

FROM THE PASTOR

**The First Congregational Care Team Meeting:  
Monday March 18, 6:00 PM**

Last Fall, I, along with the deacons, decided to begin a Congregational Care Team. Working through several scheduling conflicts, we are now ready to meet for the first time. This team will be made up of deacons and non-deacons who will be responsible for staying in touch with a group of families from our church. So far I am pleased to announce that 21 people have agreed to serve our congregation in this manner. These people will be given a certain number of families within our congregation to contact 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. **If you desire to serve on this Congregational Care Team, our first meeting will be Monday March 18 at 6:00 in Burch Hall.** I look forward to this new ministry and the ways in which it will enrich our life together as a congregation.

**Prayers for Our People**

*We are praying for you, your family, your caretakers, and all that God will do for you.*

Let us pray for: Rachel Bishop, Sandy Bostelman, Denise Bowen, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Shirley Coxen, Polly Davis, Wendy Dix, Joni Wiggins Fox, Kay Hannon, Ed Hill, Trish Herlovich, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Buddy Prescott, Troy Roberts, Donna Sheffield, Debbie Sherret, 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**

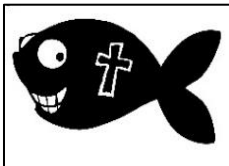
The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 3, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Brad Bryant, Charlie Beall, David McCranie, Johnny Whidden, Alan “Snake” Dixon, Dr. Bill Hammond, Ted Cowan, Gary “Bull” Giddens, Ronnie Phillips, Ron Hannon, Arthur Hill, Jerry "Flop" Fletcher, Bill Liles, and Tony Gordon who were members of The Sportsman’s Sunday School Class.



**YOUTH NEWS**

**WNL BACK ON TRACK-INVITE A FRIEND!**

Keep inviting your friends as our attendance continues to grow each week at WNL. Also, don't forget to try to keep your Lent commitments through Easter. If you fall short, that is ok, just pick it back up and try again!



Let's also do our best to support all our friends who are playing different spring sports. We have several youth in Middle School and High School sports this spring so let's be there as much as possible to show our support!

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Our Summer Youth Mission Camp Dates ARE SET – JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT THIS YEAR OF \$50 BY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> 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!



This Sunday morning the choir, orchestra nor handbells will be in the loft. I will be away and Ms. Amanda Roberts will lead the

hymns. A special thanks to Ms. Amanda for her willingness to serve. We will return to the loft on March 10<sup>th</sup> when we will sing the traditional arrangement of At the Cross. We invite ALL to come sing with us!

**We will also have CHOIR PRACTICE THAT SAME MORNING, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the Sanctuary!** Throughout the Lent season we will be singing some of our favorite songs PLUS a couple of our more difficult anthms on Palm and Easter Sunday so attend choir practice if you possibly can! I hope to see you all this Sunday morning!

**LOOKING AHEAD INTO MARCH**

**March Deacons of the Month:** Hank Cook and Gene Mason  
**March Ushers:** \*Gene Mason, \*Bryan Griffin, Mike Sherret, Brent Brown, Paul Dawson, David Herlovich, Ken Thames, Michael Baxter, and Edward Hill, Jr.



- Sun Mar 3-10** Annual Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Wed Mar 4** 55+ Club Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)
- Sun Mar 10** Daylight Saving Starts  
Deacons Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)
- Thu Mar 14** Wiregrass Quilters Guild Meeting (6pm Burch Hall)
- Tue Mar 19** Women On Mission Bible Study (10am Library)
- Sun Mar 24** Palm Sunday  
Children will wave the palms at the beginning of Worship (meet in the Narthex at 10:50am)
- Fri Mar 29** Good Friday Service (6pm Sanctuary)
- Sat Mar 30** Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt (9:00am Burch Hall)
- Sun Mar 31** Easter Vigil Sunrise Service (7am FBC Breezeway)



**THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER & ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING IS MARCH 3-10, 2024.**

**Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids**

Mark Your Calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. If you would like to help hide eggs please let me know!



