

FROM THE PASTOR

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? - Reflections from Mark 2-3

You have been invited to daily read through the Gospel of Mark and ask the question: What does this text say about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? As I have been following this discipline, here are my reflections from Mark chapters 2-3:

Sometimes the faithful action of disciples can lead to the experience of others knowing their sins are forgiven. Our calling is to get people to Jesus, creatively so if necessary. (2.1-12)

Words of divine guidance and invitations to follow Jesus can come during the ordinary tasks of the day. Our calling as disciples is to act. (2.13-14)

Disciples arouse suspicion by the company they keep. How many sinners and outcasts do I eat with? (2.15-17)

For disciples there is a time to feast and a time to fast. (2.18-20)

Sometimes the old forms and containers will not adequately hold the new thing God is doing. Disciples are open to change. (2.21-22)

Disciples fill Sabbath days with joy and refreshment, not just abstinence from work. (2.23-28)

How might our allegiance to something other than Jesus and the kingdom of God engage us in a conspiracy against Jesus and the kingdom of God? (3.1-6)

Even the unclean parts of ourselves know who Jesus is. Disciples must make the unclean parts of ourselves bow before him and not be given a voice. (3.7-12)

Disciples are chosen by Jesus because he wants us and he appoints us to go out and proclaim the good news. (3.13-19)

Disciples may experience a form of separation from their family as they fail to understand why a follower of Jesus does what they do. (3.20-21)

Disciples work to heal divisions because divisions disable and cause a community to crumble. (3.22-27)

Disciples sometimes must ponder difficult questions and sayings of Jesus: What is it about attributing the demonic to the divine that seems unforgivable? (3.28-29)

A disciple's most important family are those who do the will of God in God's family called the church, even when doing so puts you at odds with your family of origin. (3.31-35)

Members in Care Facilities

Pruitt Health (Fitzgerald): Pat Sitton

Maple Court (Tifton): Virginia Hughes

Homebound Members

Homebound – Fitzgerald

June & Don Morris

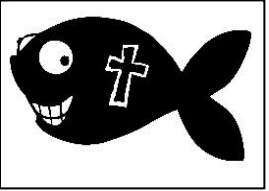
Homebound – Out of Town & State

Lois Eppes – Middleburg, FL & Lois Freeman – Newnan, GA

Prayers for Our People

Becky Anderson, Barbara Ash, Carolyn H. Brown, Jean Brown, Bob Bryant, Carolyn Paul Burns, Denise Carver, Clay Childers, Deannie Cleghorn, Mike Cobb, Terry Cole, Dee Ann Dale Cook, Kathleen Cook, Polly Davis, Kelly Cunningham-Dillavou, Jerry Dixon, Jessica Duncan, Patricia Ellington, Lois Eppes, Anna Etheridge, Linda Evans, Wiley Evans, Joanie W. Fox, Madelyn Futch, Susan Garcia, Charles Golf, Joe Grant, Adelaide Griffin, Kay Hannon, Peggy Hardin, Margie Harris, Vicki Harris, Patsy Hatley, Lori Hennesy, Lynn Herlovich, Trish Herlovich, Carol Howell, Virginia Hughes, Ashlynn Johnson, Deidra Stone Luke, John Michael McCall, David Malcolm, Mary Martin, Martha Maye, Wendy McFarland, Donald, Glenda Moore, Pam Morrison, Christy Perry, Jim O'Neal, Steve O'Neal, Melba Ott, Sharice Parrot, Joe Petrie, Hugh Pike, Buddy Prescott, Norma Prescott, John David Roberts, Angie Robinson, Mark Robinson, Beth Rodgers, Mike Ruffin, Sara Schell, Debbie Sherret, Hunter Sims, Pat Sitton, Lisa Wiggins Stanfill, Gage Stubbs, Kelly Sumner, Hugh Turner, Tish Taylor, Joyce Treece, Roy Thomas, Janice Ussery, Lavonda Walters Womack, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Theresa Williamson, Ken Woods, Tim Woods, Ed Wynn, Kenny Young

Music and Youth Ministry News



YOUTH SUNDAY IS A WEEK AWAY! Youth Sunday will be on Sunday morning, March 6th. The youth handbells will play and the puppets will present songs on that morning along with those reading scripture, leading in the children's sermon and singing. Our FINAL practice will be this Sunday afternoon with handbells at 2pm in the sanctuary and youth puppets will meet at 2:45pm. Also, March 6th is the deadline to sign up for the 2022 Summer Youth Mission Camp which will be the week of June 12-16 at the World Golf Village. *A \$50 non-refundable deposit is also due by that day.* WNL will meet this week but we will dismiss a little early for those who want to go watch the RA Racers in the gym. Hope to see you at Sunday school and rehearsals this Sunday!



Let's fill the loft this Sunday morning as the choir, orchestra and handbells return to singing and playing during worship. ALL Choir members are asked to meet in the choir room at 10:40am Sunday morning to run through the anthems for worship. We will be singing "I Don't Know Why" and "Think About His Love". MARK YOUR CALENDARS for March 6th as I plan to have choir rehearsal along with Handbell practice that afternoon. Also remember to let me know if you are interested in me purchasing you a ticket to the Jimmy Fortune concert to be held on March 25th at the Historic Grand Theatre. This offer is to any choir, orchestra or handbell member who would like to attend. This is a concert that YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS! I must know by March 6th if you plan to go so I can secure your ticket. Please call the church office or text/call my cell phone to let me know if you would like a ticket! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 27, 2022, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Felix and Emma Lee Liles by Lee & Francine Liles, Freeman & Laura Tharp and family, and Tyler & Leslie Clemons and family.



