

A Message from
Pastor Andrew



Church Family,

It seems that in our time and space, the church in general is often known for what it stands against, more than what it stands for. I find this so terribly sad because it turns God's family into a group of people who hate everything and disagree with everyone. We can be labeled as or assumed to be an institution with high walls intended to keep out all the bad stuff "out there."

When I look at the life, ministry, and words of Jesus, I see a very different attitude and posture. Yes, the world is full of evil because it's broken and full of people who are sinful. No, we're not called to build a wall of protection and live in our little shire, safe from all the bad. Jesus lived a real life, surrounded by people who were sinners. He dined with them, and even called many of them to be his followers. He gave water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, forgiveness to the guilty, liberty to the captive, community to the marginalized, and life to the dead.

Jesus was honest, and told his followers that he was sending them out as sheep among wolves and that they therefore should be both wise and innocent (Matthew 10:16). He also prayed for them, that they would to be in the world but not of it, a very important distinction (John 17:14-19). Before he left earth and ascended to heaven, he commissioned his followers to go into all the world and make disciples, and promised that as we go he is with us always, to the end of the earth (Matthew 28:18-20).



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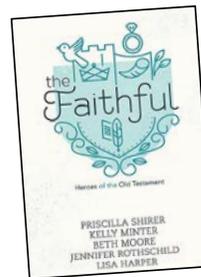
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Announcements



Please Note, the church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th.

A new 5-step Sunday Flowers policy is being implemented. Read Page 4.



Ladies' Bible Study begins its 5-week summer session on July 6th! Learn more about it on Page 5.

NETWorks' July Food Item is Peanut Butter Crackers! See Page 5.



In light of recent tragedies security measures will be put in place each Sunday. See Page 8 for the specifics.

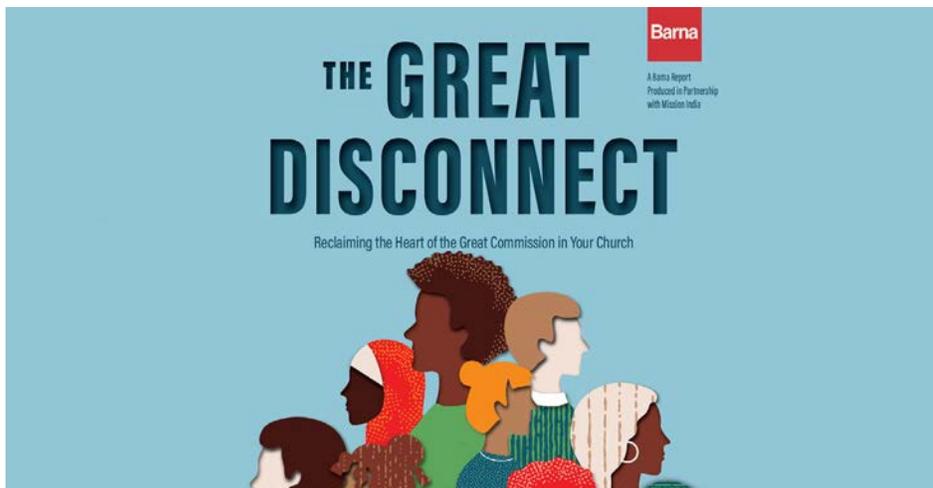
If you call FBC Tucker your faith community, we ask that you pray about giving financially to support, and grow our ministries. You can give online by visiting www.fbctucker.org

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I want our church to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We should be for what God is for. If God is not for it, we should not be for it. We should celebrate the things God celebrates, but hate the things that God hates.

One of the ways that we are going to be intentional to be for the things of God is by formalizing our mission strategy here at FBC Tucker. I know you all care about missions, want people to know about Jesus, and have been historically faithful to give generously to missions. Thank you for that legacy! Moving forward, we want to create a pathway for all members of our faith family to be involved in missions—because we are FOR the gospel of Jesus. We are for the proclamation of Jesus.

