



Prayers for Our People



We are praying for you, your family, your caretakers, and all that God will do for you.

Let us pray for: Rick Bostleman, Anna Branch, Barbara Brinson, Carolyn and Prentiss Brown, Jean Brown, Kevin Brown, Deanie Cleghorn, H.L. Cleghorn, Ronnie Clemons, Shirley Coxen, Kurt Cribbs, Mike Devane, Jerry Dixon, Chip Dorminy, Dana Dunn, Rick Ellis, Sherry Ellis, Joni Wiggins Fox, Kay Fussell, Chase Giddens, Tonya Griffin, Ed Hill, Peggy Hogan, Harley Ivemeyer, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Nancy Mutchler, Anne Nelms, Mildred Pigg, Donna Sheffield, Debbie Sherret, Kelly Sumner, Ferris Taylor, Phillip Taylor, Joyce Treece, Larry Troupe, Ken Trout, Mark Turner, Brianna Turnmire, Van Waters, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debbie Woods

Members in Care Facilities

Pruitt Health (Ocilla): Drew Fountain, Maple Court (Tifton): Shirley Coxen,

Homebound Members – Fitzgerald and Out of Town/State

June and Don Morris–Fitzgerald

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 3, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Brad Bryant, Charlie Beall, David McCranie, Johnny Whidden, Alan “Snake” Dixon, Dr. Bill Hammond, Ted Cowan, Gary “Bull” Giddens, Ronnie Phillips, Ron Hannon, Arthur Hill, Jerry “Flop” Fletcher, Bill Liles, Tony Gordon, and Keith Wood who were members of The Sportsman’s Sunday School Class.



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 10, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of James and Myrtle Harris by Barbara Harris and family.



YOUTH NEWS



FBC Graduates, your BIG DAY is FAST approaching. If you have not yet turned in your pictures or total number attending the banquet, SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE. You can drop it by my office or email to me at blane@fbcfitz.com. Make sure you have communicated with your parents about the graduate table that you are to

decorate on Saturday morning, May 16th at 9am. On Sunday the 17th, meet in the sanctuary NO LATER THAN 10am and bring your cap and gown.



If you signed up for Summer Youth Camp, you will receive a letter SOON with all the details. **ALSO... we are planning a local youth mission project prior to Summer Camp** that everyone going to camp **MUST** attend but ALL youth are invited to join and work. More Details Soon!

MUSIC MINISTRY

We will have choir practice this Sunday at 9:15am in the Sanctuary. We will sing a special during worship and orchestra and handbells will also play this Sunday. For the following two Sunday mornings, we will not have choir. On May 10th we will celebrate Children’s Sunday and on May 17th we will have our Graduate Service. Please be here those two weeks to support the students of our church. On May 24th, we will present our Annual Memorial Day worship service. May is a very busy month so don’t miss out! I hope to see you Sunday!

What’s Going on at FBC in May

May Deacons of the Month: Zach Luckie and Johnny Giddens
May Ushers: *Billy McEachern, *Mike Ellis, Hank Cook, Jim Burke, Stewart Carswell, Nathan Carswell, Logan Carswell, Tommy Roberts, Donnie Hopkins, Jason Dunn, Guy Selph, Zach Luckie, and Taylor Spivey



Sun May 3 Quarterly Church Conference (1:30pm Sanctuary)
Mon May 4 55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)
Hosts: Ellene Echols, Margaret Maloy, Kathleen Cook, and Cheryl Luckie
Sun May 10 Children’s Sunday/Mother’s Day (11am Sanctuary)
Wed May 13 Last Wednesday for Youth WNL, Mission Friends, GAs and RAs
Sun May 17 Graduate’s Sunday (11am Sanctuary)
Second Round of Deacon Election (11am Sanctuary)
Deacon’s Meeting (1:30 Mann Hall)



Tue May 19 Women on Mission Bible Study (10am Library)
Sun May 24 Memorial Day Service (11am Sanctuary)
Mon May 25 Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
Fri & Sat May 29 & 30 Youth Mission Days with Called to Care
Sat May 30 VBS Decorating (9am Burch Hall)
Sun May 31 VBS Kick-Off (10am-12pm and at 5pm-7pm Burch Hall)



Ms. Carly’s Corner For Kids



Our last Wednesday night will be May 13th!
Thanks to all of our Wednesday leaders for another GREAT year! We are thankful for you!



Children’s Sunday is May 10th! Mark your calander to support our Children!



YOU’RE INVITED

to join us for VBS! You can scan the QR code and register through the link, or let me know! We are in need of volunteers for all areas!



