you.

- Brooks Alexander

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry is excited to announce a few new things!

Children's Church—Since the first Sunday in July, the children now remain in the children's room for the entire service. Also, for Children's Church, pick up will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Preschool Worship—Preschool children's church has been changed to Preschool Worship. Starting the first Sunday in August, Preschool Worship will be held in room 104 for ages 4 and 5 years old.

Extended Child Care will be for bed babies through 3 years old in rooms 130 A-C.

Coming soon there will be a central check-in system for the Nursey.

Activities—Dates are to be determined for a Back to School Party and 5th Grade Bridge Outing. Keep a look out for those dates.

If you are interested in helping out in the Preschool or Children's ministry, please don't hesitate to contact me.

- In His Service, Charles Feathers <><

Government Street Christian School

The early twentieth century Presbyterian Scholar, J. Gresham Machen, said that "A Christian boy or girl can learn mathematics, for example, from a teacher who is not a Christian; and truth is truth however learned. But while truth is truth however learned, the bearing of truth, the meaning of truth, the purpose of truth, even in the sphere of mathematics, seem entirely different to the Christian from that which they seem to the non-Christian; and that is why a truly Christian education is possible only when Christian conviction underlies not a part but, all of the curriculum of the school."

Government Street Christian School endeavors to provide an education with a scripturally oriented curriculum that immerses our students in a Christ centered understanding of reality. Only Christ can transform a life, but we can plow the ground, plant the seed, and water it daily.

Please be in prayer for our teachers, staff, and students in the upcoming school year. Our teachers return for orientation on August 6. Student and parent orientation is on August 12, and the first full day of school is on August 13.

- Bryan Townsend, Principal

Child Development Center

When we kicked off summer camp on May 29, the beginning of school seemed light years away. However, time flies when you are having as much fun as we have been having this summer, and now we are ready to start a new school year. We have claimed a couple of God's promises from His Word for our upcoming year. Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." And Deuteronomy 31:8 states, "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." The CDC stands firm on the hope that we are in the Lord's hands, and we depend on Him daily to grow us and to meet the needs of our families as only He can. He has blessed us in countless ways, and we want to give Him all the glory. We are excited to share that we are kicking this school year off with 20 more children than we started last year with, and there are many more calling daily. Please continue to pray for these families and our teachers as we prepare for this wonderful new season.

- In Christ, Deborah Eddie

Ministry Spotlight

We are pleased to introduce two new members of our ministerial staff, Trey Byrns and Aaron Griffin.

Trey Byrns, Church Administrator and Associate Pastor

Trey Byrns comes to us from New Orleans, LA, where he is a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and will graduate in December with his Masters of Divinity. He and his wife, Maria, have two children, Truett (3) and Meradith (1). They have served in churches in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. In May 2019, he was commissioned as a chaplain in the US Navy. According to Trey, "My mission is to know Christ and to make Him known."

Aaron Griffin, Youth Pastor

Aaron is a native of Mobile, AL, where he had the privilege of growing up in a Christ-centered home. He came to Christ at the age of eight and felt a strong passion to serve the Lord after graduating high school. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Theology from the University of Mobile, and, since 2011, has served in leading Student Ministry and Worship Ministry. Aaron says he is motivated to reach this generation with the life transforming power of the Gospel.

We are thankful to have you with us. Welcome Byrns family and Aaron Griffin to G-Street!

Gaye Butler will be leaving for Haiti August 24-30 and would love for you to be a part of a wonderful mission that she has become passionate about. She needs to take snacks to the people and children of the Galette Chambon Village and is asking for individually wrapped packages of:

- Crackers (cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, etc.)
- Rice Krispies Treats
- Nuts
- Granola Bars
- Please NO CHOCOLATE, as this will melt in transport.

Turn these in to her or the church office by August 11. Thank you in advance for your help!!

