

FROM THE PASTOR

**Tuning Our Ears at the Cross: The Seven Last Words of Jesus
A Lenten Worship Series
(Ash Wednesday Feb 14 - Good Friday Mar 29)**

The season of Lent begins next Wednesday, February 14. As our culture will celebrate romantic love, the church will acknowledge our mortality and the need to examine our lives in the light of God's love displayed on the cross.

We will enter the season of Lent by offering two Ash Wednesday Services in the sanctuary at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. We will conclude the Lenten season with a Good Friday service March 29 at 6:00. We will spend four Wednesday nights in Lent praying and reflecting upon Psalm 51. The Sunday worship services will center around the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. We will celebrate Easter Sunday by hearing The First Words of Easter.

Feb 14	Tuning Our Ears at the Cross
Feb 18	I Thirst
Feb 25	My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
Mar 3	Behold Your New Family
Mar 10	Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise
Mar 17	Father Forgive Them For They Know Not What They Do
Mar 24	It Is Finished / Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit
Mar 29	Good Friday Service
Mar 31	The First Words of Easter

I hope you will make the journey to Easter with us as we tune our ears to the cross during the holy season of Lent.

Prayers for Our People

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

Let us pray for: Rachel Bishop, Sandy Bostelman, Denise Bowen, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Kathleen Cook, Shirley Coxen, Polly Davis, Wendy Dix, Caroline Kate Eckles, Joni Wiggins Fox, Kay Hannon, Ed Hill, Trish Herlovich, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Lydia Mason, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Buddy Prescott, Troy Roberts, Donna Sheffield, Kelly Sumner, Sarah Stevens, Farise Taylor, Lee Taylor, Katrina Vaughn, Van Waters, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil

Members in Care Facilities

Pruitt Health (Ocilla): Drew Fountain

Homebound Members – Fitzgerald and Out of Town/State

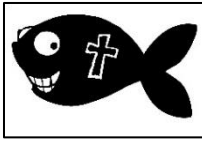
June and Don Morris – Fitzgerald and Lois Eppes – Middleburg, FL



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 11, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Warren and Ola Mae McMillan and Harry and Melba Mitchell by The Hall and Mitchell families.

YOUTH NEWS



**YOUTH SUNDAY IS THIS WEEK!
ALL YOUTH SHOULD BE HERE SUNDAY
MORNING EITHER PARTICIPATING OR
SUPPORTING THEIR FRIENDS!!** There is no

excuse for you not to be a part of this week, but if you have elected not to participate, you can at least show up to support those who are leading this Sunday. **There will be NO Sunday School this week.** ALL YOUTH are to report to the Sanctuary NO LATER THAN 10am to run through Handbells, Puppets, Scripture reading and other parts of the service. Take time NOW to invite your family and friends to join us this Sunday! **LOOKING AHEAD: Our Summer Youth Mission Camp Dates ARE SET – JUNE 9th-12th.** THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT THIS YEAR OF \$50 BY THE END OF MARCH IN ORDER TO SAVE YOUR SPOT FOR YOUTH CAMP! Make sure you tell your parents THE DATES NOW so you can plan to attend with us!



There will be NO choir, orchestra or handbells this Sunday morning because of Youth Sunday. We will be back on track on the 18th. On that day, we will sing Behold the Lamb and we invite all those who are interested to sing with us. The next choir practice will be on February 25th. As we enter the Lent season, please be here to sing with us as we lead in worship. Be here THIS SUNDAY to support our youth!



FEBRUARY CALENDAR EVENTS

February Deacons of the Month: Mike Raynor and Mike Sherret
February Ushers: *Byron Smith, *Lew Brinson, Bob Jones, Todd Cook, Kevin Phillips, Johnny Giddens, Jared Garner, Tony Eckler, and Justin Phillips

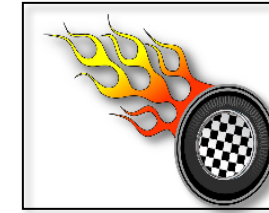
- Wed Feb 7** RA Pinewood Derby Racing (6pm Gymnasium)
- Sun Feb 11** Youth Sunday
Soup-er Bowl Collection Day (bring all canned goods to morning worship)
Childrens' Valentine's Sunday School Party (see Carly's article)
- Wed Feb 14** The Season of Lent: Ash Wednesday Service (6pm Sanctuary)
- Sat Feb 17** BH-Irwin Co Baptist Campground Cleanup Day (7:30a-12p)
- Sun Feb 18-24** WINTER BREAK WEEK (no Wednesday Events)
- Sun Feb 18** Lunch and Quarterly Church Conference (12pm Burch Hall)



**Ben Hill-Irwin County Baptist
Campground
Clean-up Day
Saturday, February 17
7:30am – 12pm**

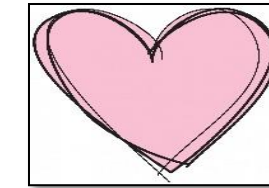
HELP IS NEEDED!!! Anyone that could spare their time on this day to help clean the campground would be most gracious. Bring your work gloves and any yard tools (chain saw, rakes, shovels, weed eaters, wheelbarrows, hand saws, pruning shears, containers to collect pinecones, and Rangers/golf carts to easily haul back and forth) that you have. If anyone has any questions regarding the clean-up projects on this day or need location directions please call the church office.

Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids



RA RACING NIGHT

Join us **TOMORROW** for the RA Derby in the gym at 6pm! The GAs will have a concession stand. Mission Friends and Children's Choir will NOT meet! Come support our children!



VALENTINE'S SS PARTY

Join us **THIS** Sunday February 11th at 10AM in the Team Kids Room for a Valentine's Sunday School Party! All ages are invited!

PASSPORTkids Summer Camp

There is now a waiting list for camp. If your child would like to attend let me know ASAP. (3rd-5thgrade/July 14-17th at Rock Eagle)

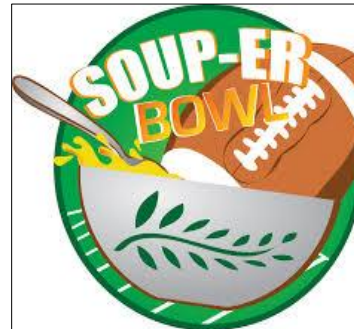


Children's Choir: Join us each Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Choir Room above the Breezeway!
Mission Friends, RAs, and GAs: Each Wednesday at 6pm.
Sunday School: Every Sunday at 10am!

February Children's Church Volunteers

February 11th...Allison & Shane Sapp
February 18th...Kathleen Cook & Brie Henderson
February 25th...Justin & Elizabeth Phillips

If you would like to be added or removed from the rotation, please let me know!



**COLLECTION DAY
THIS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 11**

The shopping carts will be ready in the Narthex for your donations to the Christian Kitchen. Don't forget to bring your canned goods with you to worship.

**Quarterly Church Conference
with Lunch
Sunday, February 18, 2024
Following Worship in Burch Hall**

CHURCH CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Daily Scripture: *1 Corinthians 9.16-23. Psalm 147.1-11, 20c*

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Daily Scripture: *Mark 1.29-39. Psalm 147.1-11, 20c*

11:00 AM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)

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, FEBRUARY 8

Daily Scripture: *2 Kings 2.1-12. Psalm 50.1-6*

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Daily Scripture: *2 Corinthians 4.3-6. Psalm 50.1-6*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Daily Scripture: *Mark 9.2-9. Psalm 50.1-6*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

TRANSFIGURATION

Childrens' Valentine's Sunday School Party (see Carly's article)

Soup-er Bowl Collection Day (bring all canned goods to morning worship)

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

11:00 AM.....Youth Sunday*

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Daily Scripture: *2 Kings 2.1-12. Psalm 50.1-6*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Daily Scripture: *2 Corinthians 4.3-6. Mark 9.2-9*

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

THE SEASON OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY

Daily Scripture: *Joel 2.1-2, 12-17a or Isaiah 58.112. Psalm 51.1-17.*

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.2-10. Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

11:00 AM.....Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

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, FEBRUARY 15

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 9:8-17. Psalm 25.1-10*

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Daily Scripture: *1 Peter 3:18-22. Psalm 25.1-10*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Daily Scripture: *Mark 1:9-15. Psalm 25.1-10*

7:30 AM-12PM.....BH-Irwin Co Baptist Campground Cleanup Day

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

11:00 AM.....Youth Sunday*

12:00 PM.....Lunch & Quarterly Church Conference following Worship

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Daily Scripture: *Genesis 9:8-17. Psalm 25.1-10*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Daily Scripture: *1 Peter 3:18-22. Psalm 25.1-10*

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Daily Scripture: *Mark 1:9-15. Psalm 25.1-10*

11:00 AM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)

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)*

*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

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Our Stewardship Review
Budget Report through 1/1/24 - 1/31/24

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 1/1/24 – 1/31/24.....	\$35,761.27
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received.....	\$35,761.27
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$56,300.07
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$35,761.27
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$44,113.05
Prayer Garden Giving Received.....	\$37,943.57
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 1/1/24 – 1/31/24.....	\$2,376.10



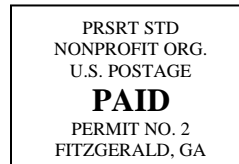
Church Staff

- Pastor..... Greg Pope
- Minister of Music & Youth..... Blane Jacobs
- Administrative Assistant..... Dana Luckie
- Director of Children's Activities..... Carly Harper
- Church Administrator..... Byron Smith
- Custodian..... Jeffrey Morgan
- Housekeeping..... Antoinette Hill
- Church Organist..... Barbara Jacobs
- Church Pianist..... Susan Spivey
- Nursery Staff..... Dana Luckie, Candy Herod, and Megan McLeod

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
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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
11:00am and 6:00pm Burch Hall

- February 7** RA PINEWOOD DERBY RACING NIGHT
(6:00pm, FBC Gym – NO 11:00am or 6:00pm Vespers)
- February 14** Ash Wednesday Service
(11:00am and 6:00pm, Sanctuary)
- February 21** WINTER BREAK
- February 28** Psalm 51 (I)
- March 6** Psalm 51 (II)
- March 13** Psalm 51 (III)
- March 20** Psalm 51 (IV)

Sunday School 10:00am
Worship 11:00am

- February 11** YOUTH SUNDAY
- February 18** **The First Sunday in Lent**
I Thirst
Genesis 9:8-17. Psalm 25:1-10.
1 Peter 3:18-22. Mark 1:9-15
- February 25** **The Second Sunday in Lent**
My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16. Psalm 22:23-31.
Romans 4:14-25. Mark 8:31-38