

FROM THE PASTOR

Homecoming This Sunday August 27

Homecoming is just a few days away! We look forward to seeing everyone. Here is a brief schedule for the event:

- 9:30-10:45 Drop off your covered dish at Mann Hall. The Sportsman's Sunday School Class has graciously agreed to assist any who needs help.
- 10:00-10:45 Sunday School for all ages.
- 10:45-11:00 Make your way to the sanctuary and fill out a name tag.
- 11:00-12:00 Worship with former pastor Dr. Gene Wilder, preaching.
- 12:00-2:00 Homecoming dinner in the gymnasium. Please enter by the door facing the Education Building. You will make your way through Mann Hall to pick up your food and then on to the gym to sit and eat.
- 2:00-2:30 The Deacons will help break down and put up the tables and chairs.

See you Sunday!

Prayers for Our People

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

Let us pray for: Rachel Bishop, Denise Bowen, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Polly Davis, Brittini Ellington Deal, Wendy Dix, Caroline Kate Eckles, Joni Wiggins Fox, Trish Herlovich, Gail Jinright, David Malcolm, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Dorothy Peterson, Mildred Pigg, Buddy Prescott, Troy Roberts, Kelly Sumner, Sarah Stevens, Farise Taylor, Lee Taylor, Katrina Vaughn, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil, Drake Young

Members in Care Facilities

Pruitt Health (Ocilla): Drew Fountain and Dorothy Peterson

Homebound Members – Fitzgerald

June and Don Morris

Homebound Members – Out of Town & State

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



YOUTH MINISTRY
Don't Miss Wednesday Night Live This Week!
We are still searching for locations for our Winter Retreat, but hope to have more information soon. Don't forget to make Wednesdays and Sundays a priority for WNL, Sunday School and Worship. I know you are all busy but please be here when you can. Please remember to continue to pray for the family of Gage Stubbs. Our hearts are broken and our prayers continue for that family and everyone who was close to Gage. I hope to see you all soon!



MUSIC MINISTRY
HOMECOMING SUNDAY!!
Please Plan to Sing With Us! This Sunday morning is Homecoming and the choir will be singing *We are Surrounded* as our special music and the handbells and orchestra will play with the hymns. I hope that we can fill the choir loft as we welcome back Gene and Pat Wilder. Gene and I started serving First Baptist Church within a few months of each other. I have so many fond memories of Gene and in addition Pat was a part of the church dramas, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and played in the Handbell Choir. I know you will want to be here and participate in this very special day! I hope you will plan to sing with us!!
NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS SUNDAY BECAUSE OF HOMECOMING!! Our next rehearsal will be September 10th. In addition, we will be having a choral workshop in September to look at music for the fall and Christmas. Warm up starts at 10:45am this Sunday in the Choir in case you miss choir practice, so join us if you can. See you Sunday!!



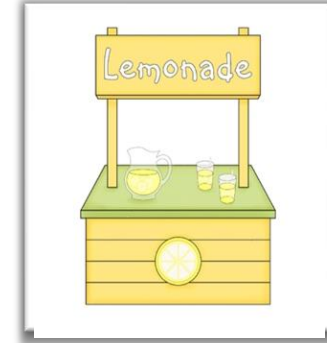
Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday, August 27, 2023, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Jimmy and Geraldine Gaskins by Clay and Christine Cook & Family, Hank and Leah Cook & Family, Todd and Christie Cook & Family, and Freddy and Mary Jean Mims.



55+ Club/Young at Heart Supper Club
September 7 - Meet at 6pm
DJ's Steak & Seafood Restaurant in Ambrose GA.
Please sign up in your Sunday School classes or in the Narthex by September 3. Hope everyone will join us!



LEMONADE STAND THIS SUNDAY! The Pre-K Class along with the Children's Department will have two lemonade stands set up **Sunday, August 27th** outside both entrances of the sanctuary. The lemonade fundraiser is in honor of Dorothy Peterson, our loving and most dedicated Sunday nursery employee. Come support our children for this mission!



We're starting a **Children's GROUP TEXT** with updates and reminders for all children's activities. Let me know if you want me to add you to the group! (229-425-2099)

DON'T MISS OUT ON WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- **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!



