

 **The Pastor's Pen**

Let me encourage you to continue to pray for all who were impacted by the Hurricane that moved through our area and the entire Southeast. You have done so much to help, keep up the good work!

Let me also encourage you to help by considering the option of receiving our Church Glad Tidings Newsletter by email. With the rising cost of mailing as well as the many new restrictions that have recently been applied to bulk mailing a newsletter like ours, it would really help if we could almost eliminate the mailing of the newsletter.

I know many of you still would like a hard copy of the newsletter. We will have them available in the narthex or church office to be picked up at any time if you would like one. We also are working on the idea of building a drive by pick up box that you could simply drive by the church campus, pick up the newsletter when you are in town and never have to get out of your car.

If you could help us out by deciding to either pick up your newsletter or have it emailed to you, please contact Dana at the church office at 423-4367. We would like to implement this change soon. Thanks!

Hope to See You on Sunday! *Jerry*

**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, Joni Wiggins Fox, Chase Giddens, Johnny Giddens, Ed Hill, Trish Herlovich, 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, Louise Whelchel, Keith Wood,

Nancy Yeager

**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

**Sympathies**

We express our Christian sympathy to Donnie and Rhonda Hopkins and family, for the passing of his mother, Katherine “Katy” Hopkins, on October 3, 2024.

We also express our Christian sympathy to the friends and family of our sister in Christ, Wendy Patton Dix, who passed away on October 6, 2024.



**CBF of Georgia Gift**

This past Friday, Jody Long, Executive Coordinator for CBF of Georgia visited Fitzgerald and on behalf of CBF of GA, donated \$1,500 to our church. This money will be used to help those impacted by the hurricane. Jody wanted to make sure FBC and the people of Fitzgerald knew they were not alone in this recovery journey.

**YOUTH NEWS**



A lot has happened the past two weeks. As a result of the Hurricane, we have rallied together to help those in need. We donated over 700 meals from the Youth Hunger Fight Mission resources to feed those impacted by the storm. We have joined hands with others in feeding students in our community through the school system of Ben Hill County and Sunday School Classes helped feed the Utility Workers. Many in our church have volunteered to help clean up our own church property and help others in need with their clean up. We have donated supplies as well as pitched in to serve in so many meaningful ways. Instead of attending the church on September 29<sup>th</sup>, we have been given the opportunity TO BE THE CHURCH in our community. That is our greatest challenge all year long, not just during a crisis. People will notice how we respond to this crisis in our community for not only the next few weeks but well beyond. WNL is back on track as well as Sunday School and Worship. ALSO... Sign up now for our One Day Winter Trip. More details will be available soon. Bring a friend next time you attend WNL or Sunday Church!

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Sanctuary Choir practice is every week (unless announced) at 9am in the sanctuary followed by Living Christmas Tree rehearsal at 9:20am.



We will be finished around 9:45am to give you enough time to make it to Sunday school. THANKS to all who have signed up to participate with us this year! Our definite performance date will be December 15<sup>th</sup>. There may be additional dates added if the community interest mandates. I can't wait to share this Christmas music with our congregation and community!

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**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 13, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of

Dr. Ralph & Joyce Roberts  
by Don & Kathy Roberts,

Greg & Debby Brown, Dale McNease,  
David & Amanda Roberts, and their families.



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 20, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of

Louise Guardia

from her children and grandchildren  
Gina Wiggins, Roger & Laura Norris,  
Todd & Lisa Stanfill, and Anslee & Austin Canning.



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



**OCTOBER EVENTS**

**Children's Choir CHRISTMAS**

**Kick Off Party**

**October 16th**

**Team Kids Room - 5:30pm**

**Fall Festival**

**October 27th**

**4-6pm**

**Fourth Sunday**

**October 27th**

**Halloween Nursing Home**

**Parade**

**October 30th**



**\*Don't forget there will be NO Wednesday night activities this week because of FALL BREAK!**



**October Children's Church Volunteers**

October 13 - Rebecca Dawson and Jennifer Wiley

October 20 - Mollie and Trent Taylor

October 27 - Bonnie and Lydnee Gray and Jennifer Brown

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**Operation Christmas Child**

Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoe Box  
**First Baptist Church Collection Dates**  
**Sunday, Oct 6 - Sunday, Nov. 17**

You can choose 1 of 3 ways to pack your Shoe Box.

