

I hope you will take advantage of the upcoming Sunday services and invite your friends and neighbors to join you for Worship!  
May 11<sup>th</sup>- Children’s Sunday in Worship  
May 18<sup>th</sup>- 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,  
*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, 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, Maple Court (Tifton): Shirley Coxen, and Legacy Village (Tifton): Wynona Roberts

**Homebound Members – Fitzgerald and Out of Town/State**  
June and Don Morris–Fitzgerald and Lynn Bryant–St. Simons Is.



**Sanctuary Flowers**  
The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 11, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Myrtle Harris and her children, Sue, Bobby Joe, Fay, Joyce, Johnny, James, and Don by Barbara Harris and family.



The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 18, 2025, are dedicated to the 2025 High School Graduates and Their Families, as well as all the teachers who taught them here at First Baptist Church.

**Sympathy**  
We express our deepest Christian sympathy and heartfelt prayers to Jan Eppes Duncan, Keith Eppes, and their family in the passing of their mother, Lois Eppes of Middleburg, FL, on May 4, 2025.

### YOUTH NEWS

Summer Youth Camp is just over 6 weeks away, and I am so excited about 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!!

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!

There is no choir, orchestra, or handbells on May 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Annual Memorial Day Musical Service is Sunday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup>. This annual event recognizes the great sacrifice those we love gave to our nation. We will have choir practice that morning at 9:15am to run through our songs and practice our flag presentation. The choir, orchestra, and handbells will play each week during the summer if at all possible. (We will not play or sing on June 8<sup>th</sup>) We will also have a handbell workshop this summer. If you would like to join the handbell choir, please let me know.

**FINAL ROUND OF DEACON ELECTION**  
**Sunday, May 18, 2025**  
The twelve names are in alphabetical order, from which six will be chosen.  
Charles Benoit, Brent Brown, Johnny Burch, Tyler Clemons, Todd Cook, Will Hammond, Gene Mason, Chris Miller, Wesley Mitchell, Tommy Roberts, Bobby Tharp, and Jim Womack



### Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids

Join us this Sunday to celebrate our children!

May 14<sup>th</sup> is our last night of Wednesday night activities for children. We will resume in August!

### Summer Events

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May 11 - Children’s Sunday  
May 14 - Last Wednesday night  
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June 1 - Bike Afternoon 12-2  
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July 9 - Water Wars  
July 13-16 Passportkids Camp  
July 26-27 - VBS  
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**Playground Update**  
We are excited to begin raising funds to update our playground. We plan to get a large new metal piece for the center, a smaller wooden piece, a mural along the back wall, rubber pellet flooring, and update the swings.

**Children's Church Volunteers**  
May 11<sup>th</sup> - No Children's Church (CHILDREN'S SUNDAY)  
May 18<sup>th</sup> - Jad and Erin Dixon  
May 25<sup>th</sup> - No Children's Church (MEMORIAL DAY)



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Newsletter Day

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

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, MAY 11

10:00 AM.....Sunday School \*  
11:00 AM.....Children’s Sunday Service \*  
5:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

No Children’s Choir Practice

6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm) \*  
6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs \*

SUNDAY, MAY 18

10:00 AM.....Sunday School \*  
11:00 AM.....Graduate Sunday Service \*  
12:00 PM.....Graduates’ and their families Banquet (Burch Hall)  
1:30 PM.....Deacons Meeting (Mann Hall)  
5:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Newsletter Day

10:00 AM.....Women on Mission (Library)

\*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

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, Zach Luckie, and Taylor Spivey



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.



Recognizing Our College Graduates

In the June newsletter, we would like to recognize all college and technical college graduates who are members of FBC. ***Please submit no later than May 16<sup>th</sup>*** 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.

Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report for the End of April

Monthly Budget Required.....	\$47,867.83
MTD Budget Received .....	\$43,674.00
YTD Budget Requirement .....	\$191,471.44
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$178,650.68
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$194,474.52

Budget Report as of 5/6/25

Monthly Budget Required.....	\$47,867.83
MTD Budget Received .....	\$16,284.00
YTD Budget Requirement .....	\$202,517.86
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$194,934.68
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$199,571.59

April 27, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 152    Worship Attendance – 259  
May 4, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 157    Worship Attendance – 292

What’s Going on at FBC in May

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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 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)

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, Ms. Candy 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, May 7th

5:30pm Children’s Choir Practice

6:00pm Adult Bible Study

Youth Wednesday Night Live, Mission Friends, R.A., and G.A

Sunday, May 11th

Sunday School at 10am and Children’s Sunday Service at 11am



Wednesday, May 14th

NO Children’s Choir Practice

6:00pm Adult Bible Study

Youth Wednesday Night Live, Mission Friends, R.A., and G.A

Sunday, May 18

Sunday School at 10am and Graduate Sunday Service at 11am



Final Round of Deacon Election

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