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 10 CHILDREN’S SUNDAY

MAY 13 LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MAY 31ST - JUNE 1 VBS

JULY 12-15 PASSPORTKIDS CAMP

AUGUST 1 BACK TO SCHOOL WATER BASH

Church Rotation

April 26th – Mollie and Trent Taylor
May 3rd – Allison and Shane Sapp
May 10th – CHILDREN’S SUNDAY (No children’s Church)

Together with their families
Miranda Chiesi & Caleb Sheppard
Joyfully invite you to their wedding celebration
Saturday, the second of May
Two thousand twenty-six
at two o’clock in the afternoon
First Baptist Church Prayer Garden
Reception to follow in the Social Hall

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, MAR 28

Newsletter Day

WEDNESDAY, APR 29

5:30 PM.....Children’s Choir Practice (Team Kids Room)*
 6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)*
 6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

SATURDAY, MAY 2

2:00 PM.....Wedding of Miranda Chiesi & Caleb Sheppard (Prayer Garden)

SUNDAY, MAY 3

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice*
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship*
 4:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, MAY 4

12:00 PM.....55+ Club Luncheon (Burch Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

5:30 PM.....Children’s Choir Practice (Team Kids Room)*
 6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)*
 6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

SUNDAY, MAY 10 - Happy Mother’s Day

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Children’s Sunday*

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Newsletter Day

*Nursery Staff available for these events.

Exercise Class - Tues. & Thurs. every week at 10:00 AM in Mann Hall

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, closed all day Friday
 8:30am-12:15pm (12:15-1:30 closed for lunch & office errands) 1:30pm-5pm

April Deacons: Zach Sheppard and Eric Stone

April Ushers: *Jimmy Davis, *Bobby Tharp, Ronnie Clemons, Greg Brown, Eric Stone, Tony Sheffield, Scott Sheppard, Mark Turner, Brian Gunter, and Tyler Clemons



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Update
 We are grateful to share that a grand total of \$2,415.05 was received for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Your heartfelt generosity helps advance the mission of sharing the Gospel throughout North America. Thank you for your faithful support and continued commitment to this important ministry.



Pictures for Our Memorial Day Service
 On May 24th, we will have our annual Memorial Day Service. As a part of that special service, we will once again present our “Faces of Freedom” video. If you have a family member that you would like to include, please turn the picture into the Church office **NO LATER THAN MAY 10th**. If you would like to email your picture, please contact Dana Luckie for more details.



Recognizing Our College Graduates!
 In the June newsletter, we would like to recognize all college and technical college graduates who are members of FBC. **Please submit no later than May 14th** your graduate’s information at fbc@fbcfitz.com. Please text your Graduate’s picture to Dana at 229-425-0725. Contact the church office at 229-423-4367 or Dana on her cell, if you have any questions. Information needed: graduate’s name, school name, degree, and career plans.

Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report as of April 28

Monthly Budget Required.....	\$47,886.58
MTD Budget Received	\$55,778.00
YTD Budget Requirement	\$191,546.44
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$206,572.83
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$181,239.12

April 19, 2026 - Sunday School Attendance – 143
 April 26, 2026 - Sunday School Attendance – 146

Church Staff

Interim Pastor.....Dr. Jerry Mahan
 Minister of Music & Youth.....Rev. Blane Jacobs
 Administrative Assistant.....Ms. Dana Luckie
 Director of Children’s Activities.....Ms. Carly Harper
 Church Administrator.....Mr. Byron Smith
 Custodian.....Mr. Jeffrey Morgan
 Housekeeping.....Ms. Antoinette Hill
 Church Organist.....Ms. Barbara Jacobs
 Church Pianist.....Ms. Susan Spivey
 Nursery Staff.....Ms. Dana Luckie, Ms. Candy Herod, and Ms. Megan McLeod

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Glad Tidings

WE DECLARE UNTO YOU GLAD TIDINGS

First Baptist Church is a loving and caring Christian community seeking to extend the open hand of God’s grace to meet physical and spiritual needs through worship, education, ministry, fellowship, and spiritual nurturing.



Wednesday, April 29

5:30pm Children’s Choir Practice
 6:00pm Adult Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Wednesday Night Live
 Mission Friends, R.A., and G.A

Saturday, May 2

Wedding of Miranda Chiesi & Caleb Sheppard
 2:00pm at the First Baptist Church Prayer Garden
 Reception to follow in the Social Hall

Sunday, May 3

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 9:15am
 Sunday School at 10am
 Worship at 11am
 Dr. Jerry Mahan

Wednesday, May 6

5:30pm Children’s Choir Practice
 6:00pm Adult Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Wednesday Night Live
 Mission Friends, R.A., and G.A

Sunday, May 10

Sunday School at 10am
 Children’s Sunday at 11am



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Final Round of Deacon Election Sunday, May 17, 2026

The twelve names are in alphabetical order, from which six will be chosen.

Stan Bryant, Ronnie Clemons, Hank Cook, Jimmy Davis, David Herlovich, John Luckie, Gene Mason, Mike Raynor, Shane Sapp, Mike Smith, Trent Taylor, and Jim Womack