

FROM THE PASTOR

Deacon Selection: First Round this Sunday

It is once again that important time of the year to elect new deacons to the deacon body. We need six new deacons willing to serve a three-year term. You will be given the opportunity to make nominations this week, April 21, and then on May 5 we will vote from the list of nominees to elect the six. Those you nominate must be 21 years of age and a member of FBC Fitzgerald for at least one year.

A deacon is a wise, prayerful, discerning individual who puts the interests of the church above his own, and who seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit in decision-making situations. Our by-laws require of a deacon that he be a man of integrity and Christlike character, regularly attending congregational worship, and one who lives as a servant of Christ.

You are invited to prayerfully consider those you believe would serve our church well in the role of deacon. Make your nominations this week and be prepared to vote on May 7.

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 21, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Leo and Jewel Roberts by their family.

In Loving Memory

YOUTH NEWS



ATTENTION FBC GRADUATES! If you have not turned in your baby and graduate picture OR Total Number attending the Graduate Banquet, please do so **NO LATER THAT THIS COMING SUNDAY MORNING!** We have started planning your special day so please respond with these important details. **ALSO,** those going to the Summer Youth Mission Project will receive a letter in the next two weeks with important information including your **MEDICAL RELEASE FORM** that must be filled out and turned in before we go to camp. Don't forget to continue to **SHOW UP** for WNL and Sunday School each week!



We will have sanctuary choir practice **THIS SUNDAY** morning at 9:15am. The handbells and orchestra will also play with the hymns. The choir will be singing *Sometimes I Hear God's Music* as our special. This is a beautiful anthem so please come sing with us. There is nothing new to update on the Pipe Organ repairs.

Deacon Selection Announcement

First Round of Deacon Selection will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2024, followed by the second round two weeks later on May 5, 2024. The schedule has been carefully planned to 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 no later than **Wednesday, April 17, 2024,** to have your name taken off the list if you do not wish to be considered.

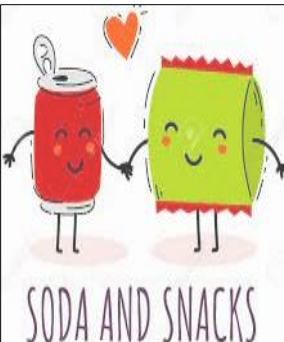


Dear First Baptist Church, We thank you so much for all the support you gave us during this difficult time. We appreciate all your kindness and the family meal, it was very delicious. Thanks for making us feel at home. Dad loved being part of this church. -The Family of Russell E. "Buddy" Prescott, Jr., Dona, Teresa, and Rusty.



Sunday, April 7, **Peggy Hogan,** joined our church by public commitment and statement. We welcome her as our newest member and sister in Christ.

Abundance Ministry



Thank you so much to everyone that helps to keep this important ministry going. If you also would like to contribute, these are the items needed and can be dropped off by the church office anytime: individually wrapped snack cakes, chips, crackers, Vienna Sausage, candy (with sugar or sugar free) drinks (diet & regular), packs of peanuts, etc. You can also give money to this ministry which will be used to buy what is needed. Our Life Care brothers and sisters are so appreciative of their ability to have these special treats. Thank you for your generosity.

Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids

Children's Choir will **NOT** meet April 17th.

Mark your calendars for April 21st 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!



April 28th will be our next *Fourth Sunday* for 1st-5th graders. Make plans to join us!

Sign up now for Children's Sunday!

FBC CHILDREN'S EVENTS
Spring/Summer 2024

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 21.....Carly and TJ Harper
April 28...Ross and Kristin Campbell
May 5...Trista and Ryan Clemons

CHURCH CALENDAR

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)
 12:00 PM.....Staff Meeting
 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, APRIL 25
Daily Scripture: Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 22:25-31
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
Daily Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21. Psalm 22:25-31

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Daily Scripture: John 15:1-8. Psalm 22:25-31

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship*
 5:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, APRIL 29
Daily Scripture: Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 22:25-31

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
Daily Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21. Psalm 22:25-31
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
Daily Scripture: John 15:1-8. Psalm 22:25-31
 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, MAY 2
Daily Scripture: Acts 10:44-48. Psalm 98
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 3
Daily Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6. Psalm 98

SATURDAY, MAY 4
Daily Scripture: John 15:9-17. Psalm 98

*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

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

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Our Stewardship Review	
Budget Report through 4/1/24 – 4/6/24	
Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 4/1/24 – 4/6/24.....	\$25,626.26
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received.....	\$29,057.26
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$181,892.54
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$152,127.47
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$172,614.05
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 4/1/24 – 4/6/24.....	\$234.50
Sunday School Attendance – 163 Worship Attendance – 160	

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 fbcf@fbcfitz.com. You can also check out church information and activities on our website www.fbcfitz.com.



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	
April 17 – May 22	The Letters of First, Second, and Third John
Sunday School 10:00am	
Worship 11:00am	
April 21	The Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>The Jesus Creed (II):</i> <i>Lady Gaga and Shakespeare, Aretha Franklin and Jesus</i> Acts 4:5-12. Psalm 23. 1 John 3:16-24. John 10:11-18
April 28	The Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>The Jesus Creed (III): The Cobbler’s Gift</i> 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 <i>The Jesus Creed (IV): A World-Conquering Love</i> Acts 10:44-48. Psalm 98. 1 John 5:1-6. John 15:9-17 Baptism: Kayla Sheppard
May 12	CHILDREN’S SUNDAY
May 19	GRADUATE SUNDAY
May 26	MEMORIAL SUNDAY
June 2	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-21. Psalm 104:24-34, 35b. Romans 8:22-27. John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (Lunch and Conference to follow worship in Burch Hall)