

**New Wording for Pastor Search Committee**

**By laws change presented at Conference**

At our quarterly church conference on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary, the church will be asked to approve a ByLaw Change. This change will be in reference to the way First Baptist Church selects the Pastor Search Committee. The change will be:

“The pastor search committee will be composed of nine members, nominated by the deacons, and elected by the church. The committee shall be composed of the Chairman of the Deacons, and eight members at large. The deacons should work hard to nominate a committee that has a “broad and equitable representation,” meaning that the committee’s makeup should reflect the array of ages, genders, situations in life, areas of expertise and perspective within our congregation. Only one spousal partner or family member should be nominated by the deacons to serve on the committee and no paid employee or immediate family member of a paid employee shall be eligible to serve on the committee. Once the pastor search committee begins the search process, the committee members will not change, even if the leadership from the deacons change. If, for whatever reason, a member becomes unable to continue to serve, the deacons may choose a replacement without the necessity of a church vote.”

**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, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Dawn Clements, Shirley Coxen, Dana Dunn, Joni Wiggins Fox, Kay Fussell, Chase Giddens, Ed Hill, Peggy Hogan, Cheryl Luckie, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Sue McGee, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Betty Redus, 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

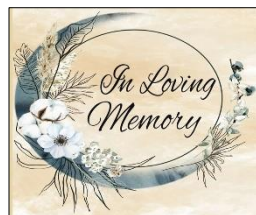
**Homebound Members – Fitzgerald and Out of Town/State**

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

**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 19, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Alvin Giddens and Gary Giddens by Joyce Giddens, Johnny & Gail Giddens and family, and Betsy Giddens and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 26, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Lucille Walker Vann, Mike & Vicky Walker, Phil Walker and Jack Walker by Eddie & Kendra Walker and family.



**YOUTH NEWS**

**Summer Youth Mission Camp 2025**



SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE NOW UP for our Summer Youth Mission Camp 2025! Our DATES ARE SET for June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>! A \$50 deposit is DUE BY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>. We will return to the World Golf Village and do mission work in the Jacksonville Area. We will start working on Youth Sunday in the next few weeks. More details will be available at WNL and SS.



Thanks to all who joined us for our Gelly Ball Game during the Christmas Break. It was lots of fun and hopefully, we can do it again soon.

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First, let me say THANK YOU to those who helped us BOTH build and take down the Living Christmas Tree. It went very smoothly thanks to all those who helped. You are the BEST! We are back in full swing with the Sanctuary choir, handbells, and orchestra. Unfortunately over the past few years, since COVID, our handbell choir and orchestra have lost members. If you are interested in playing in either of these ensembles, please let me know. As a reminder, the Sanctuary Choir practices each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. The orchestra and Handbells play with the hymns each Sunday, and new choir members are always welcome to join us!

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**Sympathy**

We express our deepest Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to Anne & David Nelms and Nancy and Barry Yeager and their families, in the death of their beloved mother, Lavelle Deloach “Deedy” Fitzgerald, who passed away on January 2, 2025.

**Attention Ladies of the Church**

You are invited to join the Women On Mission Bible Study Group on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10 AM in Burch Hall. Enjoy fellowship, food, and an opportunity to learn more about the group and its missions.



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



Make plans to join us for the annual RA Racing Night on February 5<sup>th</sup>. All ages are encouraged to come and support our RAs! GAs will have a concession stand.



Sign up NOW for PASSPORTkids Camp 2025! Camp will be July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Rock Eagle for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**January Children's Church Volunteers**

January 12 - Mollie and Trent Taylor  
January 19 - Jane Szoke, Kate Phillips and Caroline Spivey  
January 26 - Rebecca Dawson and Jennifer Wiley

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**Let's Make A Meal Cooking Day**  
January 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am (Burch Hall)  
We will cook and freeze meals to serve others. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! No supplies are needed. Any questions contact Linda Hatcher at 229-425-6172.

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry**

**TUESDAY, JAN 14**

Newsletter Day

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 15**

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, JAN 19**

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*  
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*  
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*  
 4:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

**TUESDAY, JAN 21**

10:00 AM.....Women on Mission Bible Study Group (Burch Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 22**

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, JAN 26**

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*  
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*  
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*  
 1:30-2:30 PM...Bridal Shower honoring Mollie Tolbert, Bride Elect of Ben Braddy  
 4:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

**MONDAY, JAN 27**

9:00 AM.....Let’s Make A Meal (Burch Hall)

\*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

**Jan. Deacons of the Month:** Scott Sheppard and Kevin Phillips

**Jan. Ushers:** \*James Campbell, \*Bill Bryant, Van Waters, Mike Raynor, Donald Wiggins, Phil Stokes, Stan Bryant, Keith Wood, Jeff Thompson, Charles Benoit, Drew Wiley, and Reid Luckie



**Our Stewardship Review**  
**Budget Report through the End of Year - 2024**

Monthly Budget Required.....	\$56,300.08
MTD Budget Received .....	\$167,190.97
YTD Budget Requirement .....	\$675,601.00
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$723,287.76
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$653,677.39

**Budget Report through 01/01/25 – 01/14/25**

Monthly Budget Required.....	\$47,867.83
MTD Budget Received .....	\$17,609.00
YTD Budget Requirement .....	\$22,093.44
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$17,609.00
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$12,229.14

**January 5, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 168    Worship Attendance – 211**  
**January 12, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 173    Worship Attendance – 325**



*Dear FBC Church Family, Thank you for the outpouring of love shown to our family with the passing of our husband, father, and grandfather, Troy Roberts. Your love and kindness have meant so much to us. We are truly grateful for the meal that was prepared for our family before the funeral, along with your cards and condolences that we have received. Continue to pray for us and again thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus during this time. Much love, The Roberts and Spivey family*

**Available Sundays for the Sanctuary Flowers**

Below are available Sundays for the Sanctuary Flowers that are placed in memory or honor of. Don't hesitate to contact the church office (229-423-4367) if you would like to confirm a Sunday.



- 1st Sunday of March (permanent)
- 3rd Sunday of March (permanent)
- 5th Sunday of March (only for the year 2025)
- 4th Sunday of June (permanent)
- 5th Sunday of June (only for the year 2025)
- 1st Sunday of July (permanent)
- 5th Sunday of August (only for the year 2025)
- 5th Sunday of November (only for the year 2025)

**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 [fbcf@fbcfitz.com](mailto:fbcf@fbcfitz.com). You can also check out church information 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.*



**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 9:15am**  
**Sunday School at 10am**  
**Worship at 11am**  
**Dr. Jerry Mahan**

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:30pm Children’s Choir Practice**  
**6:00pm Adult Bible Study**  
**Youth Wednesday Night Live**  
**Mission Friends, R.A. and G.A**

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**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 9:15am**  
**Sunday School at 10am**  
**Worship at 11am**  
**Dr. Jerry Mahan**