

FROM THE PASTOR

**Are You Being Called to Refugee Ministry?**

**Join the Q & A Information Meeting on**

**Monday, January 30, 6:00-7:00 pm**

**The Jay Inn**

Over the past several months I have been meeting with a group of people in our community like Lloyd Stembridge, Jonathan Burch, Hallock Martin, and Philip Jay, discussing the possibility of providing a home here in Fitzgerald for a refugee family from Afghanistan. These are Afghans who assisted the American military during the long war in Afghanistan, and because of their assistance, they had to flee their home country. Their ability to assist also means that at least one member of the family speaks English. At least three Afghan refugee families are living in Tifton and doing rather well.

We are interested in learning how many people in our community are willing to assist a refugee family. Jesus himself spent his early life as a refugee. And the biblical mandate is clear with over 20 scriptural references in its call to welcome the stranger and those sojourning from another country. We believe we will need 12-15 people to help a new family adjust to life in a new community. If you cannot give your time, but would like to contribute money, a 401c3 is being set up for this purpose. Housing has already been secured. We may also have a car that can be used.

If you feel God might be leading you to serve in a ministry like this, join us for a Q&A session on Monday, January 30, 6:00-7:00 pm at the Jay Inn (309 South Lee Street, Fitzgerald). We look forward to helping those who risked their lives to help our country.

**Members in Care Facilities**

Maple Court (Tifton): Virginia Hughes & Pruitt Health (Ocilla): Drew Fountain

**Homebound Members – Fitzgerald**

June & Don Morris

**Homebound Members – Out of Town & State**

Lois Eppes – Middleburg, FL & Lois Freeman – Newnan, GA

**Prayers for Our People**

*We are praying for you and all that God will do for you.*

Let us pray for: Denise Bowen, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Polly Davis, Wendy Dix, Joni Wiggins Fox, Gene Mason, Allen Maye, Don Morris, June Morris, Heather Pigg, Jane Stuart, Gage Stubbs, Kelly Sumner, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil



WOW! We had over 40 students last week at WNL. Keep inviting your friends! Remember, NOW is the time to sign up for Youth Sunday which is set for March 12<sup>th</sup> which is time change Sunday so it will be a sacrifice of sleep that day. There are a lot of ways to participate on that Sunday! Sign up is also open for our Summer Youth Mission Camp which will be June 11-14. A \$50 deposit for Summer Youth Camp is due on March 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will all be at Sunday School this Sunday morning at 10am and stay for worship at 11am!

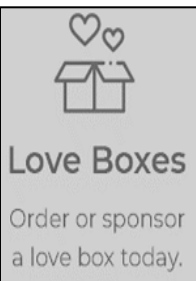


The sanctuary choir will practice THIS SUNDAY at 9:15am in the Sanctuary. This week, the choir will sing *Who Will Go for Me?* as our special music. Orchestra and handbells will play with the hymns. If you are interested in joining the choir or handbell choir, give me call if you have any questions. See You Sunday!



**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday, January 22, 2023, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Lucille Walker Vann, Mike & Vicky Walker, Phil Walker and Jack Walker by Eddie & Kendra Walker and family.



**Maximum Impact Love Boxes**

**Distribution Day is Saturday, January 28.**

**COST CORRECTION \$45 PER BOX**

**Money is due by Wednesday, January 18.**

Volunteers from our church unloading the truck is needed at our gym starting 7:00 that morning, and volunteers packing boxes will begin at 8:30.

Box pick-up time is 10:00.

**January Menu Items**

- 1-Ham Carving, 1-Pork Loin, Bag of Turkey Links, Seasoned Potato Wedges,
- 4-Breakfast sandwiches, 4- Stuffed Bake Potatoes, White Cheddar Cheese,
- Pepper Jack Cheese, 2lb bag of Chicken Nuggets, 4-Waffles, Juice,
- 2-Panera Bread Bake Potato Soups, 2- Panera Bread Tortilla Soups,
- 2-Panera Bread Broccoli & Cheese Soups, 1-Turkey Stock, Mushroom Broth,
- 2-cans of Sliced Peaches, 2-cans of Diced Tomatoes, 2-cans of Spinach,
- 2-cans of French Style Green Beans, 2-cans of regular Green Beans,
- 2-cans of Crushed Pineapples, 1-Can of Sweet Peas, 1-bag of French Fries,
- 2-cans of Tomato Sauce, 2-Panera Bread Mac-n-Cheese, ½ of a Sock it to me Cake

**Ms. Carly's Corner for KIDS**

**RA RACING NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2023 AT 6PM**

**IN THE GYMNASIUM**



All ages are invited to join us to support the RA Racing night on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

GAs will also be selling pizza, drinks, and snacks as well. Join us for a great night of fun to support our kids!



**EACH WEEK:**

- Children's Choir:** Every Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Children's Choir room above the Breezeway.
- Mission Friends, GAs and RAs:** 6pm every Wednesday!
- Sunday School:** 10am every Sunday!



