

# The Pastor's Pen

JOIN US FOR  
**CHURCH  
CONFERENCE &  
LUNCH**

I hope you will make plans to stay for our Pizza Luncheon together in Burch Hall this Sunday after Worship followed by our Quarterly Church Conference. We will be voting on the church budget for 2025. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be preaching, and the Living Christmas Tree will begin construction. Let's work together to invite people in our community to worship with us each week, especially this Christmas season.

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, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, 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

## Attention Ladies

**Curious About Our Missions?**

**Join Us in the New Year for**

**Fellowship and Insight!**

**Watch for Your Invitation Here!**

## YOUTH NEWS



During WNL each week, we will be using movie clips to discuss topics related to the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. I hope you will bring a friend and join us. WNL is a great time to connect with your friends so join us for snacks, fellowship, and a devotional. In addition, we have the Greatest Teachers in Youth Sunday School. Please attend every week if possible!



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. **WE NEED HELP BUILDING THE TREE!** If you are FREE during the day anytime next Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, please let me know so I can have enough volunteers lined up. Thanks in advance for helping make this possible for our church and community.

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### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 10, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Henry and Betty Whitten by Mr. and Mrs. Max Braun and Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Mobley and family.



The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 17, 2024, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of John Giddens, Sara Giddens Phillips, and James Phillips by Johnny and Gail Giddens and family.



### Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to Gene and Lydia Mason and family, in the death of their son, Andrew Eugene Mason, who passed away on October 30, 2024.

## Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids

**THANK YOU** to all those who made the FALL FESTIVAL a success! It was a great day! The cakewalk raised \$618 for Called to Care!



We had a GREAT time at the Halloween Nursing Home Parade on October 30<sup>th</sup>!



### November Children's Church Volunteers

- November 10 - Carly and TJ Harper
- November 17 - Zach and Kayla Sheppard
- November 24 - Ross and Kristin Campbell



**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry**

**TUESDAY, NOV 5**

Newsletter Day

**WEDNESDAY, NOV 6**

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 10**

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

*LUNCH & CHURCH CONFERENCE FOLLOWING WORSHIP*

**WEDNESDAY, NOV 13**

NO CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE

6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)\*  
 6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs\*

**SUNDAY, NOV 17**

9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*  
 9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*  
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*  
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*  
 11:15 AM.....Children’s Fourth Sunday (Team Kids Room)\*

\*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



**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Need 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 get in touch with the church office at 229-423-4367. The next blood drive at FBC is on December 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Nursery Ministry**

Open on Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm and Sundays 10:00am-12:00pm.  
 Babies & toddlers: Newborn - 3yr olds  
**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**  
 6-8 people to have a good rotation system.  
 Support the young families in our church by keeping this ministry going.

Contact Dana at the church office (229-423-4367 or fbc@fbcfitz.com)

**Our Stewardship Review**

*Budget Report through 10/27/24 – 10/31/24*

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 10/27/24 – 10/31/24.....	\$6,992.93
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received .....	\$73,996.75
YTD Budget Requirement .....	\$563,000.70
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$490,514.06
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$529,129.79
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 10/27/24 – 10/31/24.....	\$738.00

**October 27, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance – 173 Worship Attendance – 257**



*“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*  
 Isaiah 40:29-31



**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/4gQzpb> 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 hit our goal! Thank you for being so supportive of this ministry for children.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Dr. Jerry Mahan**  
 Lunch and Conference  
 following worship in Burch Hall



**November 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Living Christmas Tree Construction**

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dr. Jerry Mahan**