

The deacons have concluded the selection of the pastor search committee. All members selected have agreed to serve, and no alternates had to be contacted. Thanks to the deacons for their hard work, thanks to the church for all the prayers, and thanks to the members who are willing to serve First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald. The members listed below will need to be approved by a church vote THIS SUNDAY MORNING, March 30, 2025. This vote will be a secret ballot so please prayerfully consider these nominees.

> Christine Cook Mackenzie Rathburn Debbie Hall Brown Sandy Bostelman Zach Luckie David Herlovich Jimmy Davis Mike Smith

Hank Cook

I Hope To See You Sunday,

Gerry

## **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, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Betty Redus, Wynona Roberts, Donna Sheffield, Kayla Sheppard, Debbie Sherret, Kelly Sumner, Lee Taylor, Katrina Vaughn, Van Waters, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil, 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, April 6, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Doris and Wilmer Stewart by Kenny and Jean Brown and family.



Dear First Baptist Church, Thank you so much for giving these students money for the book fair. They had so much fun picking out books and wanting to read them right away. Thank you for helping to

foster their love of reading. Sincerely, Donna Owens-BHP CIS Site Coordinator, and the students: Ryan, McKadyn, Kanden, Le'Asia, Sadie, Kason, Raigen, Jaceon, Graycie, Lilly, Mason, and Maraysia

# **YOUTH NEWS** SUMMER YOUTH CAMP **DEPOSIT PAST DUE**



Summer Youth Camp sign-up has closed out and the \$50 deposit is now PAST DUE! If your plans have changed and you DO NOT plan to attend,

PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP. If you didn't sign up but wanted to go, I can place you on a waiting list. Don't forget to join us on March 29<sup>th</sup> to work at Peanut Butter and Jesus. Everyone attending Camp needs to have worked at least one time before June 1st. You can also work at the Fuller House work site during April if you are 16 or over. See me for more details. \*\*THANKS to all who participated in Youth Sunday! You ALL did an outstanding job!!



Graduation is just around the corner for the Class of 2025! We will meet during Sunday School on SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> to plan your Graduate Service. BRING your Graduate and Baby Pictures PLUS the number of people planning to attend the Graduate Banquet. **ALL JUNIORS** and their parents will meet immediately

following worship to start working on the Graduate Banquet. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Don't miss Sanctuary Choir practice each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. AND AGAIN at 10:45am in the Choir Room. The Orchestra and Handbells play the hymns each Sunday. We have had a few new folks join us! Remember, everyone is welcome anytime!



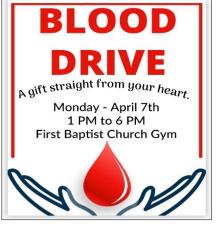


## The Pruitt Family

On March 16, 2025, Tucker, Chason, and Palmer Pruitt joined our church. Chason desires membership in the church by statement. Tucker and Palmer made a profession of faith and were

baptized together on March 23. Palmer is eight years old, the daughter of Tucker and Chason, and the granddaughter of Steve and Sue Purdy and Robby and Jill Pruitt. We welcome our newest members, our brother and sisters in Christ.





# Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids

THANK YOU to all of those who came and supported our Ice Cream Party. We raised \$500 for Called to Care!



Palm Sunday is April 13th. Be sure to join us for "Waving of the Palms" during worship. We will meet in the Narthex at 10:50AM.

PASSPORTkids Camp will be July 13th-16th at Rock Eagle for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child wants to attend.