**January Sunday Children's Church Volunteers:**

- January 22.....Ross and Kristin Campbell
- January 29.....Carla and Clint Revels

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- April 8 - Easter Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt
- May 14 - Children's Sunday



Detach this form along the dotted line

**HELP US GROW IN FAITHFULNESS**

Dear Family of Faith: We want to hear from you. As a church we desire to be faithful to God's calling in Scripture and the Spirit's leading among us as we seek to worship God, follow Jesus, grow in Christlikeness, and serve our community and the world in Christ's name. Are there any new or different ways you believe the Spirit of God may be leading us in this calling? Does worship enable you to offer yourself to God? What can we do to better nurture your relationship with God and help you grow in Christlikeness? What opportunities to serve would you like to have available? How can we improve? We want to know how you feel about how we are doing across all ministries, practices, areas, phases, and aspects of our church as we seek to live together as the Body of Christ. We are also working to update staff job descriptions and perform staff evaluations that have been neglected in recent years. We would appreciate your help in doing so. In order to be read, we do require that your name be attached to any and all comments. We don't want this to be a venting session, but a time of prayerful discernment as we seek to be God's faithful people and build up the Body of Christ. These prayerful compliments, concerns, and comments can be submitted by January 31

**to the church office by way of a box labeled "Feedback" in the Narthex on Sundays, or mailed to:**

**First Baptist Church c/o FEEDBACK**

**P.O. Box 367 Fitzgerald, GA 31750**

Thank you! David Herlovich, Deacon Chairman

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9. Psalm 40.1-11

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

Daily Scripture: John 1.29-42. Psalm 40.1-11

LOL FOOD BOX ORDERS AND MONEY IS DUE

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir\*

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs\*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)\*

6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)\*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

Daily Scripture: Isaiah 9.1-4. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

Daily Scripture: Matthew 4.12-23. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

**EPIPHANY 4**

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal\*

10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*

11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*

4:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

Daily Scripture: Isaiah 9.1-4. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

4:15.....Staff Meeting

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

Daily Scripture: Matthew 4.12-23. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir\*

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs\*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)\*

6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)\*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

Daily Scripture: Micah 6.1-8. Psalm 15

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.18-31. Psalm 15

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

Daily Scripture:

7:00 AM-11:00 AM.....Love Box Distribution Day (FBC Gym)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

**EPIPHANY 5**

9:15 AM.....Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*

11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*

4:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30**

Daily Scripture: Micah 6.1-8. Psalm 15

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.18-31. Psalm 15

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Daily Scripture: Matthew 5.1-12. Psalm 15

12:00 PM.....Prayer Garden Meeting (Burch Hall)

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir\*

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs\*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)\*

6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)\*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Daily Scripture: Isaiah 58.1-12. Psalm 112.1-10

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2.1-16. Psalm 112.1-10

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

Daily Scripture: Matthew 5.13-20 Psalm 112.1-10

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**EPIPHANY 6**

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal\*

10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*

11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*

4:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

\*Nursery Staff available for these events.

**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

**Our Stewardship Review**

**Budget Report for 1/17/23:**

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,574.13
Weekly Budget Received for 1/1/23 – 1/14/23.....	\$18,553.88
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$54,487.90
MTD Budget Received.....	\$26,239.88
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$54,487.90
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$26,239.88
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$23,648.29
Prayer Garden Budget Requirement .....	\$38,000.00
Prayer Garden Budget Giving Received.....	\$20,500.00
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 1/1/23 – 1/14/23.....	\$1,439.00

**Church Staff**

Pastor..... Greg Pope  
 Minister of Music & Youth.....Blane Jacobs  
 Administrative Assistant..... Dana Luckie  
 Director of Children's Activities.....Carly Harper  
 Custodian.....Jeffrey Morgan  
 Housekeeping..... Antoinette Hill  
 Church Organist..... Barbara Jacobs  
 Church Pianist..... Susan Spivey

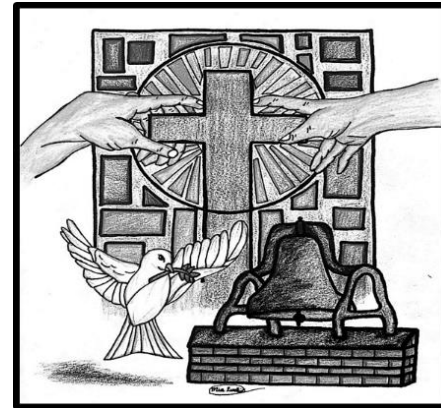
Contact us at 229-423-4367 or by email at [fbc@fbcfitz.com](mailto:fbc@fbcfitz.com). You can also check out church information and activities on our website [www.fbcfitz.com](http://www.fbcfitz.com).

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# First Baptist Church

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*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 Vespers 6pm Burch Hall**  
**Sunday School 10am**  
**Worship Service 11am Sanctuary**

**Sunday January 22 - The Fourth Sunday in Epiphany**

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1,4-9,

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: *Come and Follow: An Invitation to Adventure*

**Sunday January 29 - The Fifth Sunday in Epiphany**

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15,

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: *Blessed Are Those*

**Sunday February - The Sixth Sunday in Epiphany**

Scripture: Isaiah 58.1-12, Psalm 112.1-10

1 Corinthians 2.1-16, Matthew 5.13-20

Sermon: *What Might God What Most From Us*

**Wednesday Vespers - 6:00pm in Burch Hall**

Bible Study Through Paul's Letter to the Philippians

"Joy Beyond the Walls of the World" (January-May)

This week: Philippians 1.7-11