

The Pastor's Pen

There is Always SOMETHING TO BE Thankful FOR

Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be past, and Christmas will be here. I hope you will keep Sunday School and worship a priority each week. We will gather on November 24th for a baby dedication as a part of our Thanksgiving service. December 1st will be our first Sunday of Advent with our children singing and our theme of Hope. If you have friends and family that you can invite and bring with you to worship, I hope you will do so this coming season. It is the most wonderful time of the year!

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, Ed Hill, Trish Herlovich, Peggy Hogan, Cheryl Luckie, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Charlie Miller, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Betty Redus, Troy Roberts, Wynona Roberts, Debbie Sherret, Kelly Sumner, Sarah Stevens, Lee Taylor, Katrina Vaughn, Van Waters, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil, Keith Wood, Mac Woods

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

Christmas Poinsettias

Honor or Remember a Loved One

Please contact Dana at the church office with your loved one's name if you plan to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary, and place your poinsettia order with the florist. You or the florist may deliver it to the sanctuary starting the **Second Sunday of Advent, December 8th.** We ask to have

the poinsettias wrapped in green paper with red ribbon. The last day to accept names and poinsettias is December 22nd. A special thank you to all the families that contribute to this ministry.



YOUTH NEWS



Christmas will be here before we know it. We have some special events scheduled in the month of December that I hope you will all join us for! We will have an Ugly Christmas Sweater Christmas Party on our LAST WNL of the year. It will be on Wednesday, December 11th. Pick your favorite ugly sweater and win a prize. There will be special snacks and Christmas stories! For the following Wednesday night, the Mission Friends will have their live nativity in the sanctuary that I hope you will make plans to be here and support our little ones.



ALSO, the sign-up sheet is now available for our two big events during our Christmas Break. First, we will gather at the Grand Theatre for a private showing of the new Disney movie Mufasa. It will be on Sunday afternoon, December 22nd. We will then go to DQ for supper together. And on Monday, December 30th, we will travel to Tifton to play Gellyball, go bowling, and eat lunch together. I will have cost available soon so be on the lookout! DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS SET FOR DECEMBER 8th SO SIGN UP NOW! Invite a friend!



Sanctuary Choir practice is every week (unless announced) at 9am in the sanctuary followed by the 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 those who helped construct the Living Christmas



Tree. We will be adding all the trimmings to the tree over the next few weeks. Thanks in advance for helping make this possible this season!



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 24, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Dr. Bill Hammond by his family.

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to Susan Bryant and family, in the death of her mother, Louise Batts Whelchel, who passed away on November 10, 2024.



Life Care Center Christmas Gifts

The list of names are available for the Life Care Center resident gifts for Christmas. We have more names this year. All gifts are due to the church office no later than Thursday, December 12. Please contact Dana at the church office (423-4367) for a name and a size.

Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SING
December 1st

NURSING HOME PARADE
December 4th

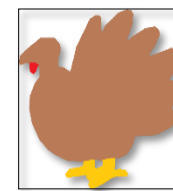
FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 8th

MISSION FRIEND'S NATIVITY
December 18th

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SING
December 22nd

Reminder: There will be no activities on Wednesday, November 27th! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November/December Children's Church Volunteers



- November 24 - Kristin and Ross Campbell
- December 1 - Trista and Ryan Clemons
- December 8 - Allison and Shane Sapp
- December 15 - No Children's Church (Living Christmas Tree)
- December 22 - Melissa Cowan and Natalie King

Since the church office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, all sign-up sheets must be turned in this Sunday to give a head count to our caterer. Sunday school teachers, please be sure to put your sign-up sheets in your big Sunday school class attendance/offering envelope. We hope that you all will join us for a delicious meal and fellowship during the most wonderful time of the year.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, NOV 19

Newsletter Day

WEDNESDAY, NOV 20

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, NOV 24

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 PM.....Join us to help with our Mission Project.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

NOVEMBER 25th - 29th Thanksgiving Break - Office Closed - No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, NOV 30

Youth Mission - PB Jesus at CFI (Blane will text details)

SUNDAY, DEC 1

9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service*

*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

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



Our **Angel Tree** will be up in the Narthex on the first Sunday of December. Please plan to take the name of someone on the Homebound Ministry list along with a **bookmark angel** located on the Angel Tree. Your personal visit (if you are able) during the holidays and a Christmas gift is very special. The **bookmark angel** is a keepsake reminder of your Homebound Angel throughout the year that needs your thoughts and prayers. Thanks to all who make this a part of their Christmas giving each and every year. It is very meaningful to our Homebound Members.

Attention Ladies

Curious About Our Missions?

Join Us in the New Year for Fellowship and Insight!

Watch for Your Invitation Here!

*Join us for a Miscellaneous Drop-in Shower honoring
 Bride-to-Be Emma Grant and Groom Len Spivey!
 All ladies of the church are warmly invited to drop by
 and celebrate with us on December 15, 2024,
 from 1:30 to 2:30pm in Burch Hall.*

Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report through 11/10/24 – 11/16/24

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 11/10/24 – 11/16/24.....	\$19,567.22
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received.....	\$45,750.57
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$588,985.36
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$544,058.94
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$552,477.93
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 11/10/24 – 11/16/24.....	\$190.00

November 10, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance – 169 Worship Attendance – 218

Coming Up in December at FBC

Dec. Deacons of the Month: Shane Sapp and Zach Luckie
Dec. Ushers: *Jim Womack, *Steve Mitchell, David Evans,
 Clay Cook, Allen Brown, Lamar McDonald, Jonathan Burch,
 and Shane Sapp

- Sun Dec 1 Children Choir Sing (11am Sanctuary)
- Tue Dec 3 Newsletter Day
- Wed Dec 4 Children’s Christmas Nursing Home Parade (Carly will text details)
- Thu Dec 5 Sr. Adult Christmas Banquet (6pm Burch Hall)
- Sun Dec 8 Prayer Garden Dedication (after worship)
 Deacon’s Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)
 Children’s Family Christmas Pary (5-7pm Burch Hall)
- Wed Dec 11 Youth Ugly Sweater Christmas Party (Blane will text details)
- Sun Dec 15 Living Christmas Tree Performance (11am and 6pm)
 Misc. Drop-in Shower honoring Bride-to-Be Emma Grant
 and Groom Len Spivey (1:30-2:30pm Burch Hall)
- Tue Dec 17 Newsletter Day
 Women On Mission Bible Study (10am Library)
- Wed Dec 18 Mission Friends Live Nativity (6pm Sanctuary)
- Sun Dec 22 Children Choir Sing (11am Sanctuary)
- Tue Dec 23 Church Office Hours (8:30a-12:30p) Closed for the rest of the week
- Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6pm Sanctuary)
- Sun Dec 29 Worship Service 10:30am



Give thanks to the LORD,
 For He is good;
 His love endures forever.
 Psalm 107:1

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

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 church information and activities on our website www.fbcfitz.com.



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.*

Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 24th



Thanksgiving Service
Dr. Jerry Mahan

Sunday, December 1st



First Sunday of Advent
Children’s Choir Sings
Dr. Jerry Mahan