*I believe that one of the most important pieces to growing in our faithfulness in missions is **awareness**. Recent studies have shown that knowledge about missions increases involvement in missions dramatically. Therefore, one of the action points I want to begin taking here at FBC Tucker is talking more about missions. I'd like to intentionally raise awareness.*



For example, a recent study produced by Barna Group, called “The Great Disconnect,” reveals some staggering statistics among professing Christians. “Today, two in three of all U.S. Christians (63% “no,” 5% “not sure”) say they have not heard of the Great Commission. When asked to identify the Great Commission from a list of five scriptures, just one in three (31%) does so correctly, while more than half (51%) are unsure, and the remainder selects other verses.”

Before Jesus ascended into heaven after his resurrection, he said these words to his followers: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”

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SERMON SCHEDULE

JULY 3

“A Church Marked by Generosity & Unity”

Acts: A Church Is Born 4:32-37

JULY 10

“A Church with Hypocrisy”

Acts: A Church Is Born 5:1-11

JULY 17

“A Church That Saw God Work”

Acts: A Church Is Born 5:12-16

JULY 24

“A Church That Saw God Work”

Acts: A Church Is Born 5:17-42

JULY 31

“A Church That Cares for All Its Members”

Acts: A Church Is Born 6:1-7

Motions Q&A

Wednesday, July 6

This second of two meeting date options will be held at 6pm in the Sanctuary.



COMING IN JULY 2022

"The Healing Place" Ministry is Every Monday - Thursday from 9:30AM to 11AM in the GYM

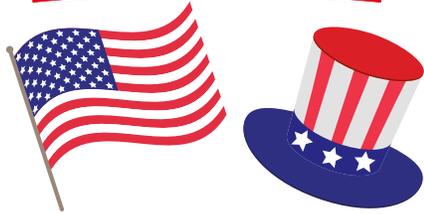
Sunday, July 3

- 9:30 AM Adult A Sun. S. - MSFH
- 9:30 AM Core Seminar - Bldg B, 1st
- 9:30 AM Encouragers S.S.-Bldg B, 2nd
- 9:30 AM Seekers S.S. - Bldg B, 2nd
- 9:30 AM Randolph Special Ed. S.S. Class for Adults - RSEC
- 11:00 AM Worship & Communion - Sanc

Monday, July 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Tuesday, July 5

- 9:30 AM Mommy & Me Play Date - FBC Playground
- 1:00 PM NTO Council - MSFH

Wednesday, July 6

- 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study - CoR
- 11:30 AM Movie Time - Gym
- 6:00 PM Q/A Re: Motions - Sanc

Thursday, July 7

- 7:00 PM Tucker Turtles - LFH

Sunday, July 10

- 9:30 AM Adult A Sun. S. - MSFH
- 9:30 AM Core Seminar - Bldg B, 1st
- 9:30 AM Encouragers S.S.-Bldg B, 2nd
- 9:30 AM Seekers S.S. - Bldg B, 3rd
- 9:30 AM Randolph Special Ed. S.S. Class for Adults - RSEC
- 11:00 AM Worship & Communion - Sanc



Tuesday, July 12

- 9:30 AM Mommy & Me Play Date - FBC Playground
- 10:30 AM NTO Luncheon - MSFH

Wednesday, July 13

- 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study - CoR
- 11:30 AM Movie Time - Gym

Thursday, July 14

- 7:00 PM Tucker Turtles - LFH

Saturday, July 16

- 7:30 AM GA Assoc. of Home Inspectors Mtg. - MSFH

Sunday, July 17

- 9:30 AM Adult A Sun. S. - MSFH
- 9:30 AM Core Seminar - Bldg B, 1st
- 9:30 AM Encouragers S.S.-Bldg B, 2nd
- 9:30 AM Seekers S.S. - Bldg B, 2nd
- 9:30 AM Randolph Special Ed. S.S. Class for Adults - RSEC
- 11:00 AM Worship & Communion - Sanc



Tuesday, July 19

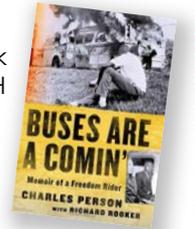
- 9:30 AM Mommy & Me Play Date - FBC Playground

