From the Pastor's Desk

Each week I am learning more about you and the community of Fitzgerald. Every day I grow even more thankful that God has called me to be your pastor. The warmth and welcome we have experienced has been so encouraging to our family. We only wish we could all be here faster. This will happen in time though, so we continue to be grateful for the present, that I can spend significant time in Fitzgerald with you, and that I can also experience quality time with my family in North Georgia at the week's end. I'm convinced this time of transition will go fast, as summer will be here before we know it!

Speaking of time flying, the holidays have nearly arrived. In just a couple of weeks, we will be preparing for Thanksgiving, and Advent will soon follow! I'm looking forward to this special season together, as we are given the opportunity to reflect upon the need for regular thankfulness and are then encouraged by the rich and pertinent themes of Advent. It is an extremely meaningful time of year for the church.

This Sunday, I will be exploring a topic I am very passionate about, the topic of grace. Grace is what separates Christianity from the major world religions and approaches to God. Most are a system of works in which the individual attempts to do enough good things to gain acceptance. Christianity is a relationship in which the work of our salvation has been accomplished by Jesus through his death on the cross and resurrection. The first is earned. The second is received through faith as a gift of grace.

I hope you'll join us this Sunday as we further explore the difference this can make in our lives and our world. Your attendance has been great! 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.

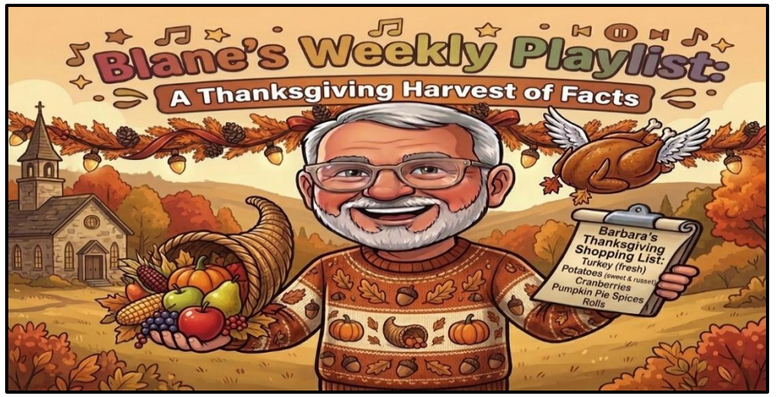
Let us pray for: Ava Amison, MaryAnne Bentley, Anna Branch, Carolyn & Prentiss Brown, Jean Brown, Kevin Brown, Donald Carroll, Rodney Chappell, H.L. Cleghorn, Jennifer Coleman, Kala Cook, Ricky Cook, Shirley Coxen, Kurt Cribbs, Judy Dale, Mike Devane, Chip Dorminy, Dana Dunn, Rick & Sherry Ellis, Joni Wiggins Fox, Kay Fussell, Chase Giddens, Tonya Griffin, Wayne Hobby, Ed Hill, Peggy Hogan, Donnie Howell, Harley Ivemeyer, Peggy Luke, 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, 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



1) Youth Sunday School at 10am and Worship at 11am
2) Youth Wednesday Night Live at 6pm. Invite a Friend!
***NO WNL NOVEMBER 25th*
3) Sanctuary Choir practice at 9:05am on Sunday
4) Christmas Choir practice at 9:25am on Sunday
5) Handbell Choir will practice following Church Conference on November 15th in the Sanctuary.

BONUS TRACK: Our Sanctuary Choir CHRISTMAS program will be on Sunday MORNING, December 6th at 11am. The WNL Christmas Party will be on December 9th! The Holdiays Are Just Around the Corner!! First Sunday of Advent is November 29th!



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 15, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of John Giddens, Sara Giddens Phillips, and James Phillips by Johnny and Gail Giddens and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 22, 2026, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Dr. Bill Hammond by his family.

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

A Note of Thanks from Jerry & Claudette

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your very generous love offering. We are so thankful that God saw fit to send us to you, a warm and loving church that we will think of often.
"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."
– Philippians 1:3
With love, Jerry & Claudette



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, NOVEMBER 10
Newsletter Day (3 Week Newsletter)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
5:30 PM.....Adult Bible Study*
5:30 PM.....Children's Choir + Supper Club*
6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RAs, & GAs*
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9:05AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice*
9:25AM.....Christmas Choir Practice*
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship*
1:30 PM.....Church Conference (Sanctuary)
Handbell Choir will rehearse following Conference in the Sanctuary
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
4:30 PM.....Women on Mission WMU (Adult Assembly Rm)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
5:30 PM.....Adult Bible Study*
5:30 PM.....Children's Choir + Supper Club*
6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RAs, & GAs*
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
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, NOVEMBER 18
NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES – FALL BREAK
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
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

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

What's Happening in November



Tue Nov 10 Newsletter Day –
(This will be a three-week newsletter due to upcoming staff vacation and Thanksgiving. The next newsletter will be published on Tuesday, December 1.)
Sun Nov 15 Church Conference (1:30pm Sanctuary)
Mon Nov 16 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Collection Day
Tue Nov 17 Women on Mission Bible Study (4:30pm Adult Assembly Rm)
The Church Office will be closed November 23–27 for vacation & Thanksgiving.
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 November 10

Monthly Budget Required	$51,886.58
MTD Budget Received	$22,870.00
YTD Budget Requirement	$531,052.63
YTD Budget Giving Received	$536,830.13
YTD Budget Expenses	$528,481.30

November 1, 2026 - Sunday School Attendance – 170
November 8, 2026 – Sunday School Attendance – 183

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, November 11
Adult Bible Study at 5:30pm
Children's Choir + Supper Club at 5:30pm
Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RAs, & GAs at 6pm

Sunday, November 15
Sanctuary Choir Practice at 9:05am
Christmas Choir Practice at 9:25am
Sunday School at 10am /Worship Sunday at 11am
Dr. Steven Wright
Church Conference 1:30pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, November18
Adult Bible Study at 5:30pm
Children's Choir + Supper Club at 5:30pm
Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RAs, & GAs at 6pm

Sunday, November22
Sanctuary Choir Practice at 9:05am
Christmas Choir Practice at 9:25am
Sunday School at 10am /Worship Sunday at 11am
Dr. Steven Wright

Wednesday, November 25
NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES – FALL BREAK



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