

FROM THE PASTOR

A PRAYING CONGREGATION

Over the past two Sundays I have challenged our congregation to be more intentional about our praying for our life together at FBC Fitz. One way is to pray every day at 7:14 AM and 7:14 PM. A second way is for 120 people to commit themselves to gather in groups praying for our congregation, our community, and the needs of those we know. The Bereavement Committee is meeting this week to work out a schedule for them to pray together each week. The Sunday Evening Bible Study Class is being intentional about using half their time to pray. Perhaps your Sunday School class can do the same. I look forward to seeing the ways God’s Spirit can transform our congregation through our intentional prayer together.

THE PASTOR IN YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

I would also appreciate a visit to your Sunday School Class on a Sunday of your choosing to hear from you about where you feel God’s Spirit leading us as a congregation, as well as thoughts you have about our worship and ministry as we seek to be God’s people. The only Sunday I would be unavailable for the remainder of this year is September 29th when I will be in Rome for the dedication of my grandson Benji.

THE ORDINATION OF BRAD KEATON

Brad Keaton served as our Children’s Ministry Intern for a couple of summers several years ago. He is now serving as pastor of a church outside Knoxville. He has requested that our church ordain him to ministry because, in his words, “the people of FBC Fitzgerald mean the world to me.” So, as part of our worship on Sunday, September 29th, we will ordain Brad. I hope you will be present for this special day.

See you Sunday!

Prayers for Our People

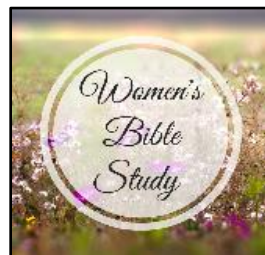
We are praying for you, your family, your caretakers, and all that God will do for you. Let us pray for: Rachel Bishop, Denise Bowen, Linda Braun, Nancy Brinson, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Dawn Clements, Shirley Coxen, Polly Davis, Wendy Dix, Joni Wiggins Fox, Johnny Giddens, Ed Hill, Trish Herlovich, Peggy Justice, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Andy Mason, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Betty Redus, Troy Roberts, Debbie Sherret, Kelly Sumner, Sarah Stevens, Lee Taylor, 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



The Women’s Bible Study Group

has resumed meeting every Sunday at 5:00pm in Mann Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to come and bring a friend. They have chosen a study book by Jen Wilkins called, “Better, A Study in Hebrews.”

YOUTH NEWS



All youth are reminded that Wednesday Night Live meets every week at 6pm in the youth room and the Youth have Sunday School each week at 10am in the youth room followed by worship in the Sanctuary at 11am. THANKS for inviting your

friends to all our activities! In order to qualify to attend our Summer Youth Mission Camp in June 2025, you must complete two work days at the Peanut Butter and Jesus hosted by CFI Church. Our next group activity will be THIS Saturday, August 31st. Meet at CFI at 8am and we should be finished around 9am. If you go at another time, please send me a picture that shows you working at PB&J.



In order to better prepare our music for worship each Sunday and for the Living Christmas Tree presentation in December, we will be having choir



practice for both groups each Sunday morning. We will NOT practice on September 1st, which is Labor Day Weekend, but beginning September 8th, we will have Sanctuary Choir practice at 9am in the sanctuary followed by Living Christmas Tree rehearsal at 9:20am. We will be finished around 9:50am to give you enough time to make it to Sunday school. Our previous plan of meeting on Sundays for lunch and rehearsal every three weeks could make learning the music for Christmas a challenge if someone misses a rehearsal. IN ADDITION, the Christmas Music will be available starting September 8th for those who want a copy to listen on your own. THANKS to all who have signed up to participate with us this year! I can’t wait to share with our congregation and community!

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 1, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Jack Stuart and Jason Stuart by Jane Stuart, John and Sara Stuart.



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 8, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Bill Jacobs and Brent Jacobs by Jean, Blane & Barbara, The Ben Jacobs Family, and The Bailey Miller Family.



All are invited to drop by to congratulate the newlyweds. **Brian and Laura Braziel Jones** Saturday, September 21, 2024 2:00 – 4:00pm in Burch Hall Brian and Laura were married on August 10, 2024, in Greenville, South Carolina.



Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids



STAY UPDATED THIS YEAR

Join the **GROUP CHAT** for all the updates! Let me know if you would like to be added!

