

FBC Commerce is a family of faith who believes in experiencing and extending Christian community through authentic worship, spiritual formation, impactful ministries, global missions and relational fellowship.

SEEDS FROM THE PASTOR

REV. PHILIP VESTAL

This past Sunday at our New Members Luncheon, I asked each individual or family to introduce themselves and what transpired afterwards was really a God moment. As each shared their names, parts of their journeys, why they came to FBCC and what they appreciate about our church, a common theme began to emerge...“FBCC is a loving church and this church means so much to us.”

During those moments of introduction, I was also reminded of the beautiful diversity of God’s people, within God’s church. We are all a part of one body, but we are made up of different parts. Represented within the attendees was an amazing variety of people that ranged from a High School football coach to a person who works with homebound senior adults and from a musician to a retired veteran, as well as a lawyer to an animal technician. It was truly amazing to witness, and again, a vivid reminder of just how big God’s family is.

I’m thankful to be a part of such a church and to pastor a wide-range of Jesus followers. We all come from a variety of places, with different backgrounds, faith experiences and vocations, but one thing binds us and bonds us together, the love of Jesus in our hearts.

As you continue seeking God’s presence and power during Lent, spend some time celebrating you belong to a loving Faith Family. And your role here is valued, not to mention appreciated. Your presence is welcomed, your gifts are treasured, and your support is received with thanksgiving. May the Lord continue to renew us as we prepare for Holy Week and the celebration of our risen Savior...may we rejoice, too, that we belong to His unshakeable Kingdom and a fantastic local congregation known as First Baptist Church of Commerce, GA.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we observe the Lord’s Supper and continue focusing on “Dear God: Prioritizing a Life of Prayer.”

*Blessings,
PV*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday March 24

Easter Cantata

March 24 at 6:00 PM



March 25: FBC Lenten Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

March 26: CPC Lenten Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

March 27: FUMC Lenten Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM



March 28: FBC Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM

March 29: CPC Good Friday 7:00 PM

March 31: FUMC Easter Sunrise Service
7:00 AM (with breakfast)



On **March 14**, the Jolly Agers are going to Jaemor Farms for shopping and lunch. Please be at the church at 9:45 AM to leave at 10:00 AM. Participants will be asked to share in the gas money for the trip, and lunch is not covered. If you would like to go, contact the church office by **March 13**.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time will be on March 10! Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour.



The annual city parade starts at Spencer Park at 9:50 AM on March 23, and ends in the egg hunt on FBC's front lawn. There's fun for everyone! Come be a part of this community event.

RESET 2024

April 26-28 is a weekend of spiritual renewal for the entire church family. Please make plans to attend and pray for God to do an amazing work among us!

Schedule

Friday, April 26: Evening worship with a focus on singing, music and prayer.

Saturday, April 27: Mid-day retreat with a focus on teaching, prayer and discipleship.

Sunday, April 28: Renewal Service with a high attendance goal of 150. Dr. Bill Ross is our guest preacher.

Sunday evening, April 28: Food, games, activities, community building, and a time for reflection and celebrating the weekend.



Children's Movie Night

Sunday, March 10th at 5 PM will be a children's movie night. There will be pizza and popcorn! Please let Cara know if you will be coming.

Church Conference Schedule Change

Easter will be on the last Sunday of the month, so the Church Conference has been changed to Sunday, March 24.

Photo Directory

The Portrait Cafe is now taking appointments for the new FBC Directory for April 14-16. Schedule your appointment either online or by phone. If you have any questions, or if you need the online link emailed to you again, please contact the church office.

150

OCTOBER 20, 2024



Check out the updated bulletin board in the hall. The focus is on the original members of the church. If you are related to any of these members, please let us know. The example on the board is from the descendants (David Sanders and Marsha Sanders Perry) of PO Pittman. If you have pictures and stories about anyone, please send your information to the church office. A copy of the list of original members is also available at the church office.

Remember: We are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3PM. Please join us!

Males

J. O. Adair	L. J. Dunson	L. G. Hardman	E. H. Ingram	S. J. T. Seegar
D. W. Barnett	W. S. Edwards	Elbert Hardman	S. R. Jordan	J. A. Skates
W. B. Barnett	W. C. Farabee	R. L. Hardman	P. O. Pittman	W. B. J. Perry
E. H. Borders	W.R. Goss	C. W. Hood	J. G. H. Pittman	E. A. Perry
John Bruce	I. H. Goss	C. J. Hood	J. S. P. Richey	John L. Parks
Chris Coleman	W. C. Glenn	A. J. Hudson	Francis Ray	E. Edwards
R. S. Cheney	W.B.J. Hardman	J. M. Hutchins	W. W. Tolbert	
W. C. Davis	H. E. Hardman	R. K. Minish	Soloman Seegar	