Wednesday, July 20

- 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study - CoR
- 11:30 AM Movie Time - Gym
- 6:30 PM Choir Practice - CR

Thursday, July 21

- 10:00 AM Tucker Book Group - LFH
- 7:00 PM Tucker Turtles - LFH



Saturday, July 23

- 12:00 PM Clarkston HS Reunion / Kay Brett - MSFH

Sunday, July 24

- 9:30 AM Adult A Sun. S. - MSFH
- 9:30 AM Core Seminar - Bldg B, 1st
- 9:30 AM Encouragers S.S.-Bldg B, 2nd
- 9:30 AM Seekers S.S. - Bldg B, 3rd
- 9:30 AM Randolph Special Ed. S.S. Class for Adults - RSEC
- 11:00 AM Worship & Communion - Sanc
- 6:30 PM Fellowship of Faithful Men - MSFH

Tuesday, July 26

- 9:30 AM Mommy & Me Play Date - FBC Playground

Wednesday, July 27

- 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study - CoR
- 11:30 AM Movie Time - Gym

Thursday, July 28

- 7:00 PM Tucker Turtles - LFH

Sunday, July 31

- 9:30 AM Adult A Sun. S. - MSFH
- 9:30 AM Core Seminar - Bldg B, 1st
- 9:30 AM Encouragers S.S.-Bldg B, 2nd
- 9:30 AM Seekers S.S. - Bldg B, 3rd
- 9:30 AM Randolph Special Ed. S.S. Class for Adults - RSEC
- 11:00 AM Worship & Communion - Sanc
- 12:00 PM Administrative Team Meeting - SGR

KEY
CoR - Community Room **CR** - Choir Room **G** - Gym **GL** - Gym Lobby **LC** - LaVista Chapel
LFH - LaVista Fellowship Hall **LIB** - Library **MSFH** - Main Street Fellowship Hall
MC - Ministry Center **NTO** - Never Too Old **RSEC** - Randolph Special Education Classroom
SANC - Sanctuary **SGR** - Small Group Room





*"I planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth."*

(1 Corinthians 3:6, ESV)

Renovations on the school are in full swing, and that means that the building is completely torn apart. Fifty years' worth of furniture, toys, curriculum, and paint is getting a much-needed update. But as we handle each item to be removed or re-made, it's remarkable how much work, care, and support this little school has received over the years. Many of the names of those who painted or planned or bore the responsibility for this place are unremembered, but I know their labor still stands, blessing families long after the investment was made. That's one of the charming ways that God has made the world. A Mayfly gets a single day to live and do his job; one tank of gas, and that's it. He better make it count. You and I don't have much longer in the grand scheme of things; we will be held accountable for making it count, too (Matt. 25:14-30). The brick layer's name is forgotten, but the cathedral still stands. Lost are the songwriter and author's names, but the melodies and stories stick with us. And so it is that the small seed faithfully sown long ago grows into an entire forest someday.

The little grove that is our school is beginning to look new, but it stands on the shoulders of giants. To those who have given over the years and to those who will join us in giving again, building a school that will outlast this new generation, we thank you!



— Austin Prince, Director of FBCT's
Main Street Preschool

We Have a New Website at
MainStreetClassical.org but our email
and phone number are still the same.



**To put flowers in the Sanctuary in memory
or in honor of someone, we ask that you please
follow this new 5 Step Procedure:**

STEP 1

Contact Candy Rogers in the church office by the Monday before the Sunday you would like the flowers to be placed to confirm that the desired date is open. Crogers@fbctucker.org is Candy's email or call her in the Main Office at **770-938-1688**.

STEP 2

Please note, even if you have placed flowers every year on the same Sunday of the year, you will still need to contact the church office by the Monday before the Sunday you would like the flowers to be placed.

STEP 3

Call or go by Tucker Flower Shop, place your order, and pay the florist directly (**770-938-3737**). Tucker Flower Shop has a key and will deliver your flowers to Tucker Baptist on Saturday. Then, Darren will take your flowers to the Sanctuary on Sunday before the service.

