From the Pastor's Desk

My family and I would like to thank you so much for the warm welcome we have received at First Baptist Church. Already we feel as though we are among family, and we recognize this as something only God can do. I have enjoyed the pop-in visits at the office and have greatly appreciated the hospitality of those who have taken me to lunch and invited me into your homes. These first few months I'll be on a get-to-know-you mission, and you have already made it much easier.
The names will come in time, keep reminding me. ☺ Soon we'll feel like old friends.

I have learned through the years that the first few months of a pastor's tenure should be one that is focusing on listening, listening for how God is at work in their congregation. Listening can be the most important aspect of the spiritual discernment process. Which means that for the next few months, that's exactly what I will be doing. I'll be doing lots of listening. You won't hear a grand plan for a future from me at this stage of the game. Instead, you'll find me at work listening for that plan as I discover your stories, spiritual giftings, burdens, hopes, and desires for the future. I'll be listening for the purpose of discerning how God is at work.

This Sunday will be a special one as we remember the saints of our church who have gone to be with Christ during the last year.
My message will be especially tailored towards the grieving families of those who have lost loved ones and will be inspired from my experiences recently as a hospice chaplain. There is a way to both grieve and be hopeful at the same time. I hope you'll join us Sunday to discover how. I can't wait to see you then!

-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, Kevin Brown, David & Cherry Carter, Donald Carroll, 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, Joyce Vaughn, Van Waters, Donald & Brenda Wiggins, Jason Youmans

Members in Care Facilities

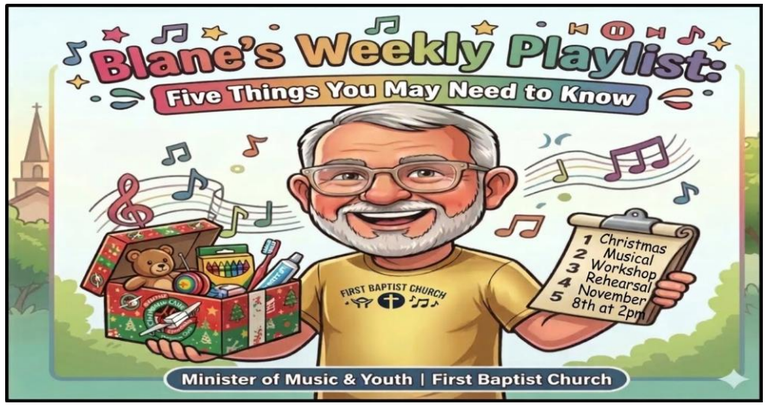
Lakeside Senior Care (1025 N. Chester Ave., Douglas, GA 31533): Joyce Treece
Maple Court Senior Care (2408 Tift Ave., N., Tifton, GA 31794): Shirley Coxen

Homebound Members – Fitzgerald and Out of Town

June and Don Morris and Jennifer Coleman–Fitzgerald

Sympathy

We express our deepest Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to Tony and Sharon Eckler and family in the death of her mother, Anita Joye Stafford, who passed away on October 16, 2026.



1) Youth Sunday School at 10am and Worship at 11am
2) Youth Wednesday Night Live at 6pm. Invite a Friend!
Thanks to all the youth who helped assemble the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes at WNL!
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 rehearsal will be on Sunday Afternoon, November 8th at 2pm!



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 1, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Ted Cowan
by Frankie W. Cowan and family.



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 8, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Henry and Betty Whitten, and Linda Braun
by Max Braun and Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Mobley and family.



55+ Club/Young at Heart
Monday, November 2
12pm – Burch Hall
Hosts: Byron & Wanda Smith,
Jim & Brenda Womack, & Patricia Waters



Let's Make a Meal
Wednesday, November 4
1pm – Burch Hall
We hope you can come help meal prep with us.



Church Conference
Sunday, November 15
1:30pm – Sanctuary
2026 Budget Proposal and New Business





SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Last Collection Date: Monday, November 16

There are three ways to participate in our Shoebox Ministry:

1. Fill a Box: Fill a shoebox with items listed in the pamphlet and bring it to church or the church office.
2. Build a Box Online: Use the QR Code and it will take you straight to our Goal Page.
3. Donate: Give to First Baptist, designating "Shoebox Ministry." Donations provide shoebox items, *The Greatest Journey* books to teach children about Jesus, and shipping.

Questions? Contact Nancy Brinson at 229-425-9492.

Build a Box Online - QR Code

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
Newsletter Day
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
5:40 PM.....Children's Halloween Nursing Home Parade*
6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)*
6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
9:05AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice*
9:25AM.....Christmas Choir Practice*
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....*All Saints Sunday*.....Worship*
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
12:00 PM.....55+ Club Luncheon (Burch Hall)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
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, NOVEMBER 8
9:05AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice*
9:25AM.....Christmas Choir Practice*
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship*
1:30 PM.....Deacons Meeting (Mann Hall)
2:00 PM.....Christmas Musical Workshop
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Newsletter Day (3 Week Newsletter)

*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

Looking Ahead in November



Nov. Deacons of the Month: Tyler Clemons and Todd Cook
Nov. Ushers: *Billy McEachern, *Mike Ellis, Hank Cook, Jason Dunn, Jim Burke, Tommy Roberts, Nathan Carswell, Logan Carswell, Stewart Carswell III, Donnie Hopkins, Zach Luckie, & Taylor Spivey

Sun Nov 1 All Saints Sunday Service/*Daylight Saving End*
Mon Nov 2 55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)
Sun Nov 8 Deacons' Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)
Tue Nov 10 Newsletter Day -
(3-Week Newsletter due to vacation & holidays coming up)
Sun Nov 15 Church Conference (1:30pm Sanctuary)
Tue Nov 17 Women on Mission Bible Study (4:30pm Adult Assembly Rm)
Sun Nov 22 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Collection Day
Wed Nov 25 No Wednesday Activities/Thanksgiving Week
Thu Nov 26 Happy Thanksgiving Day
Sun Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent



Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report as of October 27

Monthly Budget Required.....$51,886.58
MTD Budget Received $32,940.50
YTD Budget Requirement $519,074.40
YTD Budget Giving Received.....$500,680.93
YTD Budget Expenses.....$496,916.57

October 18, 2026 - Sunday School Attendance – 165
October 25, 2026 – Sunday School Attendance – 180

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,
.....Ms. Megan McLeod, and Ms. Lyndee Gray

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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 28

Children's Halloween Nursing Home Parade at 5:45pm
Adult Bible Study and Youth WNL at 6pm
Children's Activities
(Mission Friends, RAs, & GAs) at 6pm

Sunday, November 1

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



Wednesday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 8

Sanctuary Choir Practice at 9:05am
Christmas Choir Practice at 9:25am
Sunday School at 10am /Worship Sunday at 11am
Dr. Steven Wright
Deacons Meeting 1:30pm Mann Hall
2pm – Christmas Musical Workshop in the Sanctuary

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