

FROM THE PASTOR

**The Season of Lent
Ash Wednesday Service (Feb 22, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary)**

Next Wednesday, February 22, we enter the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm. The purpose of an Ash Wednesday service is to remind ourselves of our mortality in the hopes that we will realize the precious nature of our lives and examine the way we are living. We will shape the service this year around the great hymn "Amazing Grace." You will be given the option of having ashes placed on your forehead in the shape of a cross as a reminder of your mortality and the grace that saves you.

Lent is a 40-day journey toward the cross and Easter Sunday. During the season of Lent, we ask ourselves what changes need to be made in our lives to help us follow Jesus more faithfully. I think you will find that Lent makes Easter Sunday more meaningful just as Advent makes Christmas more meaningful. If you have not been reading the Sunday scripture texts before and after each Sunday, this would be a good time to start and prayerfully consider how the Spirit is calling you to change. The Lenten worship and preaching schedule is as follows:

- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Service (6:00 Sanctuary)
- Feb 26 Lent 1 *The Wilderness, The Canyon, The Tie*
- Mar 5 Lent 2 *The Struggle to Believe: Nicodemus Shares His Story*
- Mar 12 Lent 3 Youth Sunday / Blane Jacob's 30th Anniversary
- Mar 19 Lent 4 *To See or Not to See*
- Mar 26 Lent 5 *Passing Through Graveyards on the Way to Easter*
- Apr 2 Lent 6 *Behold the Man*
- Apr 6 Maundy Thursday Service (6:00 Sanctuary)

NOTE: The psalm for this week, Feb 16-22 is Psalm 99 not 29 as it is printed in your Daily Bible Reading Guide.

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, Gage Stubbs, Kelly Sumner, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil



**Churchwide Luncheon & Quarterly Church Conference
12pm (Burch Hall)
Sunday, February 19.**

NO WNL THIS WEEK! Youth Ash Wednesday on February 22nd

Because of the Winter Break, there will be no Youth Wednesday Night Live this week (February 15th). We will meet again on February 22nd and have our Youth Ash Wednesday event that has been a tradition for decades for our youth. There are some sporting events scheduled that day so if you miss WNL, you are encouraged to participate the next time you attend church. Rehearsals for Youth Sunday will be on Sunday afternoons, February 26th and March 5th. Youth Puppets will meet at 2:00pm followed by Youth Handbells. After rehearsals, we will go to DQ for a snack (My Treat). Remember Youth Sunday is on March 12th. Sign up NOW for our Summer Youth Mission Camp which will be June 11-14. A \$50 deposit for Summer Youth Camp is due on March 12th. This Sunday after worship there is a church wide meal in Burch Hall if you want to stay and eat.



The choir will sing *He's Been Faithful* as our special music this Sunday morning featuring soloist Amanda Roberts. The Orchestra and handbells will play with the hymns. **REMEMBER TO ATTEND CHOIR PRACTICE THIS SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:15am IF YOU ARE IN TOWN.** If you can't make it to choir practice, come join us at 10:45am in the choir room as we run over our anthem together. See You Sunday!



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday, February 19, 2023, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of W.D. (Bill) Brown by Ollie Brown, Debra Weil, Deena Smith, Shannon Deen, and John David McLeod and families.

BID INVITATION

First Baptist Church, Location address: 402 S Merrimac Drive, Mailing address: PO Box 367 Fitzgerald, GA 31750, Contact number: 229-423-4367

**Buildings and Grounds
Lawn Care Contract Bid**

**Bid Opens: 1/31/23
Bid Closes: 2/21/23**

Requirements: One Year Contract that will begin when bid is awarded. The contractor will provide their own equipment, fuel, and chemicals. The contractor will be required to carry a 1M liability insurance policy and have their own workers comp insurance.

- Mowing (Weekly visits required during the growing season, less during the off season. This will be approximately 32 cuts per year. Grass cuts will need to be made close to the end of the week as possible.)
- Picking up limbs
- Weed eating where a mower cannot fit
- Blowing clean the parking lots and sidewalks
- Spraying for weeds in between the annual contracted full campus sprays
- Edging (monthly basis)

Other Duties: Perform Three Times Per Year

- Trimming shrubbery, ivy, and other plants

Terms and Conditions:

We need at least three bids. You may mail your bid to our post office address or drop it off by the office in a sealed envelope. This bid is open to only First Baptist Church members, regular attendees, and staff members. If three bids are not obtained by the closing date, we will re-open the bid outside First Baptist Church for another three weeks.

Ms. Carly's Corner for KIDS

RA RACING NIGHT

We had a great turnout for the RA Racing night this past Wednesday. A special thank you to Mr. Larry and all the awesome leaders who make it such a special night! The GAs raised almost \$360 at the concession stand for Called to Care. Thanks to all who helped and purchased!



VALENTINE SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

This Sunday we had a great time at the Children's Sunday School Valentines Party. A special thank you to Ms. Jane and the Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School Class for hosting such a fun morning!



