From the Pastor's Desk

As Patti and I begin this new chapter with First Baptist Fitzgerald, we want to express how grateful we are for the kindness, encouragement, and flexibility that have already been shown to our family.

As agreed upon with the pulpit committee, our transition to Fitzgerald will take place in stages. Our youngest son, Jackson, is completing his senior year at Lumpkin County High School and plans to attend ABAC next fall. Until his graduation and our family's full relocation, I will stay in an Airbnb across the street from the church during the week.

My normal schedule will be to remain in Fitzgerald through Wednesday evening activities, travel to Dahlonega on Thursday to spend time with Patti and Jackson, and return to Fitzgerald late Saturday afternoon. There may also be weeks when Patti's work schedule allows her to come to Fitzgerald for the latter part of the week instead.

This arrangement was discussed and agreed upon with the pulpit committee so that I could begin serving as pastor immediately while Jackson completes his senior year and we prepare for the sale of our home and our eventual move to Fitzgerald.

This is a temporary season, and our hope is to be fully relocated to Fitzgerald during the summer of 2027. While we will certainly miss one another on the days we are apart, Patti and I are both excited about what lies ahead. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you and look forward to making Fitzgerald our home.

Many blessings,
Steven Wright

Prayers for Our People

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

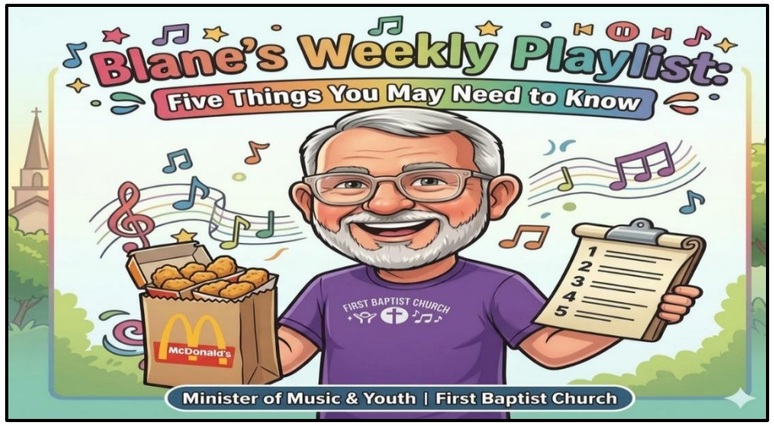
Let us pray for: MaryAnne Bentley, Anna Branch, Carolyn & Prentiss Brown, Jean Brown, David & Cherry Carter, Kevin Brown, H.L. Cleghorn, Jennifer Coleman, Kala Cook, Shirley Coxen, Kurt Cribbs, Mike Devane, Chip Dorminy, Dana Dunn, Rick & Sherry Ellis, Joni Wiggins Fox, Kay Fussell, Chase Giddens, Tonya Griffin, Ed Hill, Peggy Hogan, Harley Ivemeyer, Claudette & Jerry Mahan, David & Shirley Malcolm, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Don & June Morris, Sidney Mulkey, 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

Lakeside Senior Care (1025 N. Chester Ave., Douglas, GA 31533): Joyce Treece
Maple Court Senior Care (2408 Tift Ave., N., Tifton, GA 31794): Shirley Coxen

Homebound Members – Fitzgerald and Out of Town

June and Don Morris and Jennifer Coleman–Fitzgerald



1) Youth Sunday School at 10am and Worship at 11am
2) Youth Wednesday Night Live at 6pm. Invite a Friend!
************(No WNL on October 14th because of Fall Break)**********
3) Sanctuary Choir practice at 9:05am on Sunday
4) Christmas Choir practice at 9:25am on Sunday
5) Orchestra & Handbells will play with hymns.
BONUS TRACK: Our Christmas Musical Workshop will be in Late October or Early November. Please plan to join us!



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 18, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Louise Guardia from her children and grandchildren Gina Wiggins, Roger & Laura Norris, Todd & Lisa Stanfill, and Anslee, Austin, Eli, and Cooper Canning



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 25, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Brad & Myrtice Dorminy by Chip & Jan Dorminy and family.



Narthex Flowers

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, October 25, 2026 are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Ed Greene by Cecilia Greene and family.



Calling All Young Adults

We have started a new young adult Sunday school class that begins at 10am! All College students, singles, and married couples are invited to connect, study God's Word, and grow in faith together. Led by Tyler & Leslie Clemons and Zach & Haley Luckie. The class will meet upstairs in the old Bridge classroom. Bring your Bible and invite a friend!





Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
Newsletter Day
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
No Wednesday Activities – Fall Break
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
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)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
4:30 PM.....Women on Mission Meeting (Mann Hall)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
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*
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
9:05AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice*
9:25AM.....Christmas Choir Practice*
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship*
5:00 PM.....Family Fall Festival (Breezeway/Burch Hall)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
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

Oct. Deacons of the Month: Brent Brown and Johnny Burch
Oct. Ushers: *Jimmy Davis, *Bobby Tharp, Greg Brown, Ronnie Clemons, Tony Sheffield, Scott Sheppard, Eric Stone, Mark Turner, Brian Gunter, and Tyler Clemons



New Members

First Baptist Church celebrates the baptisms of new members, **Cydney Elyza Miller** and **Crosby Marshall Jacobs**, who were baptized on Sunday, October 4th. We celebrate their commitment to live as disciples who are ready to love like Jesus, serve His people, and make a tangible difference in the world around them.

We are also delighted to welcome **Dr. Steven Wright and his wife, Patti,** as new members of our church family. Dr. Wright and Patti have requested to transfer their church membership to First Baptist Church, and we are grateful to welcome them not only as our pastor and his wife but also as brothers and sisters in Christ. We look forward to growing together in faith, serving the Lord alongside them, and seeing all that God has in store for our church family in the years ahead. We are blessed to have the Wrights become a part of our church family!



Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report is not available this week.
We apologize for the inconvenience.

October 4, 2026 - Sunday School Attendance – 183
October 11, 2026 – Sunday School Attendance – 157

Church Staff

Pastor……..……...Dr. Steven Wright
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, October 14
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Happy Fall Break!



Sunday, October 18

Sanctuary Choir Practice at 9:05am
Christmas Choir Practice at 9:25am
Sunday School at 10am /Worship Sunday at 11am
Dr. Steven Wright

Wednesday, October 21

Children's Choir at 5:30pm
Adult Bible Study and Youth WNL at 6pm
Children's Activities
(Mission Friends, RAs, & GAs) at 6pm

Sunday, October 25

Sanctuary Choir Practice at 9:05am
Christmas Choir Practice at 9:25am
Sunday School at 10am /Worship Sunday at 11am
Dr. Steven Wright
Family Fall Festival at 4:00-6:00pm



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