Females

Julia Adair	M. C. Edwards	E. S. Hardman	Sidney Minish	Ermine Park
Virginia Barnett	Delanie E. Farabee	Flora E. Hardman	Francis E. Minish	M. A. E. Ray
E. A. Borders	L. H. Farabee	Lottie Hardman	Sarah A. Minish	L. P. Richey
F. L. Borders	P. C. Farabee	L. L. Hardman	C. A. M. Mann	L.C. Richey
T. A. V. Barnett	R. D. Farabee	Josephine Hudson	Minerva C. Nix	Cynthia Sanders
Frances Coleman	E. A. Goss	Martha Hutchins	Mary E. Nix	Dora A. Webb
Eugenia E. Chaney	S. E. Goss	Emma Ingram	Julia M. Perry	S. F. Tolbert
Lydia Davis	Martha Hudson	M. A. Jordan	Johanna Perry	Sarah J. Yeargin
Mary F. Dunson	Melissa A. Hood	Deliah Ingram	Sarah Perry	
M. R. Dunson	Temperance Hardy	E. C. Lackey	M. E. Perry	

Basket Paws and Claws



In true March Madness style, FBC has our own bracket – of cute pet pictures! Look for the bracket on the bulletin board outside the church office. Vote for your favorites by donating to PassportKids.

Volunteers Needed

The Children's Ministry is also in need of helpers for our younger and older children's Sunday School classes. Requirements are only that you care about the kids of FBC and are willing to be a loving presence once a month during the Sunday school hour. No prep work or teaching required!

SERVANTS @ A GLANCE

DEACONS

March 10: Linda Nicholson Beard &
Susan Harvin

March 17: Don Howard & Jon Massey

COUNTERS

March 10: Ron Dundore & Mark Beardsley

March 17: Billy Chandler &
William Westbrooks

GREETERS

March 10: Janis Miller

March 17: Carolyn Golden

USHERS

March 10: William Westbrooks, Bill
Hairston, Chas Hardy, Matt Shirley, Dakota
Malcom, Tyson Sosby

March 17: Terry Canup, Jon Massey, Pam
Canup, Jimmy Bray, Tricia Massey

OUTREACH LEADER

Trisha Massey

NURSERY WORKERS

March 10: Rachel & Dakota Malcom

March 17: Tracy Wilson & Etta Vaughn



**Meals on
Wheels**

March 11: Jean Montrose

March 12: Kathy Thomason

March 13: Beverly George

March 14: Carol Hodgkins &
Brenda Meadows

March 15: Ernie & Kathy Pruett

March 18: Glenda Barron

March 19: Tracy Wilson &
Rachel Malcom

March 20: Ron & Jacqui Dundore

March 21: Mark & Barbara Beardsley

March 22: Randall & Karen Wardlaw



March 11-15:

Mark Beardsley

March 18-22:

Steve & Trell Wilson



March 7:
Bree Sanders

March 11:
Sabrina Hardy

March 12:
Nicky Wilbanks
Windy McCannon

March 15:
Donna Sosebee

March 18:
Emily Carolyn Hill
Carol Hodgkins

March 8:
Tre Spear III
Joshua Sheppard

March 12:
Karen Wardlaw
Stella Henry

March 13:
Tyson Sosby

March 16:
Michael Miller
March 18:
Beth Bray

March 20:
Mark Beardsley

Notes and Reminders

Jews for Jesus will be sharing ***Christ in the Passover: A Presentation*** during the Lenten Lunch at FBC on March 25 at 12:00 noon. Come share in this worshipful experience.



To my FBC family

There is a whole lotta love at FBC. This is a big thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and good things to eat. Thanks to you who have done my chores and grocery shopped as well as assuming my church duties. My wound is slowly healing and I hope to be back soon - with bells on!

With love and gratitude,
Janis Miller



Memorials and Honorariums

General Budget in memory of Wayne Mathis
Music Fund in honor of Dr. Todd Chandler

Reports



Stewardship Reports as of March 6

Monthly Giving Required	\$38,334.00
Monthly Giving as of March 6	\$9,155.00
YTD Giving Required through March	\$230,004.00
YTD Giving Received through March 6	\$229,463.65



Attendance Report for Feb. 25 & March 3

Sunday School	72	80
Morning Worship	no # reported	111

Upcoming Meetings



Sunday,
March 10 at
8:30 AM



The WMU will be meeting **March 13** at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



Church Conference
Sunday, **March 24** after
Morning Worship

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 9:45 AM Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 6:00-7:30 F4-Youth

Wednesday

- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:00 PM The Gathering
- 6:15 PM Choir Rehearsal