STEP 4

You may choose to use a different florist, but you will be expected to pick up the arrangement and put it in the Sanctuary before Worship begins that Sunday morning.

STEP 5

If you would like a recognition slide that will run Sunday morning before the service, please send the wording of the slide by email to Andrew at amcnair@fbctucker.org by Wednesday before the Sunday the flowers are to be placed.

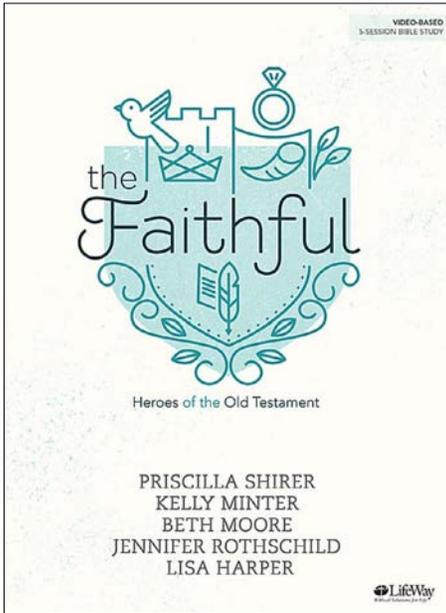


Ladies' Summer Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays at 10AM in the FBCT Community Room

This 5-week study will meet on the following dates:

Wednesdays: July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3



Borrowing from best-selling studies by Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Lisa Harper, Kelly Minter, and Jennifer Rothschild, this 5-session study explores crucial moments in the lives of five Old Testament figures—Esther, Gideon, Malachi, Nehemiah, and Hosea. Through their stories, discover how God uses the lives of ordinary people for His glory and the good of His people. Strengthen your faith as you walk alongside these larger-than-life figures who all chose to obey God no matter the circumstances.

CONTACTS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Becky Fortenberry (Tues.) 404-452-3493
or email: b2fortenberry@yahoo.com

Kathy Ray (Wed.) 770-605-2498 or email:
Kathy.ray1955@gmail.com

Or contact the church at: (770) 938-1688



Toni Massey • David Shivers • Paula Shivers

NETworks

A Cooperative Christian Ministry Serving the
Northlake — Embry Hills — Tucker Area

FOOD ITEM OF THE MONTH

July's is Peanut Butter Crackers Month!



Donation boxes are just inside the glass door at the office entrance and also in the Gathering Room.

amazonPrime

For Amazon Prime purchasers, did you know that you can order cans or cases and have them delivered for free directly to NETworks at 2380 4th Street, Tucker, GA 30084?

The Healing Place

Walking & Exercise in the FBC Gym
Monday-Thursday 9:30-11:00 AM
• AIR CONDITIONED! • MUSIC! •



MASKS NO LONGER REQUIRED!





A Senior Adult Ministry of First Baptist Church of Tucker

NTO JULY LUNCH MEETING

Tuesday, July 12th at 11:30 a.m.

Join Us for a 4th Of July Beach Party ★ Lots Of Food, Fun, and Fellowship

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

LUNCH IS \$8 PER PERSON ★ PLEASE HAVE EXACT CHANGE



Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Remember, seats may be not saved ahead of time. The first person to arrive in your group may save a seat at the table for you. Please only save space for friends you know will be attending. Masks are not required. **Take-out meals will be available.**

At each meeting, we pledge allegiance to our Flag. The pledge is now being led by one of our Honored Veterans. If you are a veteran and would like to lead the pledge, please contact Kay Brett, NTO President (brettugs@bellsouth.net).



