

FROM THE PASTOR

Homecoming Reflections

What a warm and beautiful Homecoming celebration we shared together this past Sunday! It was so good to worship together, and to see our friend and former pastor Gene Wilder, along with Pat and Ginger. The gymnasium was full of good food and satisfied bellies! Thanks to all who helped make it possible: Becky Hill, Lydia Mason, Linda Smith, Patricia Waters, Jeff Morgan, the Sportsman's Sunday School Class, and everyone who brought food. It was a little taste of heaven!

Better Together Kickoff: Wednesday September 6

Please make plans to gather in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 6th. We will be kicking off our *Better Together: 40 Days of Community Fall* emphasis. The following six Sundays will remind us why we are here at the corner of Merrimac and Jessamine. We will turn our focus on what really matters most and that we can only accomplish what God wants us to do as we join together: loving one another, reaching out, serving, fellowshiping, growing, and worshiping. I pray it will be a time of revival and renewal for our life together as a congregation and for each of us as members of FBC Fitz. If you've been away from church life for a while, this would be a great time to get back involved. We are all better together!

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, Brittni Ellington Deal, Wendy Dix, Caroline Kate Eckles, Joni Wiggins Fox, Trish Herlovich, Gail Jinright, David Malcolm, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, 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

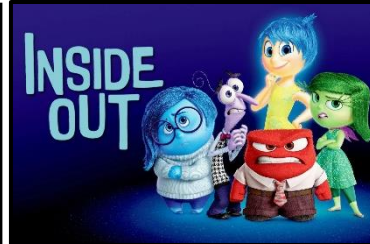
Pruitt Health (Ocilla): Drew Fountain and Dorothy Peterson

Homebound Members – Fitzgerald

June and Don Morris

Homebound Members – Out of Town & State

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



"Inside Out" Movie Devotional Continues During WNL!

We are currently using the movie *Inside Out* to lead our discussions at WNL each week.

We had a great attendance last week so keep inviting your friends. We have visitors almost every week! Also, our location for the Winter Retreat is still up in the air but the Youth Council hopes to have more information soon. I hope you will make Sunday School and WNL a part of your weekly schedules! See You Soon!



NO CHOIR THIS SUNDAY!!

There will be NO choir, orchestra or handbells this coming Sunday morning. I will be out of town and Ms. Amanda Roberts will be leading the hymns.

OUR NEXT CHOIR REHEARSAL will be on Sunday morning, September 10th at 9:15am in the Sanctuary. IN ADDITION, I sent letter to those who have volunteered to be a part of the solo rotation list. If you didn't get a letter but are active in the music ministry and would like to sing a solo/duet/group, please let me know and I can add you to the list. I hope everyone has a wonderful Labor Day Weekend!



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday, September 3, 2023, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Jack Stuart and Jason Stuart by Jane Stuart, John and Sara Stuart.



55+ Club/Young at Heart Supper Club

Date: September 7th at Time: 5pm

Location: DJ's Steak & Seafood Restaurant "Dutch Treat"

If you need to carpool with someone, please meet at 4pm by the Breezeway, or arrive at the restaurant by 5pm. Sign-up sheets will be in your Sunday school classrooms this Sunday or on the Narthex table. Last day to sign-up is Sunday, September 3rd. Hope you will join us!

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank each one of you who worked to make our Homecoming special. There were countless people who gave of their time, energy, and resources to make it such an enjoyable event. I love each one of you! Becky Hill



LEMONADE STAND

A special THANK YOU to all those who supported



the Pre-K/Kindergarten and Children's Department Lemonade Stand for Ms. Dorothy's LOVE OFFERING Fundraiser this past Sunday. We REALLY APPRECIATE Ms. Jane for leading, and Ms. Nan, Kate, and Caroline for helping. We were able to collect over \$2200 for Ms. Dorothy!



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!



September Sunday Children's Church Volunteers

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

*A new rotation is going out soon, please let me know if you want to be added to the rotation!

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)
- Sat Sep 30 Prayer Garden Brick Orders Due

CHURCH CALENDAR

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*
 ALL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED
 DUE TO EXPECTED INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

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
 FIFTEENTH 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
 Daily Scripture: *Exodus 3.1-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c*
 CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

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)
 4:00 PM.....55+ Club Carpool for Supper Club (Breezeway)
 5:00 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)*
 1:30 PM.....Deacon's Meeting (Mann Hall)
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEPT 11
 Daily Scripture: *Exodus 12.1-14. Psalm 149*
 4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT 12
 Daily Scripture: *Romans 13.8-14. Psalm 149*
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13
 Daily Scripture: *Matthew 18.15-20. Psalm 149*
 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 (Sanctuary)*

THURSDAY, SEPT 14
 Daily Scripture: *Exodus 14.19-31, 15.1b-11, 20-21. Psalm 114*
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, SEPT 15
 Daily Scripture: *Romans 14.1-12. Psalm 114*

SATURDAY, SEPT 16
 Daily Scripture: *Matthew 18.21-35. Psalm 114*

SUNDAY, SEPT 17
 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
 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 8/20/23 – 8/26/23

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,574.13
Weekly Budget Received for 8/20/23 – 8/26/23.....	\$26,641.54
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$54,487.90
MTD Budget Received.....	\$82,005.06
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$422,281.18
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$424,950.75
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$400,712.52
Prayer Garden Budget Requirement.....	\$38,000.00
Prayer Garden Budget Giving Received.....	\$41,858.00
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 8/20/23 – 8/26/23.....	\$1,450.00

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

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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
Sunday School 10am
Worship Service 11am Sanctuary

Wednesday August 30
 ALL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED DUE TO EXPECTED INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

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*

Better Together: 40 Days of Community
September 6 – October 15

- September 6 Better Together Kickoff (6:00pm Sanctuary)
What On Earth Are We Here For?
- September 10 *Compelled to Love God's Family*
- September 17 *Commissioned to Reach Out Together*
- September 24 *Chosen to Fellowship Together*
- October 1 *Connected to Grow Together*
- October 8 *Called to Serve Together*
- October 15 *Created to Worship Together*