

There are several important dates to remember over the next few weeks, so mark your calendars!

April 27th- Sportsman Class Choir sings and 1th Round Deacon Election

May 4<sup>th</sup>- Church Conference following Worship

May 11th- Children's Sunday in Worship

May 18th- Graduate Sunday in Worship followed by the Graduate

Banquet AND 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Deacon Election

Deacons meeting at 1:30pm

May 25<sup>th</sup>- Our Annual Memorial Day Worship Service 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, Lisa Cunningham,
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, 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–Fitzgerald and Lynn Bryant–St. Simons Is.

Lois Eppes–Middleburg, FL



# In Loving Memory

#### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 27, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Horace and Kathryn Finley by Lamar, Kathy, and Jeremy Stone.

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 4, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Mandy Hannon Luckie by John, Cheryl, Trey, Dana, Reid, and Mia Luckie.

#### **Sympathy**

We express our deepest Christian sympathy and heartfelt prayers to Ronnie and Peggy Clemons and their family in the passing of Ronnie's brother, Jimmy Ray Clemons of Pensacola, FL, on April 9, 2025.

# **YOUTH NEWS**

Summer Youth Camp is just over 6 weeks away and I am so excited out our time together. You will receive updated information about the camp in the next few weeks. If your plans have changed and YOU ARE NOT GOING, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP!!

#### NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WNL ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th!!



Our Graduate Recognition Service and Banquet is set for Sunday morning, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Remember Graduates that you will decorate your Graduate Table on Saturday morning, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am as the Jr. Class gathers to decorate and prepare for the meal. If you have not turned in your total for the banquet and your baby and grad picture, see me NOW!

The Sportsman Class will fill the loft this Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at 10:25am in the choir loft to run through our songs. Thanks to all who plan to participate in this annual tradition of our church.



There will be NO Sanctuary Choir practice on April 27<sup>th</sup> and the choir will not sing. We will rehearse on May 4<sup>th</sup> and sing during worship.



# **Deacon Election Announcement**

Our first round of Deacon Elections will take place on Sunday, April 27, 2025, followed by the second round on Sunday, May 18. This schedule has been set to avoid any conflict with our Children's Day Service on Mother's Day, May 11.



# **Placing God's Word Around the World**

We are pleased to report that a total of \$3,525 was received for the Gideon offering. Your generous contributions help further the mission of sharing God's Word around the world. Thank you for your faithful support to this important ministry.



# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Update

We are grateful to share that \$2,879 was received for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Your truehearted support and generosity help advance the mission of sharing the Gospel throughout North America. Thank you for your continued commitment to this vital ministry.

# Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids



Join us THIS Wednesday for our Nursing Home Parade! For those who want to ride the trailer, meet at the FBC Preschool, all others meet at Fellowship. The parade starts at 6pm! We will have ice cream at the FBC Preschool playground after the parade.



THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Egg Hunt and to the Sportsman's class for a great breakfast! We had around 40 children join us this past Saturday for a great time!

# Children's Church Volunteers

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Justin and Elizabeth Phillips May 4<sup>th</sup> - Rebecca Dawson and Jennifer Wiley May 11<sup>th</sup> - No Children's Church CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

#### **Opportunities for Worship and Ministry**

#### **TUESDAY, APR 22**

Newsletter Day

#### WEDNESDAY, APR 23

10:00 AM	Sunday School*
10:25 AM	Sportsman Class Choir Rehearsal*
11:00 AM	First Round of Deacon Election*
11:00 AM	
5:00 PM	
WEDNESDAY, APR 30	•
5:30 PM	Children's Choir Practice (Children's Choir Room)*

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6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm) *
	NO WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*
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9:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
	Sunday School*
	Worship Service*
	Quarterly Church Conference (Sanctuary)
	women's Dible Study (Main Hail)

#### MONDAY, MAY 5

#### TUESDAY, MAY 6

Newsletter Day

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

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



# **Pictures for Our Memorial Day Service**

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Memorial Day Service. As a part of that special service, we will once again present our "Faces of Freedom" video. If you have a family member that you would like to include, please turn the picture into the Church office **NO LATER THAN MAY 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you would

like to email your picture, please contact Dana Luckie for more details.



# 55+ CLUB/ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Monday, May 5, 2025 12:00pm in Burch Hall Hosts: Ellene Echols, Margaret Maloy, Nancy Brinson, Kathleen Cook, and Hank Cook

#### **Our Stewardship Review**

#### Budget Report as of 4/22/25

Monthly Budget Required	\$47,867.83
MTD Budget Received	
YTD Budget Requirement	\$176,742.84
/TD Budget Giving Received	
/TD Budget Expenses	

April 13, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 128 Worship Attendance – 279 April 20, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 215 Worship Attendance – 526

## What's Going on at FBC in May

May Deacons of the Month: Zach Sheppard and Eric Stone May Ushers: \*Billy McEachern, \*Mike Ellis, Hank Cook, Jim Burke, Stewart Carswell, Nathan Carswell,

Logan Carswell, Tommy Roberts, Donnie Hopkins,

Jason Dunn, Guy Selph, Zach Luckie, and Taylor Spivey

Sun May 4 Quarterly Church Conference (12pm Sanctuary)

Mon May 5 55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)

Sun May 11 Children's Sunday/Mother's Day (11am Sanctuary)

Sun May 14 Children's Last Day of Mission Friends, GAs and RAs

Sun May 18 Graduate's Sunday (11am Sanctuary)

Second Round of Deacon Election (11am Sanctuary)
Deacon's Meeting (1:30 Mann Hall \*Note the change of date)

Tue May 20 Women on Mission Bible Study (10am Library)

Sun May 25 Memorial Day Service (11am Sanctuary)



# Recognizing Our College Graduates!

In the June newsletter, we would like to recognize all college and technical college graduates who are members of FBC. <u>Please submit no later than May 16<sup>th</sup></u> your graduate's information and graduation picture to the church office. Contact the church office at 229-423-4367 for more information regarding picture details. Information needed: graduate's name, school name, degree, and career plans.

#### **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	Mr. Jeffrey Morgan	
Housekeeping	Ms. Antoinette Hill	
Church Organist	Ms. Barbara Jacobs	
Church Pianist	Ms. Susan Spivey	
Nursery StaffMs. Dana Luckie, Ms. Candy Herod, and Ms. Megan McLeod		
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# Glad Tidings

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, April 23rd

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

## Sunday, April 27th

Sunday School at 10am Worship at 11am SPORTSMAN'S CLASS CHOIR WILL SING



First Round of Deacon Election

# Wednesday, April 30th

5:30pm Children's Choir Practice 6:00pm Adult Bible Study NO YOUTH Wednesday Night Live Mission Friends, R.A. and G.A

# Sunday, May 4th

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



*Ouarterly Church Conference following Worship in the Sanctuary* 

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