August/September Sunday Children's Church Volunteers

- August 27th** - Kevin and Nan Phillips
- September 3rd** - Kathleen Cook and Brie Henderson
- September 10th** - Rebecca Dawson and Jennifer Wiley
- September 17th** - Melissa Cowan and Christa Garner

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 29th - Fall Festival

Mark Your Calendar for September

September Ushers: Gene Mason, Bryan Griffin, Mike Sherret, Brent Brown, Paul Dawson, David Herlovich, Edward Hill, Jr., Ken Thames, Michael Baxter, and Zach Sheppard

- Sun Sep 3** 55+ Club (Last Day to sign-up for Supper Club scheduled on Sep 7)
- Mon Sep 4** Labor Day (Church Office will be closed)
- Wed Sep 6** Adult Vespers *Better Together* Series begin (6pm Sanctuary)
- Thu Sep 7** 55+ Club/Young at Heart (meet at DJ's Restaurant in Ambrose at 6pm for Supper Club)
- Sun Sep 10** Deacon's Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)
- Tue Sep 19** Women on Mission (start meeting again at 10am Library)
- Wed Sep 20** Love Box Orders Due (more information to come)
- Sat Sep 30** Love Boxes Distribution
- Sat Sep 30** Prayer Garden Brick Orders Due

CHURCH CALENDAR

TUESDAY, AUG 22
Daily Scripture: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32. Psalm 133
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 23
Daily Scripture: Matthew 15.10-28. Psalm 133
 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, AUG 24
Daily Scripture: Exodus 1.8-2.10. Psalm 124

FRIDAY, AUG 25
Daily Scripture: Romans 12.1-8. Psalm 124

SATURDAY, AUG 26
Daily Scripture: Matthew 16.13-20. Psalm 124

SUNDAY, AUG 27 - HOMECOMING
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
 12:00 PM.....Lunch to follow in the gym
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, AUG 28
Daily Scripture: Exodus 1.8-2.10. Psalm 124
 4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, AUG 29
Daily Scripture: Romans 12.1-8. Psalm 124
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 30
Daily Scripture: Matthew 16.13-20. Psalm 124
 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, AUG 31
Daily Scripture: Exodus 3.1-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, SEPT 1
Daily Scripture: Romans 12.9-21. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c

SATURDAY, SEPT 2
Daily Scripture: Matthew 16.21-28. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c

SUNDAY, SEPT 3
FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEPT 4 - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Daily Scripture: Exodus 3.1-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c

TUESDAY, SEPT 5
Daily Scripture: Romans 12.9-21. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6
Daily Scripture: Matthew 16.21-28. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c
 5:30 PM.....Children's Choir*
 6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs*
 6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)*
 6:00 PM.....Better Together "40 Days of Community" series begins.....Adult Vespers (Sanctuary)*

THURSDAY, SEPT 7
Daily Scripture: Exodus 12.1-14. Psalm 149
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)
 6:00 PM.....55+ Club/Young at Heart Supper Club (DJ's Steak & Seafood Restaurant)

FRIDAY, SEPT 8
Daily Scripture: Romans 13.8-14. Psalm 149

SATURDAY, SEPT 9
Daily Scripture: Matthew 18.15-20. Psalm 149

SUNDAY, SEPT 10
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
 9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
 5:00 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 through 8/13/23 – 8/19/23

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,574.13
Weekly Budget Received for 8/13/23 – 8/19/23.....	\$11,443.82
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$54,487.90
MTD Budget Received.....	\$75,631.86
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$422,281.18
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$428,577.55
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$384,292.68
Prayer Garden Budget Requirement.....	\$38,000.00
Prayer Garden Budget Giving Received.....	\$41,858.00
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 8/13/23 – 8/19/23.....	\$430.00



First Baptist Church
 OF FITZGERALD, GA.

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

Wednesday August 23
Trust and Obey (James 2.14-26)

Sunday August 27 – HOMECOMING
The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10. Psalm 124
 Romans 12:1-8. Matthew 16:13-20
 Sermon: *Who Do You Think I Am?*
 Gene Wilder, Preaching
 (Lunch to follow in the Gym)
 10:40am-11:00am Lemonade Fundraiser for Dorothy Peterson

Wednesday August 30
The Church's One Foundation (Ephesians 2.11-22, 4.1-6)

September 3
The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15. Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c.
 Romans 12:9-21. Matthew 16:21-28
 Sermon: *On the Other Side of Loss*

Wednesday September 6
 6:00 Sanctuary
 Better Together Kickoff

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
 Nursery Staff..... Dorothy Peterson, Dana Luckie, and Megan McLeod

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