

FROM THE PASTOR

Congregational Care Team

At our last Church Conference, I, along with the deacons, put forth a proposal for a Congregation Care Team. This team would be made up of deacons and non-deacons who would be responsible for staying in touch with a group of families from our church. So far I am pleased to announce that 22 people have agreed to serve our congregation in this manner. These people will be given a certain number of families within our congregation to stay in touch with on a quarterly basis by phone, email, text, or visit. We want to stay connected as a church family. We want to be aware of the needs of one another. This is one way we can do this. We will likely meet as a team no later than the first of October. If you desire to serve on this Congregational Care Team, please call, text, or email me and let me know as soon as possible. We will be working to divide our families among the members of this team in the upcoming weeks. Thanks.

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, Claudette Mahan, 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

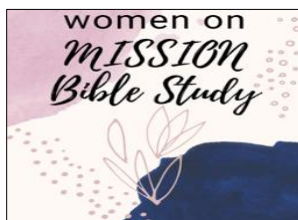
Pruitt Health (Ocilla): Drew Fountain

Homebound Members – Fitzgerald

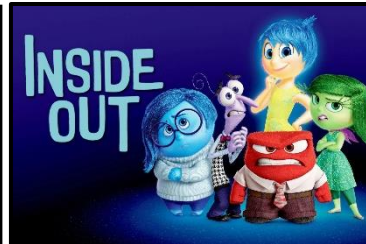
June and Don Morris

Homebound Members – Out of Town & State

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



Women on Mission Bible Study
Tuesday, September 19
10:00am
Library



“Inside Out” Movie Devotional This Week

Because of the Hurricane moving through our area, we were not able to meet last Wednesday night.

I hope you will join us as we continue using the movie *Inside Out* to lead our discussions at WNL each week. Keep inviting your friends and plan to attend every time you can! Our dates and location for the Winter Retreat should be announced soon. With the way the Christmas holidays fall with the school calendar, we are trying to find the best time to go that will allow the most youth to attend. I hope you will make Sunday School and WNL a part of your weekly schedules! See You Soon!



CHOIR PRACTICE THIS SUNDAY!

Please join us this Sunday at 9:15am in the Sanctuary for Choir rehearsal. We are working on music for our special six week worship emphasis on the church. If you are in town, please plan to sing with us. Always remember, if you don't make choir practice, join us at 10:45am in the choir room to run through the anthem. This week we will sing *I Have Felt the Hand of God* as our special. Hope to see you Sunday!



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday, September 10, 2023, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Bill Jacobs and Brent Jacobs by Jean, Blane & Barbara, The Ben Jacobs Family and The Bailey Miller Family.

Sympathies

We express our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Dorothy Peterson, who was a dedicated nursery employee of our church that passed away on August 28, 2023.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to The Griffin Family in the death of their father, Paul Griffin, who passed away on September 3, 2023.

Deacons' Meeting This Sunday

(Reminder for active Deacons)
September 10, 2023
1:30 PM
Mann Hall



GOODY BAGS AND GAMES

Join us immediately following worship on SEPTEMBER 24th from 12-2PM in the gym for lunch, games, and goody bags. Children will be putting together goody bags for Called to Care Caseworkers. All children are encouraged to bring a monetary donation to go towards gift cards to go with the goody bags!



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 10th - Rebecca Dawson and Jennifer Wiley
- September 17th - Melissa Cowan and Christa Garner
- September 24th - Trista and Ryan Clemons

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 24th - Games and Goody Bags (Gym) 12-2PM
- October 25th - Halloween Nursing Home Parade 6PM
- October 29th - Fall Festival 4-6PM



55+ Club/Young at Heart
Supper Club
Date: Thursday, September 7th at 5pm
Location: DJ's Steak & Seafood Restaurant
"Dutch Treat"

THIS THURSDAY: Don't forget to meet at the Breezeway at 4pm if you are needing to carpool with someone. Otherwise, we will meet everyone else over there by 5pm.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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)

MONDAY, SEPT 18
Daily Scripture: Exodus 14.19-31, 15.1b-11, 20-21. Psalm 114
 4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT 19
Daily Scripture: Romans 14.1-12. Psalm 114
 10:00 AM.....Women On Mission Bible Study (Library)
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20
Daily Scripture: Matthew 18.21-35. Psalm 114
 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 21
Daily Scripture: Exodus 16.2-15. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, SEPT 22
Daily Scripture: Philippians 1.21-30. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45

SATURDAY, SEPT 23
Daily Scripture: Matthew 20.1-16. Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45

Our Stewardship Review
Budget Report through 8/27/23 – 8/31/23

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,574.13
Weekly Budget Received for 8/27/23 – 8/31/23.....	\$5,376.20
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$54,487.90
MTD Budget Received.....	\$82,305.06
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$435,903.20
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$435,250.75
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$409,475.56
Prayer Garden Budget Requirement.....	\$38,000.00
Prayer Garden Budget Giving Received.....	\$ 41,858.00
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 8/27/23 – 8/31/23.....	\$5,850.55

SUNDAY, SEPT 24
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
 9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
 12:00-2:00 PM.....Children's Goody Bags & Games Day (Gym)
 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

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.....Dana Luckie, Megan McLeod, and Candy Herod

Contact us at 229-423-4367 or by email at fbc@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
Sunday School 10am
Worship Service 11am Sanctuary

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*

Wednesday Night Vespers
6:00 pm Mann Hall

- Sept 13 Nancy Brinson: 8 Days of Hope
- Sept 20 Sheila Solomon: Lifehouse Ministries