10.5 Million Shoe Boxes

were delivered around the world in 2021. What a wonderful way to reach children and families with the saving grace of Jesus. Please remember to continue praying for this mission. And remember, you can pack your boxes all year! Thanks-Nancy Brinson

Ms. Carly's Corner for KIDS

- The RA Derby Race will be **Wednesday February 23rd at 6pm** in the gym. *GAs* will be selling refreshments as a fundraiser. Come join us and support our children's Mission Groups!
- Children's Choir will be resuming **Wednesday February 23rd at 5:30** in the Kid's Choir Room. We'd love to have you join us!
- Join us for Sunday School at 10am. We'd love to have you!
- Check out the new **KIDS CART** in the narthex. Fill up the purple worship bag with your choice of items from the cart. At the end of worship place the bag in the USED bin.
- Children's Church Volunteers for 2/27/22: Jennifer and David Herlovich



MARK YOUR CALANDER for the following events:

*Copy of Calendar to come with more details

- Friday March 11th-**Dinner and a Movie**
- (Burch Hall 6pm)
- Saturday April 16th - **Breakfast & Egg Hunt** (Burch Hall 9am)
- Sunday May 8th - **Children's Sunday**
- Friday June 10th- **Movie Night** (Burch Hall 6pm)
- June 25th-28th - **Student Life Kids Camp**
- ***We are still in need of a male chaperone!**
- Wednesday July 13th - **Water Wars** (Breezeway 5:30-7pm)
- Sunday July 24th - **One Day VBS**
- Saturday July 30th - **BACK TO SCHOOL WATER BASH** (Breezeway 10am-12pm)



Souper Bowl Sunday was a BIG success

and we could not have done it without everyone's help. The Christian Kitchen came by and received over FOUR SHOPPING CARTS full of grocery items and canned goods. We also collected a total of \$620.00 just that Sunday alone. This amount will be combined with what we have already collected for them this February. Thank you FBC family for your gracious hearts and gifts.

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:30 PM.....Kids Choir Practice (Kids Choir Room above the Breezeway)*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RA and GA Groups*
6:00 PM.....RAs Derby Race Day*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM-12:00 PM.....I LOVE MY CHURCH.....Church Clean-Up Day (Breezeway)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
2:00 PM.....Youth Handbell Practice
2:45 PM.....Youth Puppet Practice
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Burch Hall)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Newsletter Print Day

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RA and GA Groups*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Adult Bible Study & Prayer (Sanctuary)*

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Youth Sunday - Worship Service*
2:00 PM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
2:45PM.....Adult Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Burch Hall)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Newsletter Print Day

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

5:30 PM.....Kids Choir Practice (Kids Choir Room above the Breezeway)*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RA and GA Groups*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Adult Bible Study & Prayer (Sanctuary)*

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

6:00 PM.....Children's Dinner & A Movie Night (Burch Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS)

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
1:30 PM.....Deacon's Meeting (Mann Hall)
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Burch Hall)

MONDAY, MARCH 14

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Newsletter Print Day

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

5:30 PM.....Kids Choir Practice (Kids Choir Room above the Breezeway)*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RA and GA Groups*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Adult Bible Study & Prayer (Sanctuary)*

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
2:00 PM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study Group (Burch Hall)

MONDAY, MARCH 21

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Newsletter Print Day

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

5:30 PM.....Kids Choir Practice (Kids Choir Room above the Breezeway)*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RA and GA Groups*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Adult Bible Study & Prayer (Sanctuary)*

*Nursery Staff available for these events.

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

Our Stewardship Review

Feb 6 thru Feb 12

Weekly Budget Required	\$12,134.96
Weekly Budget Received	\$11,602.12
Weekly Designated Funds Received:(Capital Improvement).....	\$110.00
(Abundance Ministry).....	\$60.00
(Christian Kitchen).....	\$100.00
(Gideon's).....	\$10.00
(RAs Special).....	\$75.00
(B&G Special-Prayer Garden).....	\$300.00
(Dorcas SS Class).....	\$200.00

Church Staff

Pastor.....Greg Pope
Minister of Music & Youth.....Blane Jacobs
Administrative Assistant.....Dana Luckie
Director of Children's Activities.....Carly Harper
Custodian.....Jeffrey Morgan
Housekeeping.....Antoinette Hill
Church Organist.....Barbara Jacobs
Church Pianist.....Susan Spivey

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You can also check out church information and activities on
our website www.fbcfitz.com.

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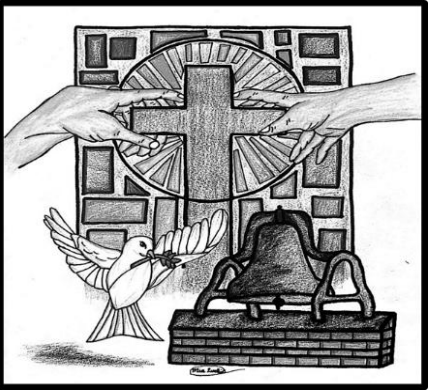
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First Baptist Church is a loving and caring Christian community seeking to extend the open hand of God's grace to meet the physical and spiritual needs through worship, education, ministry, fellowship, and spiritual nurturing.

10am Sunday School
11am Worship Service
6pm Wednesday Night Service

Wednesday February 23

RAs Pinewood Derby Race Day (6pm Gym)

Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the RAs

Sunday February 27

It's Time to Regather the Family of God

Exodus 19.3-8. Luke 15

Wednesday March 2

6:00 pm in Sanctuary

Prayer and Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark

REMINDER: THIS SATURDAY

Church Clean-Up Day

February 26 8am-Noon

Meet at the Breezeway

