

When I served before as your pastor, Claudette and I were so impressed by the Memorial Day worship service. We often wondered why more of our folks and folks in the community did not attend. I want to encourage you to join us on May 25th for that special service which also kicks off our Casual Sundays that will continue until Labor Day. Invite a friend and join us as we Honor and Remember those who have served and continue to sacrifice for our freedoms.

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, 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 25, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Richard Coxen and all Veterans by his wife Shirley and his children in remembrance of his 26 years of military service and his love for his country.



The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 1, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Russell & Aubrey Prescott and Russell, Jr. & Norma Prescott by Cecilia & Ed Greene, Donna & Tony Sheffield, and Catharine & Gregg Gunby.

#### **Sympathy**

We express our deepest Christian sympathy and heartfelt prayers to Gail Jinright and family in the passing of her husband, Ted Jinright, on April 25, 2025.

# **YOUTH NEWS**

# FBC Graduating Class of 2025



Gabe Arnold



Cason Brown





Rachel Dale Murphey McCranie







Rhodes McCranie Sophie Thombley Emmy Wiley

LOOKING AHEAD: SUMMER YOUTH CAMP letters are going out next week! Don't forget there is **No WNL May 21<sup>st</sup>.** On May 28<sup>th</sup> – Meet At Rancho at 6pm for "School's Out For Summer Celebration Supper". ALL Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are Invited & Bring money for your supper. 

Our Annual Memorial Day Musical Service is THIS Sunday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup>. This annual event recognizes the great sacrifice those that we love gave to our nation. We will have choir practice that morning at 9:00am 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 also have a handbell workshop this summer. If you would like to join the handbell choir, please let me know. \*



**Deacon Election Results** Beginning July 1st, serving 2025-2028 Brent Brown, Johnny Burch, Tyler Clemons, Todd Cook, Wesley Mitchell, Bobby Tharp

# Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids

We had a great final Wednesday night! We finished up our Wednesday night of Activities for this school year with 51 children! A HUGE thank you to all our leaders for another great year!





Again, I want to say a special thank you to Ms. Cheryl Luckie, who is retiring from leading our GAs. We are so thankful for all your time and dedication to the GAs.

We are excited to begin raising funds to update our playground. You can now donate through Pushpay or by putting 'playground' on the memo of your check.

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 25th - No Children's Church (MEMORIAL DAY) June 1<sup>st</sup> - Bonnie and Lyndee Gray and Jennifer Brown June 8th - Mollie and Trent Taylor

# Upcoming Summer Events

June 1st - Game & Bike Afternoon (12-2pm Mann Hall/Gym) July 9<sup>th</sup> - Water Wars (5:30-7pm Burch Hall) July 13th-16th - PASSPORTkids Camp July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - VBS

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

# TUESDAY, MAY 20

Newsletter Day	
10:00 AM	Women on Mission (Library)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21	
6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)*
SUNDAY, MAY 25	
10:00 AM	Sunday School*
11:00 AM	Worship Service*
5:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)
MONDAY, MAY 26 - Church O	ffice is CLOSED.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

6:00 <b>PM</b>	
	Youth School's Out For Summer Celebration (meet at Rancho)

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

10:00 AM	Sunday School*	
	Worship Service*	
*Summer Youth Camp Orientation in the Sanctuary following Worship*		
12:00-2:00 PM	Children's Bike Afternoon (Gym)	

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 3

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

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



Dear Church Members and Friends, Just a few words to express my heartfelt feelings you all gave during the time of loss of my loved one. Thank y'all for your prayers and blessings for the days ahead. With comfort and blessings for our family and friends, I truly thank you. May God bless you all. With Sincere Love, Gail Jinright



The Church Office will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

#### **Our Stewardship Review**

#### Budget Report as of 5/20/25

Monthly Budget Required	\$47,867.83
MTD Budget Received	
YTD Budget Requirement	
YTD Budget Giving Received	\$221,243.76
YTD Budget Expenses	

May 11, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 177 Worship Attendance – 350 May 18, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 158 Worship Attendance – 229



## What's Going on at FBC in June

June Deacons of the Month: Stan Bryant and Scott Sheppard June Ushers: \*Jim Womack, \*Steve Mitchell, David Evans, Clay Cook, Allen Brown, Lamar McDonald, Shane Sapp, and Jack Melton

Sun Jun 1 Summer Youth Camp Orientation in the Sanctuary following Worship Children's Bike Afternoon (12pm-2:00pm Gym))

Wed Jun 4 55+ Club/Young at Heart BBQ Supper (6pm)

Sun Jun 8 Deacon's Meeting (1:30pm Mann Hall)

Youth Summer Mission Trip (depart)

Mon Jun 9 Blood Drive (1-6pm Gym)

Wed Jun 11 Church Craft Night hosted by the Ladies Bible Study (7:00-8:00pm Mann Hall) All ages are invited

Sun Jun 15 Father's Day

Tue Jun 17 Women On Mission Bible Study (10am Library)

#### 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	Mr. Byron Smith	
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

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 21st 6:00pm Adult Bible Study

# Sunday, May 25th

Choir Practice at 9am (Note Special Time)
Sunday School at 10am and Memorial Day Service at 11am



# Wednesday, May 28th

6:00pm Adult Bible Study Youth School's Out For Summer Celebration at Rancho at 6pm

# Sunday, June 1st

Sunday School at 10am
Worship at 11am
Dr. Jerry Mahan
Summer Youth Camp Orientation After Worship
Children's Bike Afternoon Following Worship until 2pm

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