

**The Pastor's Pen**

There are two very important events coming up that I hope everyone will plan to attend.

First, this Sunday afternoon from 4pm-6pm is our annual Fall Festival. This event is not just geared towards children and families, this event is for the entire church family. I hope you will join us and don't forget to donate something delicious for the cake walk. It only cost \$1 to walk and every winner gets a delicious treat!

Second, on Sunday morning, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have our All-Saints Service during worship. We will pause to remember those that we have lost over the past year. This is always a special time of remembrance for those family members who have lost loved ones, and it is just as special for us as a church family.

I Will 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 and Maple Court (Tifton): Shirley Coxen

**Homebound Members – Fitzgerald and Out of Town/State**

June and Don Morris and Lynn Bryant–Fitzgerald and Lois Eppes–Middleburg, FL



**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/4qQzipb> 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.

**YOUTH NEWS**



We are kicking off our next movie devotional this week at Wednesday Night Live! We will be watching the movie *Remember the Titans*. This is a great movie and I hope you will be here each week and bring a friend with you. We continue to have over 40 youths every week. What a joy it is to see you and all our visitors. WNL offers a mid-week connection with your friends so join us for snacks, fellowship, and a devotional.



The sign-up sheet is now available for our One Day Christmas Break trip. You can sign up in the youth room. All the details will be announced at WNL and Sunday School each week. I hope you will continue to support Sunday School and worship. We have been averaging over 25 in Sunday School so there is room for more! Thanks to all the Youth Sunday School teachers for leading our students every week.

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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 27, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Brad & Myrtice Dorminy by Chip & Jan Dorminy and family.



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 3, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Ted Cowan by Frankie W. Cowan and family.



**American Red Cross Blood Drive Needs Volunteers**

These drives are essential in maintaining an adequate supply of blood to meet the needs of patients in hospitals and other medical facilities. At FBC we understand the importance of these drives and have made it our mission to support them by volunteering and helping with blood drives every other month. However, we do need two or more people to work a 3 and 6-hour shift. If you feel that you would like to donate your time to help out, please contact the church office at 229-423-4367. The next blood drive at FBC is on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

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



The RAs enjoyed a campout at FDR State Park this past Friday night. Pictured are the RAs on top of Dowdell's Knob. Thanks to Mr. Larry, Mr. Brian, and all the leaders for their work with our boys!

**October Children's Church Volunteers**

October 27 - Bonnie and Lydnee Gray and Jennifer Brown  
November 3 - Courtney and Daniel Calhoun

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Fall Festival  
October 27th  
4-6pm

Fourth Sunday  
October 27th

Halloween Nursing Home  
Parade  
October 30th

Games & Goody Bags  
November 3rd

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**55+ CLUB - YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON**

**Monday, November 4, 2024, at 12pm in Burch Hall**

Hosts: Byron and Wanda Smith, Patricia Waters, and Jerry and Clarice Lott

This is our last luncheon of the year. We hope you all will join us for some great food and fellowship.

Our Christmas Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, December 5. More details to come.



**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry**

**TUESDAY, OCT 22**

Newsletter Printing and Mail-out

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 23**

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

**SUNDAY, OCT 27**

9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*  
 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*  
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*  
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*  
 4:00-6:00 PM.....Family Fall Festival (Breezeway/Courtyard)

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 30**

No Children’s Choir Practice

5:30 PM.....Mission Friends (Meet for Halloween Nursing Home Parade Hayride in our Preschool Parking lot)\*  
 5:45 PM.....GAs & RAs (Meet for Halloween Nursing Home Parade at Fellowship Baptist Church parking lot: 126 Lincoln Ave)\*  
 6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)\*  
 6:00 PM.....Youth WNL \*

\*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

**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



**Coming Up in November at FBC**

**Nov. Deacons of the Month:** David Herlovich and Johnny Giddens

**Nov. Ushers:** \*Billy McEachern, \*Mike Ellis, Hank Cook, Jim Burke, Tommy Roberts, Nathan Carswell, Logan Carswell, Stewart Carswell III, Donnie Hopkins, Jason Dunn, Zach Luckie, and Taylor Spivey

- Sun Nov 3 All Saints’ Sunday Service  
Children’s Games and Goody Bag Event (12pm)
- Mon Nov 4 55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)
- Tue Nov 5 Newsletter Day
- Sun Nov 10 Church Conference after worship
- Wed Nov 13 No Kids Choir Practice
- Sun Nov 17 Children’s Fourth Sunday Service
- Tue Nov 19 Newsletter Day  
Women on Mission Bible Study (10am Library)



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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.*

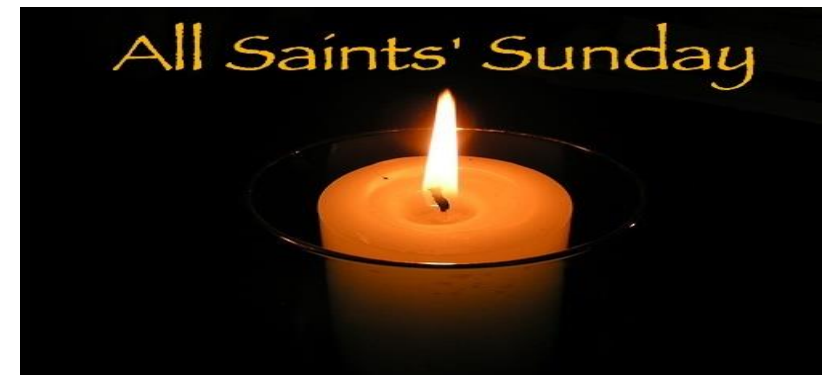
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dr. Jerry Mahan**



**Church Wide Fall Festival**  
**4pm-6pm**

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**Dr. Jerry Mahan**  
*Children’s Games and Goody Bags Event following Worship*

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**Our Stewardship Review**

**Budget Report through 10/13/24 – 10/19/24**

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|---|--------------|
| Weekly Budget Required.....   | \$12,992.33  |
| Weekly Budget Received for 10/13/24 – 10/19/24.....                 | \$10,348.00  |
| Monthly Budget Required.....  | \$56,300.08  |
| MTD Budget Received .....   | \$38,426.00  |
| YTD Budget Requirement .....  | \$532,685.29 |
| YTD Budget Giving Received.....                                     | \$454,973.31 |
| YTD Budget Expenses.....  | \$508,888.53 |
| Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 10/13/24 – 10/19/24..... | \$2,050.00   |

**October 13, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance – 147 Worship Attendance – 251**

**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. You can also check out church information and activities on our website [www.fbcbfitz.com](http://www.fbcbfitz.com).

