



Prayers for Our People

We are praying for you, your family, your caretakers, and all 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, Dana Dunn, 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



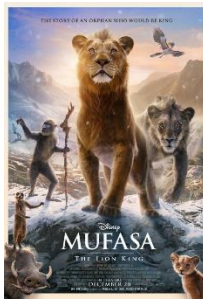
Bicycles and Shoes for Christmas

The Sportsman's Sunday School Class are still 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.



YOUTH NEWS

Winter Break Youth Activities



We had over 60 to attend our Ugly Sweater Youth Christmas Party last week. Thanks to all who attended and really dressed up! We have two great activities scheduled for our Christmas Break.

FIRST, we will meet at the Grand Theatre on Sunday afternoon, December 22nd to watch the new movie Mufasa. Arrive NO LATER than 3:45pm to get your snacks before the show starts. The cost is FREE. You will get a soda, popcorn and candy.



SECOND, we will meet at the church on Monday, December 30th at 9:30am for GELLYBALL!! All the fun takes place at the church. We will divide up teams and play from 10am-11:30am, then have pizza at the church.

YOU NEED TO REGISTER TO PLAY! Text me NOW if your name is NOT on the list to play. See You Sunday at Sunday School and Worship.

MUSIC NOTES



Thanks to all who made our Living Christmas Tree such a wonderful gift to our church and community. Without your dedication to the music ministry, we could not have shared this beautiful message of Christmas and our faith.

You can always count on me to leave a name out of the program, this year it was

Debbie Brown. Thanks, Debbie for singing with us and I promise to do better next time. The Sanctuary Choir WILL NOT Sing for the NEXT TWO SUNDAY MORNINGS. (December 22nd and 29th) WE WILL sing at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. We will sing "Do You Hear What I Hear?". We will sing from the steps at the front of the church so please plan to join us. I will text you more details. Choir practice starts back on January 5th at 9:15am and we sing that day!

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. We ask that the poinsettias be 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.

Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids

Mission Friends Nativity



Wednesday

December 18th

6:00PM

Children's Christmas Choir



Children's Choir will sing this Sunday, December 22nd in Worship.

December Children's Church Volunteers

December 22 - Melissa Cowan and Natalie King

December 29 - No Children's Church

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, DEC 17

Newsletter Day

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18

Last day to accept names and poinsettias

No Wednesday Night Activities other than Mission Friends Live Nativity

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends Live Nativity (Sanctuary)*

SUNDAY, DEC 22

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

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

11:00 AM.....Worship Service*

3:45 PM.....Youth Meet at the Grand Theatre for Mufasa

MONDAY, DEC 23

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Church Office Hours - Open Half Day

TUESDAY, DEC 24 Office Closed

6:00 PM.....Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)



Holiday Church Office Hours

Christmas Day, Wed., December 25 - Closed

Thurs., December 26 - Closed

Mon., December 30 - Open

Tue., December 31 - Open

New Year's Day, Wed., January 1 - Closed

Thurs., January 2 - Open

Offerings can be dropped off by the church office. Be sure your check is dated by or before December 31.

SUNDAY, DEC 29

No Sunday School

10:30 AM.....Worship*

MONDAY, DEC 30

9:30 AM, YOUTH will meet at the Church for Gellyball Game and Pizza Lunch.

TUESDAY, DEC 31

Newsletter Day

*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



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to **Operation Christmas Child**. Our church collected an impressive 112 shoe boxes, not including the online boxes. The website is still open for online donations until December 24. We truly appreciate all of you who helped make this ministry a success for our church.

Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report through 12/8/24 - 12/14/24

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$12,992.33
Weekly Budget Received for 12/8/24 - 12/14/24.....	\$15,435.72
Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received.....	\$103,940.13
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$645,285.43
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$660,036.92
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$623,266.33
Special Gifts (Non-Budget) for the week of 12/24 - 12/14/24.....	\$1,175.00

December 1, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance - 164 Worship Attendance - 314
December 8, 2024 - Sunday School Attendance - 172 Worship Attendance - 300



THE RAs CHRISTMAS JAR

After a year of giving to the RA Christmas Jar.

The RAs have chosen these items to give to the Samaritan's Purse:

- Food a Hungry Baby
- Hot Meals for Children
- Blankets and Bedding
- Life-Saving Medical Equipment
- Plant a Grove of Trees
- Restore Sight to the Blind
- Clean Water for a Community

God Bless our RA boys!

Ladies of the Church

You are invited to join the Women on Mission Bible Study Group on Tuesday, January 21st at 10am in Burch Hall. Enjoy fellowship, food, and an opportunity to learn more about their group and missions.

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 22nd



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Children's Choir Sings
Dr. Jerry Mahan



On Sunday December 29TH/* Note Time Change*
Communion Service / Dr. Jerry Mahan