- God bless you. Bondye beni ou, Gaye Butler

SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Mrs. Sarah Eubanks.
Mrs. Johnny Willisson and family in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Annette Knight.
Mr. Larry Pritchard and family in the loss of his nephew, Mr. John Pritchard.
Mrs. Jackie Dyess and family in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Glenda Collums.
Mr. Steve Vickery and family in the loss of his aunt, Mrs. Robinette Parker.
Mr. Brooks Alexander and family in the loss of his niece, Ms. Nicole Nippert.

CHURCH FINANCE

06/22/19		$ 9,163.97
06/30/19		$ 12,012.34
07/07/19		$ 14,996.15
07/14/19		$ 13,164.09
07/21/19		$ 7,476.30
YTD Budget Requirement:		$ 53,716.08
YTD Budget Receipts:		$ 49,964.38
Income vs. Expenses	-	$ 7,770.39

THANK YOU:

Government Street Baptist Church,

We appreciate all the visits Dr. Brown made and his prayers for us. Thank you!

Also, appreciate the prayer cards and all who sent them. Thank you! What a blessing.

Brooks Alexander was a blessing to us with his visits. Thank you!

—Marion Harold and Martha Gates

Larry and I would like to thank all of our friends who sent cards, text messages, and called as we remembered our nephew, John Pritchard. It meant so much to us and to his wife, Mandie, and children.

—Larry and Gwen Pritchard

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday Outreach by Deacons:

8/04	Gary Raulerson & Jason Smith
8/11	Gavin Butler & Matt Graham
8/18	Joe Gilbert & Ralph Shine
8/25	Steve Vickery & Jack Morrison

Church Officers:

8/04	Fred Drago, Jr. & Steve Simms
8/11	James Little & Buddy Nabors
8/18	Dan Watson & Ralph Shine
8/25	Brandon Oliver & Steve Vickery

Nursery Volunteers:

8/04	Susan Cannon—Nursery
	Lori Beth Graham—Pre-K
8/11	Rebekah Smith—Nursery
	TBD—Pre-K
8/18	Dana Pope—Nursery
	Caitlyn Smith—Pre-K
8/25	Alicia Lee—Nursery
	Alex & Aden Miller—Pre-K

August Events

1 9:00 am Sr. Adults to Foley Train Museum/Gift Horse Restaurant

2 End of Summer Camp Party
8:30 am Bridge Outing for new 6th Graders-Get Air

3 8:00 am CDC Teacher Workday

4 Sunday School Promotion Day
No Evening Service
8:15 am Sunday School Breakfast-Fell. Hall
12:00 pm Children's Ministry Event
12:00 pm Youth One-Up Event

5 CDC Move-Ups

6 GSCS Teacher In-Service
9:00 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise
10:00 am Adult Bible Study / Lunch

7 GSCS Professional Development

8 GSCS Professional Development
9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hosp. Rm.

9 GSCS Teacher Work Day

10 9:30 am Singles' Ministry Event

11 12:00 pm One Great Sunday-Fell. Hall

12 8:00 am GSCS Orientation/Meet the Teacher
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

13 GSCS Begins

14 11:30 am Men's Lunch

18 4:00 pm Grace Circle Meeting-Hosp.Rm.

19 5:30 pm School Committee Meeting

20 9:00 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise
10:00 am Adult Bible Study / Lunch

23 5:30 pm Youth Gathering-Gym

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Daniel Driskell
Church Pianist
Bryan Townsend
School Principal
Rebekah Smith
Asst. School Principal
Deborah Eddie
CDC Director

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday
9:00 AM - Bible Study
10:15 AM - Morning Worship

Monday
9:30 AM - Waterfront Rescue Mission
4:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study- Bel Air Apts
5:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study- Hosp. Rm.

Tuesday
5:30 PM - GROW Outreach

Wednesday
4:45 PM - Fellowship Supper
5:45 PM - KidZ Open Gym
6:00 PM - Bible Study
6:00 PM - Fastlane (PreK)
6:00 PM - Overpass (1st-5th)
6:00 PM - Generate Student Min. (6th-12th)
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
8:00 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday—Sunday
Closed