

So many exciting things are happening here at First Baptist Church. This past Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of Will Rodgers. Our RA Racers had a great turn out, not only the number of racers, but also the GA girls helping raise money for the Christian Kitchen. We have much to look forward to in the month of March. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a Gideon share briefly during worship and you will have an opportunity to give to this great organization. The week of prayer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is March 2-9. I encourage you to pray but to also give to this annual offering. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, don't miss the Jimmy Fortune Concert at the Grand Theatre. See Blane if you are a part of the music ministry here at FBC and want a ticket. Then on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate Youth Sunday which is always a wonderful time to encourage and hear from our young people. I hope to see you Sunday and Wednesday!

*Jerry*

**Prayers for Our People**

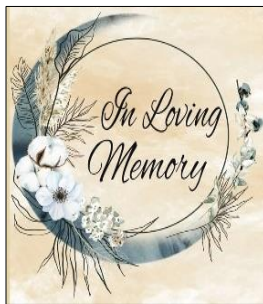
We are praying for you, your family, your caretakers, and all God will do for you. Let us pray for: Rachel Bishop, Denise Bowen, Linda Braun, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Dawn Clements, Shirley Coxen, Dana Dunn, Joni Wiggins Fox, Gannett Fulford, Kay Fussell, Chase Giddens, Ed Hill, Peggy Hogan, Cheryl Luckie, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Betty Redus, Wynona Roberts, Debbie Sherret, Kelly Sumner, 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  
 Lois Eppes–Middleburg, FL

**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 2, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Brad Bryant, Charlie Beall, David McCranie, Johnny Whidden, Alan "Snake" Dixon, Dr. Bill Hammond, Ted Cowan, Gary "Bull" Giddens, Ronnie Phillips, Ron Hannon, Arthur Hill, Jerry "Flop" Fletcher, Bill Liles, and Tony Gordon who were members of The Sportsman's Sunday School Class.



**55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon**  
 Monday, March 3  
 12p (Burch Hall)

**Deacons Meeting**  
 Sunday, February 9  
 1:30p (Mann Hall)

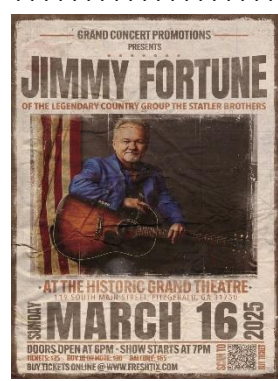
**YOUTH NEWS**  
**SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR**  
**Summer Youth Mission Camp 2025**



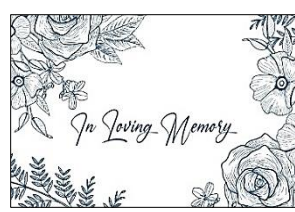
SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE NOW UP for our Summer Youth Mission Camp 2025! Our DATES ARE SET for June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>! A \$50 deposit is DUE BY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>. We will return to the World Golf Village and do mission work in the Jacksonville Area.



Youth Sunday is set for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check your text for rehearsal times for our Puppet Team and the Youth Handbell Choir. Thanks to so many who are participating.

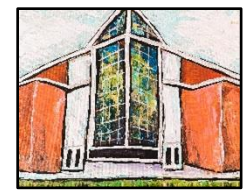


If you are in the choir, orchestra, or handbell choir, I hope you will allow me to buy your ticket to see Jimmy Fortune on Sunday night, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Just let me know and I will get your ticket for this outstanding event. If you have not heard him, please mark this date and plan to attend. He is OUTSTANDING! Also, as a reminder, the Sanctuary Choir practices each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. AND AGAIN at 10:45am in the Choir Room. The orchestra and Handbells play with the hymns each Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime!



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The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 9, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Thurston Ashley, Robert Cook and Carol Cook Davis by Patsy Cook and Family.



**WHAT'S GOING ON AT FBC**

**March Deacons of the Month:** Stewart Carswell and Ed Hill  
**March Ushers:** \*Gene Mason, \*Bryan Griffin, Mike Sherret, Brent Brown, Paul Dawson, David Herlovich, Ken Thames, Michael Baxter, and Edward Hill, Jr.

