

FROM THE PASTOR

# New Grandparents



Greg and Cindy are overjoyed to announce the arrival of their first grandbaby, Benjamin Ray Mathis. Baby Benji was born on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:37am weighing 9lbs and measuring 22 inches long. Kristen and Ben Mathis (aka: mommy and daddy) along with little Benji, are now home surrounded by love from family and friends. It's such a special time for everyone!

### 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, Denise Bowen, Linda Braun, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Shirley Coxen, Polly Davis, Wendy Dix, Joni Wiggins Fox, Johnny Giddens, Kay Hannon, Ed Hill, Trish Herlovich, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Betty Redus, Debbie Sherret, Kelly Sumner, Sarah Stevens, Lee Taylor, Joyce Vaughn, Katrina Vaughn, Van Waters, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil, Nancy Yeager, Jason Youmans

### 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, April 14, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of John W. Cook by the Cook, Clements, and Henderson families.



## YOUTH NEWS



**ATTENTION FBC GRADUATES AND JUNIORS!** There will be a meeting **THIS Sunday**, April 14<sup>th</sup> for the Graduates to start planning the Graduate Service and banquet set for May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 10am in the youth room. Juniors and their parents will meet immediately following worship!



**Wednesday Night Live has been CANCELLED for this week, April 10<sup>th</sup>.** We will resume meeting again on April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking for something to do, go support the High School Baseball Team at their doubleheader that day!



The **SPORTSMAN CLASS CHOIR** will fill the loft this Sunday morning. I hope you will be here to support these men who do so much ministry to folks in our church and in our community. The choir, orchestra and handbells will return to the loft on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will also have choir practice on that morning at 9:15am. In addition, parts of the Pipe Organ have been removed and have been taken to the workshop for repairs. There are three sections of our pipe organ, the Great, the Swell and the Pedal. They are starting their work on the Great section and will move throughout the instrument for repairs.



### What's Happening in April

**April Deacons of the Month:** Stan Bryant and David Herlovich  
**April Ushers:** \*Jimmy Davis, \*Bobby Tharp, Ronnie Clemons, Greg Brown, Tony Sheffield, Scott Sheppard, Mark Turner, Eric Stone, Brian Gunter, and Tyler Clemons

- Wed Apr 10** Children's Easter Nursing Home Parade ([see Carly's text message](#))
- Sun Apr 14** Deacons Meeting (12:15pm Mann Hall)  
FBC Graduates Only Meeting (10am Youth Room – [see Blane's article](#))  
Juniors (Class of 2025) and Their Parents Meeting (12pm Sanctuary – [see Blane's article](#))
- Mon Apr 15** Congregational Care Team Meeting (6pm Burch Hall)
- Tue Apr 16** Women on Mission Bible Study (10am Library)
- Sun Apr 21** 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Deacon Election (11am cast ballot by the end of Worship)  
Children's Ice Cream Party (2-4pm Burch Hall – [see Carly's article](#))
- Sun Apr 28** Fourth Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Children's Ext. Worship Service located in the Team Kids Room after the Children's Sermon)



**Deacon's Meeting**  
Sunday, April 14  
12:15pm in Mann Hall

### Deacon Selection Announcement

We will have our First Round of Deacon Selection on Sunday, April 21, 2024, and the Second Round two weeks later on May 5, 2024. This schedule will avoid any conflicts with our Children's Worship Service on Mother's Day, May 12. All male members 21 years of age who have been members for at least one year, please contact the church office by April 16, to have your name taken off the list if you do not wish to be considered.

## Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids



April 10<sup>th</sup> will be our Nursing Home Spring Parade rescheduled from the Easter Parade. All those who want to ride the trailer will meet at 5:45PM at the FBC Nursery parking lot. All others will meet at 5:50PM, the parade starts at 6PM! All are encouraged to bring individually wrapped snacks for the residents!

**THANK YOU** to all those who made the Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast a success last Saturday. It was a great day!!

Children's Choir will **NOT** meet April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars for April 21<sup>st</sup> for an **ICE CREAM PARTY** from 2-4pm in Burch Hall. Children will serve ice cream sundaes. All tips collected will go to Called to Care. Come support our children!



**FBC CHILDREN'S EVENTS**  
Spring/Summer 2024

- April 10 Spring Nursing Home Parade
- April 21 Ice Cream Party
- May 12 Children's Sunday
- June 9th Game/Bike Afternoon
- July 10 Water Wars
- July 14-17 Passport Kids Camp
- July 27-28 VBS

### April Children's Church Volunteers:

April 14.....Zach and Kayla Sheppard  
April 21.....Carly and TJ Harper



**CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM MEETING**  
Monday, April 15  
6pm in Burch Hall

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

Daily Scripture: 1 John 1:1-2:2, Psalm 133

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

Daily Scripture: John 20:19-31, Psalm 133

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

No Children's Choir due to Easter Nursing Home Parade

5:45 PM.....Mission Friends (Meet for Easter Nursing Home Parade Trailer ride in our Preschool Parking lot)\*

5:50 PM.....GAs & RAs (Meet for Easter Nursing Home Parade at Fellowship Baptist Church parking lot: 126 Lincoln Ave)\*

*Only the RAs will have class back at FBC RA Room after the parade*

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**

6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)\*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

Daily Scripture: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

Daily Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7, Psalm 4

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

Daily Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48, Psalm 4

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

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

12:15 PM.....Deacon's Meeting (Mann Hall)

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**

Daily Scripture: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4

6:00pm.....Congregational Care Team Meeting (Burch Hall)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

Daily Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7, Psalm 4

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

Daily Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48, Psalm 4

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

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs\*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)\*

6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)\*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

Daily Scripture: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

Daily Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24, Psalm 23

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

Daily Scripture: John 10:11-18, Psalm 23

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

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

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

First Round of Deacon Selection – Ballots will be inside your bulletin. All ballots will be turned in by the end of worship.

2:00-4:00 PM.....Children's Ice Cream Party (Burch Hall)

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 22**

Daily Scripture: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

Daily Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24, Psalm 23

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

Daily Scripture: John 10:11-18, Psalm 23

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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**Wednesday Vespers**  
**11:00am and 6:00pm Burch Hall**

April 10 – May 22 The Letters of First, Second, and Third John

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

- April 14**      **The Third Sunday of Easter**  
*The Jesus Creed (I): The Compass and Circumference of Our Lives*  
Acts 3:12-19. Psalm 4. 1 John 3:1-7. Luke 24:36b-48  
The Sportsman's Sunday School Class Choir
- April 21**      **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
*The Jesus Creed (II):*  
*Lady Gaga and Shakespeare, Aretha Franklin and Jesus*  
Acts 4:5-12. Psalm 23. 1 John 3:16-24. John 10:11-18
- April 28**      **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
*The Jesus Creed (III): The Cobbler's Gift*  
Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 22:25-31. 1 John 4:7-21. John 15:1-8  
BabY Dedication: Emma Cate Calhoun
- May 5**         **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*The Jesus Creed (IV): A World-Conquering Love*  
Acts 10:44-48. Psalm 98. 1 John 5:1-6. John 15:9-17  
Baptism: Kayla Sheppard

**Our Stewardship Review**

**Budget Report through 3/31/24 – 3/31/24**

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 3/31/24 – 3/31/24.....	\$10,058.21
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received.....	\$52,597.77
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$168,900.21
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$125,526.21
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$144,672.59
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 3/31/24 – 3/31/24.....	\$913.80

Sunday School Attendance – 184    Worship Attendance – 353

**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](http://www.fbcfitz.com).

