

FROM THE PASTOR

PRAYER WALK

This Saturday, May 4

9:00 AM

Ben Hill Elementary School

Due to the recent disturbing violence in our town, our school superintendent, Dawn Clements has asked the churches to pray for our schools and community. Ben Hill County churches are invited to gather at our schools this Saturday morning, May 4, at 9:00 AM for a Prayer Walk. First Baptist will be joining New Prospect Baptist at Ben Hill Elementary School for a time of prayer. I want to encourage you to be there.

Prayer is the most important thing we can do, but it is not the only thing we can do. We will pray for the violence to stop. We will pray for the wisdom to understand why the violence is occurring. We will pray for the strength to do what needs to be done to help curb the violence. This is The Jesus Creed in action. This is one way to love our neighbor. I hope to see you there.

Prayers for Our People

Please be in prayer for both communities (Fitzgerald and Ocilla) and the schools.

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, May 5, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Mandy Hannon Luckie and in honor of Mia Mandy Luckie for her high school graduation by John, Cheryl, Trey, Dana, and Reid Luckie.



Sanctuary Flowers

YOUTH NEWS



Graduates, please turn in all information NO LATER THAN SUNDAY! We will continue to have WNL through May 15th. Our summer youth activities will center around fellowship and missions. Our first event will be an end-of-school supper club. The date will be announced next week. We will also support mission activities this summer such as Peanut Butter and Jesus, feeding the band and cheerleaders, distributing our Hunger Fight food boxes, as well as enjoying some fellowship times around meals. This summer most of you are very busy so I am working to have a fun and low-key summer calendar. For those going to the Summer Youth Mission Project, look for your IMPORTANT LETTER this week in the mail that includes your MEDICAL RELEASE FORM that must be filled out and turned in before we go to camp. See You at WNL and Sunday School!



The handbells and orchestra will play with the hymns this Sunday morning and the choir will sing the hymns but will NOT sing a special. Our next choir rehearsal will be May 26th when we present our annual Memorial Day Service.



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST! We have acquired a Living Christmas Tree we will use for our Christmas Music Presentation this year. This tree holds 32 singers and we need folks singing *in and AROUND* the tree. Please consider singing with us as we celebrate Christmas this year in a way that has been adored here at FBC for years. Our orientation and information meal for all interested in singing will be on Sunday, August 4th at Coastal Plain BBQ! Let me know if you plan to attend the meeting. We had almost 50 voices last Christmas, let's try for 60 voices this Christmas! I can't wait to share this with our community!



RECOGNIZING OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES!

We would like to recognize all college and technical college graduates who are members of FBC Fitzgerald in the June month newsletter. **Please submit no later than May 16th your graduate's information and graduation picture to the church office or email us at fbc@fbcfitz.com. Information needed: graduate's name, school name, degree, and career plans.**

What's Happening At FBC In May

May Deacons of the Month: Scott Sheppard & Shane Sapp

May Ushers: *Billy McEachern, *Mike Ellis, Hank Cook,

Jim Burke, Stewart Carswell, Nathan Carswell,

Logan Carswell, Tommy Roberts, Donnie Hopkins,

Jason Dunn, Guy Selph, Zach Luckie, and Taylor Spivey

Sun May 5 Second Round of Deacon Selection (11 am Sanctuary)

Sun May 5 Deacon's Meeting (1:30 pm Mann Hall *Note the change of date)

Mon May 6 55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (12 pm Burch Hall)

Sun May 12 Children's Sunday/Mother's Day (11 am Sanctuary)

Sun May 15 Children's Last Day of Mission Friends, GAs and RAs

Sun May 19 Graduate's Sunday with a meal following service (11 am Sanctuary)

Tue May 21 Women on Mission Bible Study (10 am Library)

Sun May 26 Memorial Day Service (11 am Sanctuary)



Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids

Make plans to join us on May 12th for Children's Sunday!



May Children's Church Volunteers

May 5...Trista and Ryan Clemons

May 12...Children Sunday (No Children's Church)

May 19...Mollie and Trent Taylor



If you would like to add a name and picture to our Annual Memorial Day Slide Show this year, please submit it to the church office by Monday, May 13th. Our Memorial Day service will be on Sunday, May 26th at 11 am. You can also email it to blane@fbcfitz.com



Let's Make A Meal

was bustling with activity Monday morning. We appreciate these ladies' time and effort. They were able to serve 4 families and 5 shut-ins. Great work!

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

11:00 AM.....Worship*

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

1:30 PM..... Note the change of date.....Deacons Meeting (Mann Hall)

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

MONDAY, MAY 6

Daily Scripture: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98

12:00 PM.....55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (Burch Hall)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Daily Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6, Psalm 98

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Daily Scripture: John 15:9-17, Psalm 98

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 9

Daily Scripture: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1

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

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Daily Scripture: 1 John 5:9-13, Psalm 1

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Daily Scripture: John 17:6-19, Psalm 1

*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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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

May 1-22 The Letters of First, Second, and Third John

Sunday School 10:00am

Worship 11:00am

- 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
The Election of Deacons.
- 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)

Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report through 4/21/24 – 4/27/24

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 4/21/24 – 4/27/24.....	\$10,546.54
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received.....	\$47,664.38
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$207,877.20
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$175,778.31
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$187,769.21
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 4/21/24 – 4/27/24.....	\$621.50

April 21, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance – 155 Worship Attendance – 147

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.



Final Deacon Selection

Sunday, May 5, 2024

The twelve names are in alphabetical order from which six will be chosen.

- Brent Brown, Mike Ellis, David Evans, Johnny Giddens,
- Will Hammond, Zach Luckie, Kevin Phillips, Tommy Roberts,
- Byron Smith, Trent Taylor, Bobby Tharp, and Mark Turner