

FROM THE PASTOR

New FBC Website

We have a new website with the same web address: www.fbcfitz.com. Websites are now the first introduction most people have to our church, even before an initial visit. We have added pictures of the sanctuary and hopefully made it easier for people to learn about our church. Videos of past sermons, along with the worship bulletins, are available for viewing. Music copyright issues keep us from posting the video of the entire worship service. We hope to be able to have live streaming capabilities of the entire service at some point this year. We want those who are unable to be with us in person or those who are traveling on vacation to still worship with us live. We are grateful to Scott Spivey, Alison Hernandez, and the staff at AsystYOU Technology for helping put this together for us. We are also grateful for the phenomenal photography of Laura James. Please let us know when there are changes to your area of ministry or Sunday School Class. We want to keep our website as accurate as possible.

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, Gene Mason, Allen Maye, Don Morris, June Morris, Jane Stuart, Gage Stubbs, Kelly Sumner, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Jack and Maurisa Paulk and family, in the death of his brother, Bernard Paulk, who passed away on December 23, 2022.

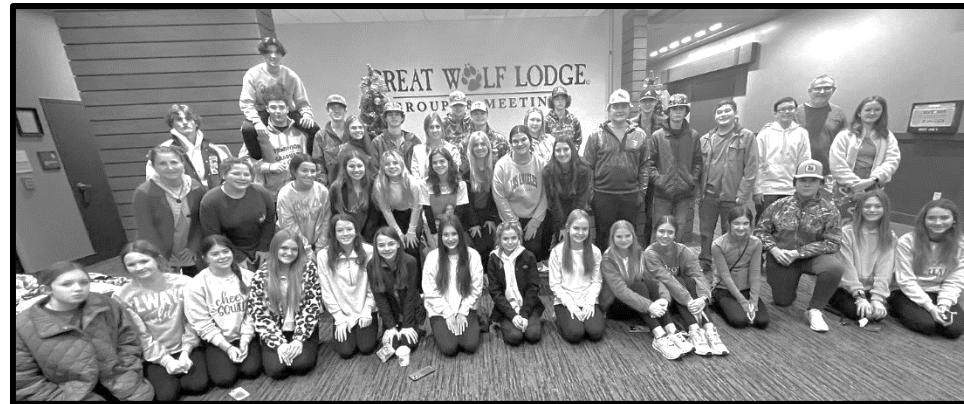


Sunday, January 1, **Charles Benoit**, joined our church by public commitment and statement. We welcome him as our newest member and brother in Christ.

Congratulations to Carly Harper on her second anniversary as Director of Children's Ministries here at First Baptist Fitzgerald.

Make sure you express your appreciation to Carly for the wonderful job she does serving the children of our church.

Youth Matters



We had a GREAT time at our Winter Youth Retreat! Thanks to all the Youth and Adults that attended! Remember, WNL starts back this week, January 4th and Sunday School starts back this Sunday morning, January 8th. I can't wait for all that is ahead for us in 2023!

Music Notes



Choir practice begins THIS SUNDAY at 9:15am, January 8th in the Sanctuary. This week we will sing a call to worship, *Baptized in Water* and our special music will be *Who At My Door is Standing?*. Orchestra and handbells will play with the hymns. We plan to have choir rehearsal every other Sunday morning and possibly adult handbell rehearsal on the Sunday mornings in between. We are looking for people who want to join the choir and handbell choir. Let me know if you have any questions. Consider joining the choir in 2023!!



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday, January 8, 2023, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Davis and Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Wiggins by Donald & Brenda Wiggins and family.

Deacons Meeting This Sunday

(Reminder for active Deacons)
January 8, 2023
1:30 PM
Mann Hall



2023 Offering Envelopes

Check your Sunday School Classrooms to collect your box of offering envelopes. All other offering envelopes are in the Narthex in alphabetical order. If you would like a box or if you had a box this year and cannot locate your 2023, please contact the church office at 229-423-4367.

Ms. Carly's Corner for KIDS

- RAs will resume THIS Wednesday January 4th.
- Mission Friends, GAs and Children's Choir will resume Wednesday January 11th.