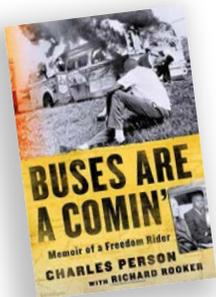
ENTERTAINMENT: *Mr. Ralph Freeman*

A native of Atlanta, Mr. Freeman graduated from Morehouse College. After spending nine years in marketing with IBM Corp, God led him into full-time music ministry. His Christian witness, through song, has been a vital part of his lifestyle since 1980. For five years he sang with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Then God opened opportunities for him to sing in a broad range of settings across the USA and in many other countries. Since 1998, Song Sermon Ministries, Inc. has enabled Ralph to share the "Good News" through a unique presentation of hymns, current-day songs and thematic messages. [Learn more at ralphfreeman.com.](http://ralphfreeman.com)



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Traditionally, NTO has collected school supplies in July for Networks Back-to-School Neighborhood Shop. This year the shop will not open as Networks is in the process of moving to a new location. There, they will be able to fulfill the dream of having a year-round shop, not only for School supplies, but for food and other sundries. **At our July meeting, NTO will be collecting monetary donations to go to Networks, earmarked for school supplies.** We're sure you will want to join with us as we continue to support this ministry.



The Next Book Group Meeting is July 21st in the LFH

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 16th at 10:00am in the LaVista Fellowship Hall (rear of the main building at the long green awning). The book is "**Buses are a Comin': Memoir of a Freedom Rider**" by **Charles Person**. Book Group meets on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like to join us, please contact Kathy Ray; she will make sure you get this year's book list. Our theme this year is "**Memoirs and Other Works.**"

Good Readings!

- Kathy Ray 770-605-2498 • kathy.ray1955@gmail.com

NTO has medical equipment (walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc.) for loan. Please call the church office to find out if what you need is what we have.



"You are Never Too Old to set another goal, or to dream a new dream." - Les Brown



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(Matthew 28:18-20, emphasis added). This is the Great Commission. These are the very last words Jesus spoke to his followers! If this is the very mission Jesus sends us out on, yet two-thirds of people—who claim to be his followers—don’t even know these words exist, how on earth can we be faithful to it? We can’t.

Still more shocking perhaps, is that Barna data reveals Christians tend to believe missions is a calling for some (51%), not a mandate for all (25%). What this tells me is that the vast majority of Christians in the United States either don’t know about the Great Commission, but that even if they do, half don’t think it’s really a mandate for all, but an option to consider. This study is called The Great Disconnect for several reasons, one of them being that it reveals the great disconnect between the American church and the heart of God.

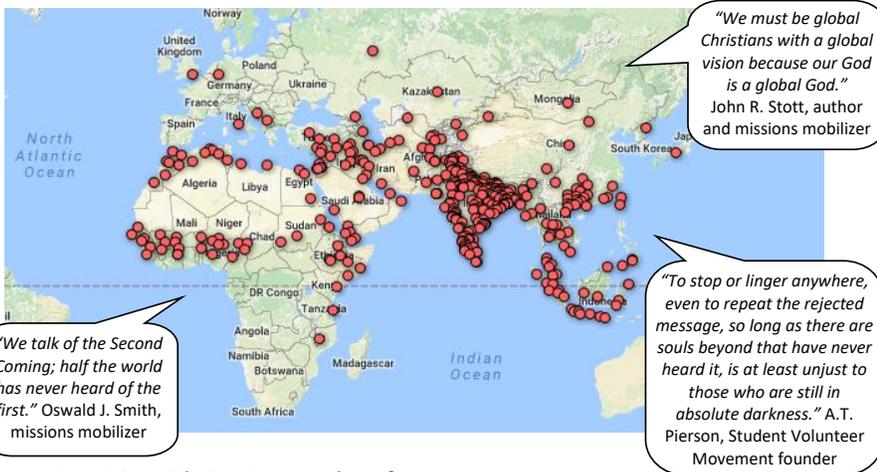
Unreached?

“An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside assistance.”

