

Pastor Candidate

Dr. Steven Wright

We are excited to welcome **Dr. Steven Wright** as the Pastor Search Committee's recommended candidate to serve as our next pastor. Dr. Wright will bring the morning message on **Sunday, September 27**, as his trial sermon. Following the morning worship service, the congregation will have the opportunity to vote on extending a call to Dr. Wright to serve as our next pastor. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Wright and his family and ask our church family to prayerfully join us as we take this important step together.

Want to hear some of Dr. Wright's preaching? If you do not have internet or computer access, a computer will be available in the Church Library for you to watch some of his sermons. The library computer will be available during regular church office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-12:15pm and 1:30-5:00pm. The office is closed for lunch from 12:15-1:30pm, and we are closed on Fridays.



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: MaryAnne Bentley, Anna Branch, Carolyn & Prentiss Brown, Jean Brown, Kevin Brown, H.L. Cleghorn, Jennifer Coleman, Kala Cook, Shirley Coxen, Kurt Cribbs, Mike Devane, Chip Dorminy, Dana Dunn, Rick & Sherry Ellis, Joni Wiggins Fox, Kay Fussell, Chase Giddens, Tonya Griffin, Ed Hill, Peggy Hogan, Harley Ivemeyer, Claudette & Jerry Mahan, David & Shirley Malcolm, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Don & June Morris, Anne Nelms, William Phillips, Rusty Phillips, Mildred Pigg, Donna Sheffield, Debbie Sherret, Kelly Sumner, Ferris Taylor, Janet Thompson, Joyce Treece, Larry Troupe, Ken Trout, Brianna Turnmire, Van Waters, Donald & Brenda Wiggins, Jason Youmans

Members in Care Facilities

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, September 20, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of David Cozart, Julian and Ethel Leverett by Brenda Cozart and family.



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 27, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Madge and Mickey Paulk from their children.

Sympathies

We express our deepest Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to Charlene Evans and her family in the death of her husband, Wiley Evans, who passed away on September 3, 2026.

We express our deepest Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to the family and friends of Drew Fountain, who passed away on September 9, 2026.

We express our deepest Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to Tommy and Linda Hatcher and family in the death of Linda's brother, Milton Abell, who passed away on September 9, 2026.



WEEKLY MUSIC SCHEDULE: Sanctuary Choir practice at 9:05am, Christmas Choir at 9:25am. Handbells and Orchestra will play with hymns each week. Hope to see you Sunday.

PASTOR SEARCH

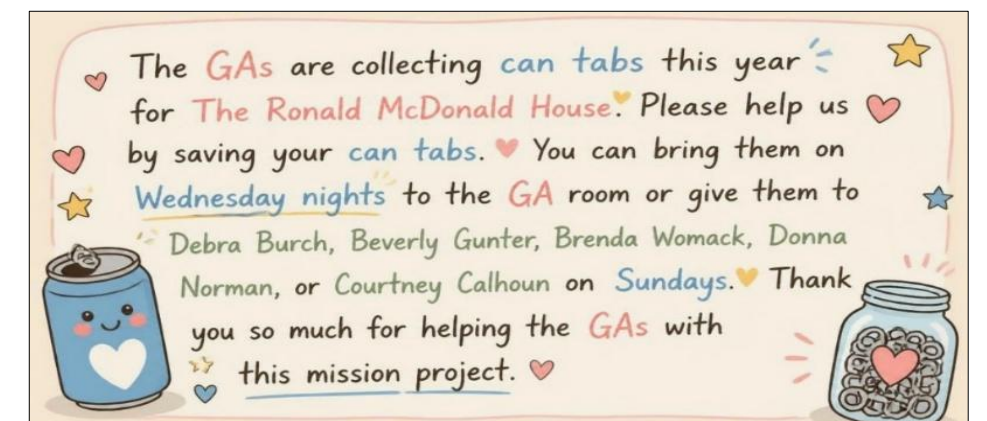
If you would like to watch some of Dr. Wright's Sermons Online prior to him coming on September 27th in view of a call, simply go to <https://www.youtube.com/@dahlongabaptistchurch/videos> which is Dahlonga Baptist Church's Youtube channel.