- Reminder there are NO Wednesday night activities THIS week (February 15th) because of winter break.
- Children's Choir will sing Sunday, February 26th!

We're going to PASSPORTkids Camp!

When: Sun-Wed, July 16-19

Where: Rock Eagle 4-H Center

Age: 3rd-6th Grade

If your child wants to attend,

and you have not let me know please let me know ASAP.

*Scholarships are available for those who need them financially.

Any other questions, please let me know.

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!

February/March Sunday Children's Church Volunteers:

- February 19.....Trista and Ryan Clemons
- February 26.....Rebecca Dawson and Jennifer Wiley
- March 5.....Kevin and Nan Phillips
- March 12.....Melissa Cowan and Christa Garner

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 8 - Easter Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt
- May 14 - Children's Sunday
- July 16-19 - Children's Passport Camp (3rd-6th grade)

CHURCH CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Daily Scripture: *1 Corinthians 3.1-9. Psalm 119.1-8*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 5.21-37. Psalm 119.1-8*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 24.12-18. Psalm 99*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Daily Scripture: *2 Peter 1.16-21. Psalm 99*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 17.1-9. Psalm 99*

7:00 AM-12:00 P.....BH-Irwin Co Baptist Campground Clean-up Day (Baptist Campgrounds)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

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

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

12:00 PM.....Churchwide Luncheon and Quarterly Conference

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 24.12-18. Psalm 99*

3:45 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 17.1-9. 2 Peter 1.16-21*

B&G Lawn Care Contract Bid Closes.....please turn in all bids at the church office

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 *The Season of Lent Begins*

Daily Scripture: *Joel 2.1-2, 12-17a. 2 Corinthians 5.20-6:10. Psalm 51.1-17. Matthew 6.1-18*

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

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

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL Ashe Wednesday Event (Youth Room)*

6:00 PM.....Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 2.15-17; 3:1-7. Psalm 32*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Daily Scripture: *Romans 5.12-19. Psalm 32*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 4.1-11. Psalm 32*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

10:40 AM.....Children's Choir meet in Sanctuary for quick rehearsal before worship*

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

2:00 PM.....Youth Puppet rehearsal followed by Youth Handbells

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 2.15-17; 3:1-7. Psalm 32*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Daily Scripture: *Romans 5.12-19. Psalm 32*

3:45 PM.....Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Daily Scripture: *Matthew 4.1-11. Psalm 32*

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

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

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

6:00 PM.....Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)*

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 12.1-4a. Psalm 121*

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Daily Scripture: *Romans 4.1-5, 13-17. Psalm 121*

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Daily Scripture: *John 3.1-17. Psalm 121*

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

2:00 PM.....Youth Puppet rehearsal followed by Youth Handbells

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 12.1-4a. Psalm 121*

12:00 PM.....55+Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (Burch 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 2/14/23:

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,574.13
Weekly Budget Received for 2/5/23 – 2/11/23.....	\$16,623.47
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$54,487.90
MTD Budget Received.....	\$20,224.97
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$108,975.80
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$65,014.68
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$64,735.91
Prayer Garden Budget Requirement	\$38,000.00
Prayer Garden Budget Giving Received.....	\$21,125.00
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 2/5/23 – 2/11/23.....	\$465.00



Hope you
Have a
wonderful
Valentine's
Day!

Church Staff

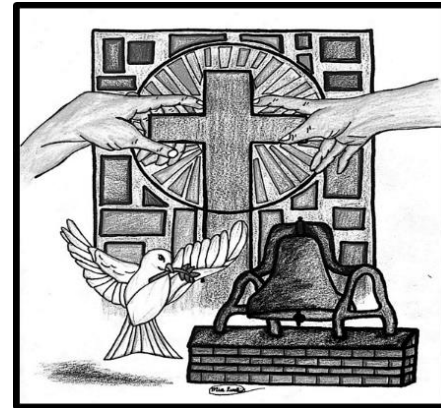
- Pastor..... Greg Pope
- Minister of Music & Youth.....Blane Jacobs
- Administrative Assistant..... Dana Luckie
- Director of Children's Activities.....Carly Harper
- Custodian.....Jeffrey Morgan
- Housekeeping..... Antoinette Hill
- Church Organist..... Barbara Jacobs
- Church Pianist..... Susan Spivey

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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.

Sunday School 10am
Worship Service 11am Sanctuary

Sunday February 19 - Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12. Psalm 112:1-10.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16. Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon: *The Very First Time*

(Congregational Lunch and Conference
following worship in Burch Hall)

Wednesday February 22

Ash Wednesday Service

6:00 pm in Sanctuary

Scripture: Isaiah 58.1-12. Psalm 51.1-17.

2 Corinthians 5.20-6:10.

Matthew 6.1-18

The entrance into the season of Lent.

Sunday February 26 - The First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7. Psalm 32.

Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: *The Wilderness, The Canyon, The Tie*