7,400

People groups still considered **unreached** when using criteria of less than 2% Evangelical and less than 5% Christian Adherent

455 Unreached People Groups each over 1,000,000 in population



Countries with Greatest Number of Unreached People Groups (UPGs)

Country	Unreached People Groups	Population living in UPGs	% of Country living in UPGs
India	2,139	1,326,000,000	95.6%
Pakistan	820	222,000,000	99.1%
China	443	143,000,000	10.1%
Bangladesh	276	164,000,000	99.0%
Nepal	263	27,000,000	90.3%



Koiri of India, Hindu
8.2 million, **Unreached**

Saudi Najdi Arab, Muslim
14.0 million, **Unreached**



Facts about the 50 largest Unreached People Groups

- All these people groups have less than 2% Christ-followers.
- Individuals in these groups have very limited, if any, access to the Gospel.
- None have an indigenous church capable of taking the Gospel to the entire group.
- These 50 unreached people groups are comprised of 1.48 billion souls.
- Almost one in five people on earth live in these 50 unreached people groups.
- Every group is larger than 10,000,000 in population.
- Primary religion: 26 are Muslim, 17 Hindu, 5 Buddhist, 1 Ethnic Religions, 1 non-Religious
- For every dollar of Christian resources less than one penny is directed at reaching unreached

Joshua Project www.joshuaproject.net March 2022

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Join the “Mommy and Me Play Date” Every Tuesday, 9:30AM - 11:30AM!

FBC of Tucker is opening its secure courtyard and playground for mothers and their young children* to come and fellowship together! Contact **Lindsey at 678-274-8630** for details or with questions.

*Recommended for mothers or caregivers and children 5 and under. Parent must remain with child at all times.



INDOOR SUMMER MOVIES SERIES FOR KIDS!

Wednesdays from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the FBCT Gym

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The FBCT Gym is located at 2367 Main Street, Tucker, GA.





NEW SECURITY MEASURES

In response to the devastating shootings across our country, our church is taking several steps to ensure everyone's safety on Sunday mornings. Please be aware of the following:

- ⇒ **At 11:00 am, all exterior doors will be locked so that no one can enter who shouldn't.** There will be deacons and/or greeters posted at the exterior doors on Lavista Road. coming into the Sanctuary, watching the monitors and letting in anyone who arrives a little late. We don't want to exclude anyone, but we want to make sure the building is secure. You will still be able to exit the building at any time, but we will lock them so that no one can come in haphazardly.
- ⇒ **If you are coming into the building through an entry other than the Lavista Road doors, you will only be able to enter through the glass door in Building B, facing Church Street.** This is the glass door closest to the elevator near the church office. The glass door on Building C, which leads into the old Fellowship Hall will be locked, and you will not be allowed in as it is now our Children's Hall.
- ⇒ **The restrooms located on the first floor of the old fellowship hall, now known as the Mainstreet Kids Hall, are for children only.** You should not come downstairs from the Sanctuary to use these restrooms. The restrooms located in the front of the Sanctuary, exiting on the organ side are available for your use. If you come downstairs to use the restrooms, a Children's worker will kindly direct you back upstairs. Please do not be offended by this, as it is our new policy intended to protect our children.

Thank you all for your understanding as we seek to ensure the safety of every person on our campus!

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Church family, let us intentionally seek to be aligned with the heart of God, which is his plan of redemption being fulfilled through the proclamation of Jesus Christ to all nations. It's not optional, but is a mandate for all of us who follow Jesus. If we're to continue his work, we must be faithful to seek and save the lost.

Over the next several months, we will be implementing and introducing missional language, topics, and resources to help everyone of us who call this church, home, to figure out how they can engage in God's mission, whether it's through prayer, financial support, or going, or all of the above. You'll even find some helpful resources in this month's edition of The Tidings!

Let us remember the words of Jesus as we go: "I am with you always..."

In Christ's Love,

— Pastor Andrew



Please Be In Prayer For...

- » **Herman Rolader's family and friends.** He passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Herman was the father of **Teresa Cole** and grandfather of **Andrea Wahl**.
- » **Anna Johnson's family and friends.** She passed away Friday, June 10, 2022. Anna was the daughter of **Carol Johnson**.



Congratulations!

To **Caroline & Jay Moore** on the birth of their son. **Anderson Edward Moore**, was born Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 9:35 pm.

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FBCT OFFICE HOURS

Our regular office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM. The Main Office closes from 12 PM to 1 PM for lunch each day.

770 938-1688

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