1. Pack your boxes and bring them to the church office.

2. Go online using the website <https://sampur.se/4gQzipb> or the QR code to the right and build your boxes.

3. Donate money to First Baptist that will be sent to Samaritan's Purse for boxes. Our goal this year is 150 boxes. Let's see if we can

Thank you for being so supportive of this ministry for children.



## October's Calendar Quick Glance

**Oct Deacons of the Month:** Hank Cook and David Evans

**Oct Ushers:** \*Jimmy Davis, \*Bobby Tharp, Ronnie Clemons, Greg Brown, Tony Sheffield, Scott Sheppard, Mark Turner, Eric Stone, Brian Gunter, and Tyler Clemons



- Wed Oct 9 No Wednesday Night Activities (Fall Break Week)
- Tue Oct 15 Women on Mission Bible Study (10am Library)
- Fri Oct 18 RAs Hiking Trip (see Mr. Larry or Carly for more details)
- Sun Oct 20 Deacon's Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)
- Tue Oct 22 Newsletter Printing and Mail-out
- Sun Oct 27 Family Fall Festival (4-6pm Breezeway/Courtyard)
- Wed Oct 30 Children's Halloween Nursing Home Parade

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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.*

## Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

### TUESDAY, OCT 8

Newsletter Printing and Mail-out

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 9

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES - FALL BREAK WEEK

### SUNDAY, OCT 13

- 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)

### TUESDAY, OCT 15

Newsletter Printing and Mail-out

- 10:00 AM.....Women on Mission Bible Study (Library)

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 16

- 5:30 PM.....Children's Choir Practice (Children's Choir Room)\*
- 6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)\*
- 6:00 PM.....WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs\*

### FRIDAY, OCT 18

RAs Hiking Trip (See Mr. Larry or Carly for more details)

### SUNDAY, OCT 20

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

\*Nursery Staff available for these events.

**Exercise Class** - Tues. & Thurs. every week at 10:00 AM in Mann Hall

**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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## Our Nursery Needs You!

We would love to have more hands to care for our babies and toddlers every Sunday morning Worship service! If interested, contact Dana at the church office at 423-4367. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



### Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report through 9/22/24 – 9/30/24

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 9/22/24 – 9/30/24.....	\$6,757.00
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received .....	\$46,981.27
YTD Budget Requirement .....	\$506,700.63
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$416,547.31
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$490,766.61
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 9/22/24 – 9/30/24.....	\$1,230.00

September 22, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance – 188 Worship Attendance – 279

### Church Staff

Interim Pastor.....	Dr. Jerry Mahan
Minister of Music & Youth.....	Rev. Blane Jacobs
Administrative Assistant.....	Ms. Dana Luckie
Director of Children's Activities.....	Ms. Carly Harper
Church Administrator.....	Mr. Byron Smith
Custodian.....	Mr. Jeffrey Morgan
Housekeeping.....	Ms. Antoinette Hill
Church Organist.....	Ms. Barbara Jacobs
Church Pianist.....	Ms. Susan Spivey
Nursery Staff.....	Ms. Dana Luckie and Ms. Candy Herod

Contact us at 229-423-4367 or by email at [fbc@fbcfitz.com](mailto:fbc@fbcfitz.com). You can also check out church information and activities on our website [www.fbcfitz.com](http://www.fbcfitz.com).



## Join Us For Worship

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

**Dr. Jerry Mahan**

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Dr. Jerry Mahan**

**1:30pm- Deacons Meeting**

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

**Dr. Jerry Mahan**



## Church Wide Fall Festival

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**4pm-6pm**

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