

Sunday Small Groups are to:

TEACH the Bible to change lives

REACH the lost with the Good News of Jesus Christ and

CARE for people through



prayer, ministry and fellowship.

3-22-26

Attendance: 259

Visitors: 5

Enrollment: 502

### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Please submit your reservation by noon Tuesday before the meal on Wednesday.

NAME

Wednesday, April 1

5:15 pm to 6:00 pm

Baked Spaghetti  
Salad  
Garlic Bread

Regular Meal  
\$5.00 per plate

Chicken Tenders & Fries \$3.00 per plate

Payment is expected for cancellations after Tuesday.

FBTC  
Legacy Builders



Work Day at

Georgia Baptist Children's Home  
Baxley Ga

March 31, 2026  
Leave the church at 7:00 am  
Return by 5:00 pm

Call the church office or contact Jan if interested in this ministry opportunity



The office will be closed  
Good Friday  
April 3, 2026

**KIDS CAMP 2026**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Schooco Springs, AL  
July 20-23  
Cost: \$369  
Deposit: \$50 due March 31 to save spot  
Limited spots available

**FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITIES**  
Spaghetti Lunch: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm  
Taco Bar/Baked Goods Auction: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm

WORD & WONDER

FBTC

**DEACON FOR THE WEEK**

MARCH 29 - APRIL 4

JACK STRICKLAND & BEN TYUS

*Following to Lead, Leading to Serve*



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## Join us for WORSHIP

Sunday March 29

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 am DNow Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 am Sunday Morning Small Groups
- 11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Youth Band (Summit)
- 4:30 Bible Drills (Children's Dept.)
- 4:30 pm Sanctuary Small Group (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 Adult Small Group (Conference Room)
- 5:30 Awana (Upstairs Children's Dept)
- 5:30 pm Youth Bible Study (Summit)

Wednesday March 25

- 5:15 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Fellowship
- 6:30 pm First Kids Music & Missions (Multipurpose Rm)
- 6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm The 56

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 SOUTH SECOND STREET  
COCHRAN GA 31014

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TITLE FIRST LAST  
ADDRESS  
CITY, STATE ZIP

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Permit No. 2

First Baptist Church Cochran

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# GOOD FRIDAY

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*  
Romans 5:8

# GOOD FRIDAY

## WORSHIP IN THE ROUND

@ FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COCHRAN

APRIL 3, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

A while back, I had a really meaningful chat with a friend. We were outside, sitting on the tailgate of my truck, enjoying the fading warmth of the afternoon and talking about life. Totally unfiltered.

We were talking about how hard it is to NOT pay attention to other people's opinions about us. Like when somebody criticizes us about how we look or some ignorant statement we make or an epic public failure of some sort. (And we all look goofy, say stupid things, or fail epically at some point in life!) These kinds of things stick to us and mess with our hearts. Nobody likes being told they don't fit in or that they don't measure up or that they are not good enough. We either start trying too hard to fit in...or we get sad/angry/vindictive toward the people who criticize us. And pretty soon we forget who we are and to Whom we belong.

Then we segued to talking about how hard it is to NOT pay attention when people compliment us, praise us, or tell us we're the coolest person ever. These kinds of things stick to us, too, and can mess with our hearts. Most everyone likes being placed up on a pedestal...and if we're not careful, we can begin to think we own the pedestal. We enjoy being King (or Queen) of the hill and start doing whatever we must do in order to retain our crown. And pretty soon we forget who we are and to Whom we belong.

My friend and I decided that living according to the opinions of people is a dicey way to live. Human beings are an insecure lot. When people criticize our shortcomings, it simply underscores the many things we already don't like about ourselves and we become more desperate in our attempts to camouflage our warts. When people praise us, we rejoice because they don't really know our weaknesses and we live in fear that people wouldn't like us anymore if they really knew us. We desperately want to be known (warts and all), we desperately want to be loved, and we desperately want to give our love.

After chatting a while, my friend and I decided that everyone needs one person in their life that knows everything there is to know about him or her and yet loves them unconditionally. We figure that if everyone has a relationship with that special someone who loves them unconditionally then it would be easier to NOT allow the opinions of people to stick on our hearts and mess with our minds. When we know someone who loves us absolutely, not because of what we do or don't do but because of who we are, the shackles of our insecurities begin to crumble. We begin to understand that everyone has an opinion and most are eager to share. The criticism and/or praise of people is manageable when we know there is someone we can go to who will help us un-stick the sticky opinions people throw at us.

This is one of the ways a personal relationship with Jesus transforms your life. Knowing and being known by Jesus is way more than a "Get-Out-Of-Hell" card. Jesus wants to teach you how to live in the present, too. Knowing you are totally accepted and loved by Jesus frees you from being a slave to the opinions of people. Jesus is the only Someone able to love you unconditionally because He is the only Someone that knows you completely. Aren't you weary of trying to earn praise or recognition or approval? Aren't you weary of having to hide your imperfections from the prying eyes of opinionated people? Embrace Jesus and every desire of your heart will be satisfied. Grace & peace, love you. PK.

**Care & Share Ministry**

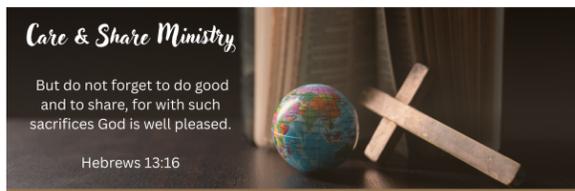
But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

Submit prayer requests or hands-on needs 4 ways:

QR Code  Website [www.fbccochran.com](http://www.fbccochran.com)

Church App  Church Office 478-934-6356




**MAKE  
JESUS  
KNOWN**

Thank you for all the support given to the North American missionaries!  
**Church Goal: \$9500**  
Received so far: **\$2732**

**DNOW PRAYER GUIDE**

**Students**  
-for lives transformed

**Small Group Leaders**  
-for wisdom and compassion

**Large Group Worship**  
-for Matt Nixon and the BCM band

**Revival**  
-for this to spread through our students, community, and beyond



Happy **1<sup>st</sup>** ANNIVERSARY **Matthew White**

March 31, 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE KINGDOM!!



You are invited!

Please kindly join our gathering for

**Dinner on the Grounds**

Church will supply meat  
Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert

4 April 2026 11 AM - 1 PM

First Baptist Church  
Cochran  
101 S. Second St.



Flowers placed in the sanctuary March 29<sup>th</sup> are in honor of **Stevie Sapp** and in memory of **Jack Davidson** by Bonnie Sapp



Welcome Little Miss **Maeve Turner** born March 20

Parents Cameron & Bethany Turner  
Grandparents Scott & Mary Beth Kletcke



Welcome Little Miss **Fallon Drew Powell**

Parents Ansley & Colton Powell  
Grandparents Cori & Shayne Abney

