

FROM THE PASTOR

**Affirming Our Faith: . . . Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new**

How much of our Affirmation of Faith have you memorized? Perhaps that could be a Lenten goal, so that when you stand on Resurrection Sunday this Easter you can proclaim it from the heart.

The line of our affirmation in the title of this article stands at the center of what we believe about God and what God is doing in the world. We believe that God has come to us in the flesh through Jesus for the purpose of reconciling the world to himself and to make new a broken creation. We often hear from certain Christian circles that God is out to judge those who believe the wrong way and will one day destroy this earth with fire and brimstone. The book of Revelation ends with all evil burned away and a New Jerusalem coming down from heaven to planet earth in order to make all things new. It is crucial to remind ourselves every week that God has entered the world in Jesus Christ because of love in order to reconcile the world to God and to each other through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*We believe in God . . . who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new.* May we seek to live what we say we believe.

A reminder of our worship schedule during the season of Lent:

- 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 Jacobs' 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)

**Members in Care Facilities**

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

**Homebound Members – Fitzgerald**

June & Don Morris

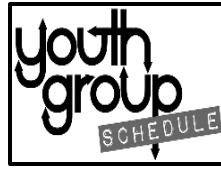
**Homebound Members – Out of Town & State**

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



Rehearsals for Youth Sunday will begin THIS Sunday afternoon, February 26th and we will meet again on Sunday afternoon, March 5th. Youth Puppets will meet at 2:00pm followed by Youth Handbells. We will meet in the Sanctuary. 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. Please attend Wednesday Night Live and Sunday School when you can. I know almost everyone gets busier during the spring, but don't neglect your church attendance! We miss you when you are not here!



The choir will sing *Amazing Grace* as our special music this Sunday morning. The Orchestra and handbells will play with the hymns. We are now entering our Lent season and our time of reflective music that leads us to the Cross of Calvary and the Resurrection. Please be in the choir when you can as we will be sharing some special music for this season. I appreciate all of you who are a part of choir, handbells and orchestra.



**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday, February 26, 2023, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Felix and Emma Lee Liles by Lee & Francine Liles, Freeman & Laura Tharp and family, and Tyler & Leslie Clemons and family.



**LOOKING AHEAD INTO MARCH**

**March Ushers:** Gene Mason, Bryan Griffin, Mike Sherret, Brent Brown, Paul Dawson, David Herlovich, Ken Thames, Michael Baxter, Edward Hill, Jr.

**Mon Mar 6** 55+ Club Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)

**Sun Mar 12** Youth Sunday (11am Sanctuary)

**Sun Mar 12** Deacons' Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)

**Wed Mar 15** "Love Box" (Last day for orders and to turn in money)

**Tue Mar 21** Women On Mission Bible Study (10am Library)

**Sat Mar 25** "Love Box" Packing & Distribution Day (7am Gym)



**WORSHIP ON THE BREEZEWAY**

April 30 11:00 AM

Churchwide lunch following in Burch Hall/Breezeway (Hamburgers, hotdogs and all the extras) Mark your calendar!

Invite your family and friends to come worship with us!!

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

**We're going to PASSPORTkids Camp!**



**When:** Sun-Wed, July 16-19

**Where:** Rock Eagle 4-H Center

**Age:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**If your child wants to attend,**

**and you have not let me know, please contact me ASAP.**

\*Scholarships are available for those who need them financially.

Any other questions, please let me know. Deposits of \$150 are now due.

**Children's Choir will be singing Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>!**



**WHAT'S GOING ON 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 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 (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**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 Ash 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.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)\*

**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)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 17.1-7. Psalm 95*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

Daily Scripture: *Romans 5.1-11. Psalm 95*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

Daily Scripture: *John 4.5-42. Psalm 95*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12 *(Daylight Savings Time Begins)***

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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

1:30 PM.....Deacons' Meeting (Mann Hall)

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

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

\*Nursery Staff available for these events.

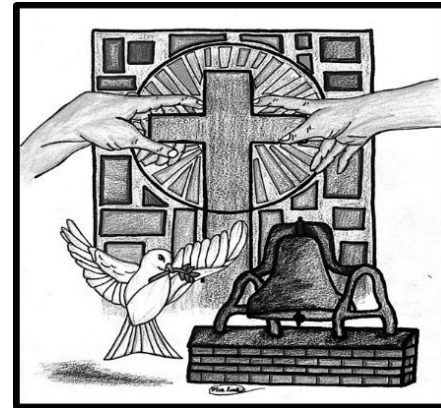
**Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, closed all day Friday**

**8:30am-12:15pm (12:15-1:30 closed for lunch & office errands) 1:30pm-5pm**

**Our Stewardship Review**

**Budget Report for 2/21/23:**

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,574.13
Weekly Budget Received for 2/12/23 – 2/18/23.....	\$7,116.20
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$54,487.90
MTD Budget Received.....	\$26,801.17
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$108,975.80
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$71,590.88
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$75,946.44
Prayer Garden Budget Requirement.....	\$38,000.00
Prayer Garden Budget Giving Received.....	\$21,125.00
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 2/12/23 – 2/18/23.....	\$2,850.00



**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.*

**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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**Sunday School 10am  
 Worship Service 11am Sanctuary**

**Wednesday February 22  
 Ash Wednesday Service  
 6:00 pm in Sanctuary**

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17a or Isa 58.1-12.  
 Psalm 51.1-17. Matthew 6.1-18

A service built around the hymn "Amazing Grace" reminding us of our mortality, the need to change, and the grace that makes it possible.

Cheryl Luckie will be leading the GAs in an Ash Wednesday service of their own.

**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*

**Wednesday March 1  
 6:00 Burch Hall**

Bible Study Through Paul's Letter to the Philippians  
 Philippians 1.22-26

**Sunday March 5 - The Second Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a. Psalm 121  
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17. John 3:1-17

Sermon: *The Struggle to Believe:  
 Nicodemus Shares His Story*