- Sat Mar 1** BH-Irwin Baptist Campground Clean-up Day (7am-12pm)
- Sun Mar 2** Gideon International Day of Giving  
Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Mon Mar 3** 55+Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)
- Sun Mar 9** **Daylight Savings Start**  
Deacons Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)
- Tue Mar 11** Newsletter Day
- Tue Mar 18** Women On Mission Bible Study (10am Library)
- Fri Mar 21-22** RAs Kamp Kaleo Weekend Trip
- Sun Mar 23** Youth Sunday  
Ice Cream Party (1:30-3pm Burch Hall)
- Tue Mar 25** Newsletter Day

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



**RA RACING NIGHT**  
 It was a great night for the RA Racers! Special THANKS to Mr. Larry, Mr. Brian, and all those who made it

a great night! The GAs raised \$403 for the Christian Kitchen! THANKS to the GA leaders and moms for a great concession stand! 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. Please let me know if your child wants to attend as soon as possible.



**VALENTINE'S PARTY** We had a great time at the Sunday School Valentine's Party on 2/9/25. We had 28 children attend! Thanks to all those who helped make it a GREAT morning!



**March Children's Church Volunteers**  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Kayla and Zach Sheppard  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Trista and Ryan Clemons

**The Mission Friends** collected donations for the Samaritan's Purse and were able to purchase the following items: Beekeeping, Goats and Dairy Animals, Farm and Garden Projects, and Chicken and Poultry products for a total of \$262.



**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry**

**TUESDAY, FEB 25**

Newsletter Day

**WEDNESDAY, FEB 26**

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, MAR 2**

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)

**MONDAY, MAR 3**

12:00 PM.....55+ Club Luncheon (Burch Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 5**

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, MAR 9**

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)\*  
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*  
 11:00 AM.....Worship Service\*  
 1:30 PM.....Deacons Meeting (Mann Hall)  
 4:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

**TUESDAY, MAR 11**

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

**Feb. Deacons of the Month:** Mike Smith and Byron Smith

**Feb. Ushers:** \*Byron Smith, \*Lew Brinson, Bob Jones, Todd Cook, Kevin Phillips, Johnny Giddens, Jared Garner, Tony Eckler, and Justin Phillips

**Available Sundays for the Sanctuary Flowers**

We still have available Sundays for the Sanctuary Flowers which 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.



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



A Gideon speaker will briefly share during our worship service on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. First Baptist has always given generously to the Gideon Organization. Please come prepared to contribute to this important ministry on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Our Stewardship Review**

*Budget Report as of 02/25/25*

Monthly Budget Required.....	\$47,867.83
MTD Budget Received .....	\$30,180.43
YTD Budget Requirement .....	\$92,053.54
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$75,522.16
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$89,100.20

**February 16, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 115    Worship Attendance – 158**  
**February 23, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 160    Worship Attendance – 237**

**Volunteer!**

Whether you are an individual or group, we have a place for you! Each build week, work begins on Monday morning and concludes the following Saturday. Feel free to get creative and bring 3 people for the first three days and another set of 3 for the remaining 3 days; we invite this type of flexibility! Worksite hours are 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM daily on Monday through Saturday. Come join us!

**BUILD WEEKS:**  
 MARCH 31 - APRIL 5  
 APRIL 7 - APRIL 12  
 HOLY WEEK OFF  
 APRIL 21 - 26  
 APRIL 28 - MAY 2

The Fuller Center in cooperation with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia is building an entire home in Fitzgerald, which is within a county of persistent rural poverty. The building begins on the 31<sup>st</sup> and help is needed each day. Work teams from around the state will head up the construction each week but extra volunteers are needed. See Blane for more information.



This year, The Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is March 2-9, 2025. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will change lives forever by empowering North American missionaries to bring the gospel to the lost. Your generous gifts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

**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 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.*



**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 9:15am  
 Sunday School at 10am  
 Worship at 11am

Gideon will share briefly about the Gideon Ministry  
 Dr. Jerry Mahan will Preach

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 9:15am  
 Sunday School at 10am  
 Worship at 11am

Dr. Jerry Mahan  
 Deacon’s Meeting at 1:30PM in Mann Hall