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

**March Children's Church Volunteers**

March 3<sup>rd</sup>.....Jane Szoke, Kate Phillips, and Caroline Spivey  
March 10<sup>th</sup> ....Kevin and Nan Phillips  
March 17<sup>th</sup> ....Rebecca Dawson and Jennifer Wiley  
If you would like to be added or removed from the rotation, please let me know!

**Join us each week for:**

Children's Choir: Each Wednesday at 5:30 PM  
RAS, GAs, and Mission Friends: Each Wednesday at 6 PM  
Sunday School: Each Sunday at 10 AM

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday  
March 30<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt  
March 31<sup>st</sup> - Children's Choir Sing  
May 12<sup>th</sup> - Children's Sunday



**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Daily Scripture: *Romans 4.14-25. Psalm 22.23-31*

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Daily Scripture: *Mark 8.31-38. Psalm 22.23-31*

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 29**

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 20.1-17. Psalm 19*

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

Daily Scripture: *1 Corinthians 1.18-25. Psalm 19*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

Daily Scripture: *John 2.13-22. Psalm 19*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

11:00 AM.....Worship\*

5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**

Daily Scripture: *Exodus 20.1-17. Psalm 19*

12:00 PM.....55+ Club Luncheon (Burch Hall)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

Daily Scripture: *1 Corinthians 1.18-25. Psalm 19*

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

Daily Scripture: *John 2.13-22. Psalm 19*

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, MARCH 7**

Daily Scripture: *Numbers 21.4-9. Psalm 107.13, 17-22*

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

Daily Scripture: *Ephesians 2.1-10. Psalm 107.13, 17-22*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

Daily Scripture: *John 3.14-21. Psalm 107.13, 17-22*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10 (Daylight Saving Starts)**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal\*

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

11:00 AM.....Worship\*

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

5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

Daily Scripture: *Numbers 21.4-9. Psalm 107.13, 17-22*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

Daily Scripture: *Ephesians 2.1-10. Psalm 107.13, 17-22*

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

Daily Scripture: *John 3.14-21. Psalm 107.13, 17-22*

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, MARCH 14**

Daily Scripture: *Jeremiah 31.31-34. Psalm 51.1-12 or 119.9-16*

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

6:00 PM.....Wiregrass Quilters Guild Meeting (Burch Hall)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

Daily Scripture: *Hebrews 5.5-10. Psalm 51.1-12 or 119.9-16*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

Daily Scripture: *John 7.53-8.11. Psalm 51.1-12 or 119.9-16*

\*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

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

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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 28 Psalm 51 (I)
- March 6 Psalm 51 (II)
- March 13 Psalm 51 (III)
- March 20 Psalm 51 (IV)
- March 29 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**Sunday School 10:00am**  
**Worship 11:00am**

- March 3** **The Third Sunday in Lent**  
*Behold Your New Family*  
Exodus 20:1-17. Psalm 19.  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25. John 2:13-22
- March 10** **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
*Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise*  
Numbers 21:4-9. Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22.  
Ephesians 2:1-10. John 3:14-21
- March 17** **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*Father Forgive Them For They Know Not What They Do*  
Jeremiah 31:31-34. Psalm 51:1-12.  
Hebrews 5:5-10. John 7.53-8.11
- March 24** **Palm-Passion Sunday**  
*It Is Finished / Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit*  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29. Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16  
Isaiah 50:4-9a. Psalm 31:9-16.  
Philippians 2:5-11. Mark 14:1-15:47

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**Our Stewardship Review**

**Budget Report through 2/18/24 – 2/24/24**

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 2/18/24 – 2/24/24.....	\$6,266.20
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received.....	\$27,964.67
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$95,277.06
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$63,905.94
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$93,840.24
Prayer Garden Giving Received.....	\$37,493.57
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 2/18/24 – 2/24/24.....	\$658.00

**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

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