You can scroll down to watch videos of Dr. Wright preaching during worship. His last sermon was on 1/23/2022, so search the history from that date back. You can also go to <https://stevenwrightministries.org/> and click on sermons.



Love Offering for Jerry Luncheon on October 4th

As we prepare to welcome our next pastor, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation to Jerry for faithfully serving our church family these past two years. We are so grateful that he was willing to return and walk alongside us during this season of transition, offering his preaching, wisdom, encouragement, and support to our Pastor Search Committee. We will miss him and Claudette deeply and are thankful for the blessing they have been to our church family. We will be taking a special love offering for him. Please write **"Love Offering"** on your check or offering envelope. There will also be a luncheon following worship to honor Jerry and Claudette on October 4th. Please plan to join us for a special day in the life of our church.



New Member

We are delighted to welcome **Gibson Lee Harper** as a new member of our church family! This past Sunday, Gibby made a public profession of faith and will be baptized in the coming weeks. He is the son of T.J. and Carly Harper and the grandson of Byron and Wanda Smith, Linette Harper, and Terry Harper. We rejoice with Gibby and his family and are grateful to welcome him as our new brother in Christ!

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Newsletter Day
10:00 AM.....Women on Mission-WMU (Library)
Clubhouse Guatemala’s Christmas Packs Set-up in the Gym. Contact Karen Spivey at 229-424-5008 if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM.....Guatemala Christmas Pack Assembly (Gym)
5:30 PM.....Children’s Choir Practice*
6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)*
6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:05AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice*
9:25AM.....Christmas Choir Practice*
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship*
5:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Newsletter Day
*Nursery Staff available for these events.

Exercise Class – Tues. & Thurs. every week at 10:00am in Mann Hall

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

Sept Deacons of the Month: Kevin Phillips and Byron Smith
Sept Ushers: *Gene Mason, *Bryan Griffin, Mike Sherret, Brent Brown, Ken Thames, Paul Dawson, David Herlovich, Edward Hill, Jr., Michael Baxter, Zach Sheppard, and BJ Rodgers



Our Let’s Make a Meal team was busy Tuesday morning preparing homemade Chicken Tetrazzini and brownies to share with our homebound members and others in our church family who could use a little extra love and encouragement. There is something special about a home-cooked meal—it is a simple way to remind someone that they are loved, remembered, and cared for. We are so thankful for the ladies who generously give their time and talents to this ministry and help make these meals possible. **Thank you to our Let’s Make a Meal volunteers:** Gail Giddens, Gail Howell, Donna Sheffield, Debby Brown, Sharon Hall, Nancy Brinson, Cheryl Luckie, Sue Posey, and Gail Campbell. We are grateful for each of you and for the love you share through this special ministry!

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REMINDERS

HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for a 3rd - 5th grade Sunday School Teacher to start in October to teach every other month.

Please contact Carly at 229-425-2099 or the church office at 229-423-4367 if you have any questions.

We're Hiring!

NURSERY WORKER

Sunday Morning Shift

Our nursery is growing, and we need another dependable nursery worker to join our team! We care for children from newborn through 3 years old and are looking for someone who can provide consistent, loving care for our youngest church family members.

We need someone who is 18 or older, dependable, responsible, experienced with infants and toddlers, and comfortable caring for children through the potty-training stage. A background check is required. This is a paid position with a regular commitment.

If you have a heart for children and would enjoy serving our families in this way, we would love to hear from you!

Call the church office at 229-423-4367 for more information and to apply.

Our Stewardship Review	
Budget Report as of September 15	
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$51,886.58
MTD Budget Received	\$21,269.00
YTD Budget Requirement	\$439,207.18
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$442,805.52
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$441,089.67
September 4, 2026 - Sunday School Attendance – 173	
September 11, 2026 – Sunday School Attendance – 164	

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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Contact us at 229-423-4367, by email at fbc@fbcfitz.com. You can also check out church information on our website www.fbcfitz.com.



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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.



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Pastor Candidate - Trial Sermon

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