## March & April Children's Church Volunteers

March 30th Kevin & Nan Phillips

April 6th Melissa Cowan & Natalie King April 13th Courtney & Daniel

Calhoun



April 19th 9AM

-Easter Nursing Home Parade April 23rd 5:45PM

-Children's Sunday May 11th

## **Opportunities for Worship and Ministry**

#### TUESDAY, MAR 25

Newsletter Day

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WEDNESDAY, MAR 26	
5:30 PM	
6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)*
6:00 PM	Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*
SATURDAY, MAR 29	
8:00 AM	Youth PB & Jesus (CFI)
SUNDAY, MAR 30	
9:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
	Sunday School*
11:00 AM	Worship Service*
4:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)
SUNDAY, APR 6	
	Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
	Sunday School*
	Worship Service*
	Bridal Shower in honor of Lynnsey Eckler (Burch Hall)
4:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)
MONDAY, APR 7	
12:00 PM	55+Club/Young At Heart (Burch Hall)

#### TUESDAY, APR 8

Newsletter Day

1:00-6:00 PM.

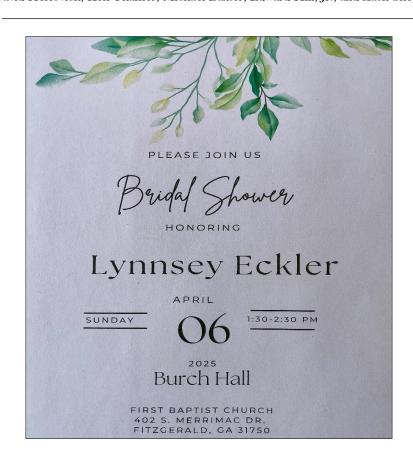
Exercise Class - Tues. & Thurs. every week at 10:00 AM in Mann Hall

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, closed all day Friday

 $8{:}30\mathrm{am}\text{-}12{:}15\mathrm{pm}$  (12:15-1:30 closed for lunch & office errands) 1:30pm-5pm

Mar. Deacons of the Month: Stewart Carswell and Ed Hill

Mar. Ushers: \*Gene Mason, \*Bryan Griffin, Mike Sherret, Brent Brown, Paul Dawson, David Herlovich, Ken Thames, Michael Baxter, Edward Hill, Jr., and Zach Sheppard



#### **Our Stewardship Review**

#### Budget Report as of 3/25/25

Monthly Budget Required	\$47,867.83
MTD Budget Received	
YTD Budget Requirement	
YTD Budget Giving Received	
YTD Budget Expenses	

March 16, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 162 Worship Attendance – 243 March 23, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 177 Worship Attendance – 301



..Blood Drive (Gymnasium)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL

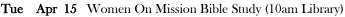
**Apr. Deacons of the Month:** Trey Luckie and David Roberts **Apr. Ushers:** \*Jimmy Davis, Bobby Tharp, Ronnie Clemons, Greg Brown, Tony Sheffield, Scott Sheppard, Mark Turner, Eric Stone, Brian Gunter, and Tyler Clemons

Sun	Apr 6	Bridal Shower in honor of Lynnsey Eckler		
		(1:30-2:30pm Burch Hall)		
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Mon Apr 7 55+Club/Young At Heart (12pm Burch Hall) Blood Drive (1:00-6:00pm Gym)

Tue Apr 8 Newsletter Day

Sun Apr 13 Palm Sunday - Children will wave the palms Deacons' Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)



Wed Apr 16 Spring Break Week - No Wednesday Activities

Sat Apr 19 Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast (9am Burch Hall)

Sun Apr 20 Easter Vigil Sunrise Service (7am FBC Breezeway)

Tue Apr 22 Newsletter Day

Wed Apr 23 Easter Nursing Home Parade (see Carly's article for details)

Sun Apr 27 First Round of Deacon Selection



#### Church Staff

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			
Custodian			
Housekeeping	Ms. Antoinette Hill		
Church Organist	Ms. Barbara Jacobs		
Church Pianist	Ms. Susan Spivey		
Nursery StaffMs. Dana Luckie, Ms. Car	ndy Herod, and Ms. Megan McLeod		
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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.



# Wednesday, March 26th

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

# Sunday, March 30th

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



Baby Dedication Service Dr. Jerry Mahan

## Wednesday, April 2<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

# Sunday, April 6th

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

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<sup>\*</sup>Nursery Staff available for these events.