AFTER THE HOLIDAYS:

- 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:

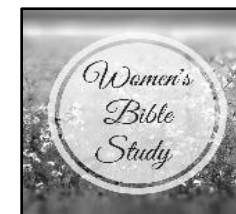
- January 8..... Bonnie and Lyndee Gray and Jennifer Brown
- January 15.....Justin and Elizabeth Phillips
- January 22.....Ross and Kristin Campbell
- January 29.....Carla and Clint Revels

JANUARY CALENDAR EVENTS



January Ushers: James Campbell, Bill Bryant, Van Waters, Mike Raynor, Donald Wiggins, Phil Stokes, Stan Bryant, Keith Wood, Jeff Thompson, Drew Wiley, and Reid Luckie.

- Jan 4** Wednesday Scheduled Activities resume at 6pm: RAs, Youth WNL, and (Adult Vespers in Burch Hall)
- Jan 11** Wednesday Scheduled Activities resume at 5:30pm & 6pm: (Children's Choir above Breezeway), Mission Friends, and GAs
- Jan 17** Women on Mission Bible Study (10am Library)
- Jan 18** LOL Food Box Orders and Money is Due
- Jan 28** LOL Food Box Distribution Day (10am Gym)



The Women's Bible Study Group will resume meeting this Sunday, January 8 at 4:00pm in Mann Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to come.

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 2.1-12. Psalm 72.1-14*

NO Children's Choir, Mission Friends, and GAs- we will start back normal time on Jan 11th

6:00 PM.....RAs (RA Room)*

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Daily Scripture: *Isaiah 42.1-9. Psalm 29*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Daily Scripture: *Acts 10.34-43. Psalm 29*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 3.13-17. Psalm 29*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

EPIPHANY 2/BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

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

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

1:30 PM.....Deacon's Meeting (Mann Hall)

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Daily Scripture: *Isaiah 42.1-9. Psalm 29*

4:15.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Daily Scripture: *Acts 10.34-43. Psalm 29*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 3.13-17. Psalm 29*

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 12

Daily Scripture: *Isaiah 49.1-7. Psalm 40.1-11*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

EPIPHANY 3

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 16

Daily Scripture: *Isaiah 49.1-7. Psalm 40.1-11*

4:15.....Staff Meeting

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*

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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)

*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 1/3/23:

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,134.96
Weekly Budget Received for 12/18/22 – 12/28/22.....	\$61,715.96
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$52,584.84
MTD Budget Received.....	\$89,997.02
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$631,018.04
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$675,628.46
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$623,684.82
Prayer Garden Budget Requirement	\$38,000.00
Prayer Garden Budget Giving Received.....	\$13,800.00
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 12/18/22 – 12/28/22.....	\$14,800.00

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 fbcc@fbcfitz.com. You can also check out church information and activities on our website www.fbcfitz.com.

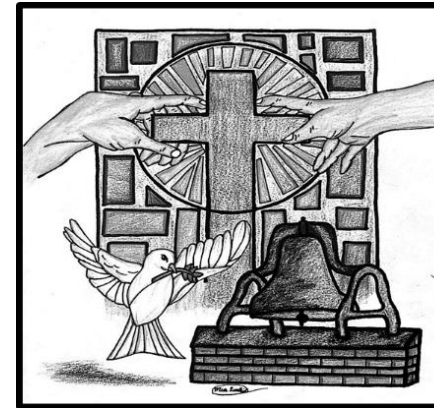
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First Baptist Church is a loving and caring Christian community seeking to extend the open hand of God's grace to meet physical and spiritual needs through worship, education, ministry, fellowship, and spiritual nurturing.

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

Sunday January 8 - Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon: *Your New Name*

Music: *Baptized in Water and Who At My Door is Standing?*

Sunday January 15 - The Third Sunday in Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11,

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

Sermon: *Come and See: An Invitation to Jesus*

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 Discipleship*

Wednesday Vespers - 6:00 BURCH HALL (through August)

Beginning January 4

Bible Study Through Paul's Letter to the Philippians

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