There will be **NO Children's Choir THIS Wednesday, August 28th!**

Children's Choir is tentatively planning to sing on **September 29th.**

September Children's Church Volunteers

- September 1 - Allison and Shane Sapp
- September 8 - Melissa Cowan and Natalie King
- September 15 - Justin and Elizabeth Phillips
- September 22 - Kathleen Cook and Brie Henderson
- September 29 - Jane Szoke, Kate Phillips, and Caroline Spivey





55+ Club/Young at Heart Supper Club
Date: Thursday, September 12th
Time: 5:00pm
Location: Catfish House
“Dutch Treat”

Please sign up by September 8th. Sign-up sheets will be in your Sunday School Classroom and narthex, or you may contact the church office.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEP 1
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEP 2 - Daily Scripture: *Song of Solomon 2:8-13. Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9*
 LABOR DAY – CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEP 3 - Daily Scripture: *James 1:17-27. Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9*
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 4 - Daily Scripture: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9*
 5:30 PM.....Children's Choir Practice (Children's Choir Room)*
 6:00 PM.....Vespers (Mann Hall), WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

THURSDAY, SEP 5 - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23. Psalm 125*
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, SEP 6 - Daily Scripture: *James 2:1-17. Psalm 125*

SATURDAY, SEP 7 - Daily Scripture: *Mark 7:24-37. Psalm 125*

SUNDAY, SEP 8
 9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Mann Hall)
 1:30 PM.....Deacon's Meeting (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEP 9 - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23. Psalm 125*

TUESDAY, SEP 10 - Daily Scripture: *James 2:1-17. Psalm 125*
Newsletter Printing and Mail-out
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 11 - Daily Scripture: *Mark 7:24-37. Psalm 125*
 5:30 PM.....Children's Choir Practice (Children's Choir Room)*
 6:00 PM.....Vespers (Mann Hall), WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

THURSDAY, SEP 12 - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 1:20-33. Psalm 19*
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, SEP 13 - Daily Scripture: *James 3:1-12. Psalm 19*

SATURDAY, SEP 14 - Daily Scripture: *Mark 8:27-38. Psalm 19*

SUNDAY, SEP 15
 9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEP 16 - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 1:20-33. Psalm 19*
 9:00 AM.....Let's Make A Meal (Burch Hall)

TUESDAY, SEP 17 - Daily Scripture: *James 3:1-12. Psalm 19*
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)
 10:00 AM.....Women on Mission Group Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 18 - Daily Scripture: *Mark 8:27-38. Psalm 19*
 5:30 PM.....Children's Choir Practice (Children's Choir Room)*
 6:00 PM.....Vespers (Mann Hall), WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

THURSDAY, SEP 19 - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 31:10-31. Psalm 1*
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, SEP 20 - Daily Scripture: *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a. Psalm 1*
 Prayer Garden Spaghetti Supper (Tentatively).....More Details Later.....(Mann Hall)

SATURDAY, SEP 21 - Daily Scripture: *Mark 9:30-37. Psalm 1*
 2:00-4:00 PM.....Brian and Laura Braziel Jones Meet and Greet/Wedding Shower.....(Burch Hall)

SUNDAY, SEP 22
 9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEP 23 - Daily Scripture: *Proverbs 31:10-31. Psalm 1*

TUESDAY, AUG 24 - Daily Scripture: *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a. Psalm 1*
Newsletter Printing and Mail-out
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 25 - Daily Scripture: *Mark 9:30-37. Psalm 1*
 6:00 PM.....Vespers (Mann Hall), WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

THURSDAY, SEP 26 - Daily Scripture: *Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22. Psalm 124*
 10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

FRIDAY, SEP 27 - Daily Scripture: *James 5:13-20. Psalm 124*

SATURDAY, SEP 28 - Daily Scripture: *Mark 9:28-50. Psalm 124*

SUNDAY, SEP 29
 9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
 5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, SEP 30 - Daily Scripture: *Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22. Psalm 124*

*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

**Happy
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Our Stewardship Review	
Budget Report through 8/18/24 – 8/24/24	
Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 8/18/24 – 8/24/24.....	\$8,838.00
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received	\$36,699.83
YTD Budget Requirement	\$433,077.48
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$364,818.70
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$405,616.53
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 8/18/24 – 8/24/24.....	\$423.98
August 18, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance – 169 Worship Attendance – 181	

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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Glad Tidings

WE DECLARE UNTO
 YOU GLAD TIDINGS

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.

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

- Sept 1 Pentecost 16**
Takin' It to the Streets (Acts 2.1-38)
- Sept 8 Pentecost 17**
In This Together (Acts 2.41-47)
The Dedications of Mary Ophelia and Etta June Hatcher
- Sept 15 Pentecost 18**
Practice Resurrection (Acts 3.1-21)
- Sept 22 Pentecost 19**
No Pretending (Acts 4.32-5.11)
- Sept 29 Pentecost 20**
The Ordination of Brad Keaton

Vespers 6:00 pm in Mann Hall

The Reservoir: Life-Giving Streams of Spiritual Formation

- Sept 4** *What is My Picture of the Gospel?*
- Sept 11** *Is Change Possible?: Some Biblical Examples*
- Sept 18** *Is Change Possible?: More Biblical Examples*

Attention Church Members

We are in the process of making some slight changes, and we ask you to please contact the church office if you no longer need the printed version of the Glad Tidings (church newsletter) mailed to you. We will still email you the version if you wish. If you are not on the email list, please contact the church office at 229-423-4367 or by email at fbcfbcfitz.com and we will be glad to add you. A printed version can be picked up in the office or narthex anytime.