



For us to serve the congregation better, I am asking that you contact the church office first with any requests you may have. What I mean by that is if you need to schedule the use of one of our buildings or need to put an event on the church calendar, in the newsletter or worship bulletin, please contact Dana through the church office first so that the staff can review the request at staff meeting and then Dana can respond back in a timely manner. In recent weeks, individual staff members have been contacted which makes it more difficult to respond. PLEASE KNOW that you should always contact a staff member in case of an emergency. As a reminder, our church office hours are 8:30am-12:15pm and again 1:30pm-5pm, Monday through Thursday. Thanks in advance for your help in this matter. Also, don't forget to invite people to join us on December 15th for our Living Christmas Tree. I hope to see you there!

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

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to Charles Benoit and family, in the death of his mother, Sarah Benoit, who passed away on November 23, 2024.

YOUTH NEWS



We will have an Ugly Christmas Sweater Christmas Party on our LAST WNL of the year which will be on Wednesday, December 11th. Pick your favorite ugly sweater and win a prize. There will be special snacks and Christmas goodies! For the following Wednesday night, the Mission Friends will have their live nativity in Burch Hall 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 at 4pm. 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!

Living Christmas Tree Rehearsals and Performance Schedule



REHEARSALS:

December 8th- 9am and again at 5pm in the Sanctuary
 December 11th – 7pm in the Sanctuary
 December 15th – 8:30am Snacks /9am Rehearsal

PERFORMANCES:

December 15th at 11am and 6pm

Christmas Poinsettias

Honor or Remember a Loved One



Please contact 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 this Sunday, 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 Wednesday, December 18th. A special thank you to all the families that contribute to this ministry.

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 get in touch with Dana at the church office (423-4367) for a name and a size.



Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids



DECEMBER EVENTS

- Christmas Nursing Home Parade** DEC 04
5:45PM @ FBC Nursery or 5:50PM @ Fellowship
Parade starts @ 6pm
- Family Christmas Party** DEC 08
5-7PM
Burch Hall
Train•Ga Ga Ball• Games• Crafts • Snow Machine
- Mission Friends Nativity** DEC 18
Sanctuary
6PM

Children's Choir will sing on December 22nd.

Plan to join us for our **FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY** December 8th from 5-7PM. Bring your favorite side or dessert and join us for an evening of games, Ga Ga Ball, train, crafts, cards, supper and more!

December Children's Church Volunteers

December 8 - Allison and Shane Sapp
 December 15 - No Children's Church (Living Christmas Tree)
 December 22 - Melissa Cowan and Natalie King
 December 29 - No Children's Church

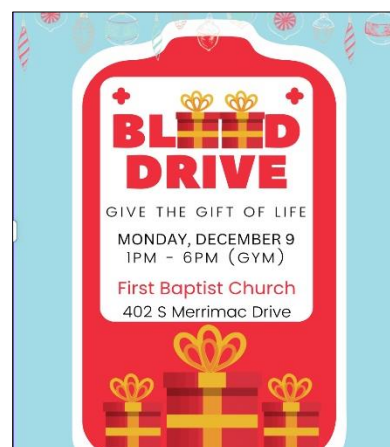
Bicycles and Shoes for Christmas



The Sportsman's Sunday School Class is once again collecting money to buy Bicycles and Tennis Shoes for children in need. If you would like to help with this mission



project, please mark your check or envelopes "Bicycles & Shoes". For more information, call Bill Bryant at 325-5766 or Trey Luckie at 425-7007 or talk to any member of the Sportsman's Sunday School Class.



Join us for Women's Bible Study this Sunday, December 8 at 4:00pm in Mann Hall for a Mission Project.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, DEC 3

Newsletter Day

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4

No Children's Choir Practice

5:45 PM.....Mission Friends (Meet for Halloween Nursing Home Parade Hayride in our Preschool Parking lot)*

5:50 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, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

THURSDAY, DEC 5

6:00 PM.....Sr. Adult Christmas Banquet (Burch Hall)

SUNDAY, DEC 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*

12:00 PM.....Prayer Garden Dedication

4:00 PM.....Join us to help with our Mission Project.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

5:00-7:00 PM.....Children's Family Christmas Party (Burch Hall)

MONDAY, DEC 9

1:00-3:00 PM.....Let's Make A Meal (Burch Hall)

1:00-6:00 PM.....Blood Drive (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11

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, DEC 15

9:00 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*

9:20 AM.....Christmas Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*

11:00 AM.....Living Christmas Tree Performance*

1:30 PM.....Deacons Meeting (Mann Hall)

1:30-2:30 PM.....Spivey Wedding Shower (Burch Hall)

6:00 PM.....Living Christmas Tree Performance

*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

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

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!

Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report through 11/17/24 – 11/23/24

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 11/17/24 – 11/23/24.....	\$7,162.00
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received.....	\$51,680.57
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$601,977.69
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$549,988.94
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$580,791.59
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 11/17/24 – 11/23/24.....	\$485.00

November 17, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance – 160 Worship Attendance – 224

Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Emma Grant, Bride Elect of 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.



The International Mission Board and WMU invite you to participate in the 2024 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer for International Missions. This year's Week of Prayer will be observed

Dec. 1-8. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?



Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch that was prepared for our family on the day of Mother's funeral. Our family from out-of-town raved about how delicious the food tasted and the wide variety that filled the tables. It was truly a blessing to be able to eat and fellowship with one another. I know that it takes a great

deal of coordination to fix each meal, and we were so appreciative. This is such a special ministry that truly conveys the love of our church for one another. Please add my name to your list as I would love to be a part of your ministry. Love, Susan Bryant and family.

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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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, December 8th



Second Sunday of Advent

Dr. Jerry Mahan

Prayer Garden Dedication Following Worship

Sunday, December 15th



Third Sunday of Advent

11am and 6pm