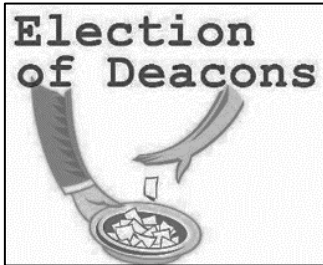


Jerry's Title & Text
"God's Call"
Ezekiel 22:30

³⁰ "I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one."

Absentee Ballots for Deacon Election Allowed this Year



Although our Constitution and Bylaws require in person voting for our deacon election, the deacons and staff have decided to allow absentee ballots for this year only. The **first round** of Deacon Election will be THIS Sunday morning, June 28th at the 9am worship on the Breezeway. If you do not plan to return to worship on this day and would like an absentee ballot, please call the church office and request a ballot to be mailed to you, delivered to your mailbox OR you can drop by and pick up a ballot. **ALL BALLOTS** must be turned in to the church office by **THIS SUNDAY morning, June 28th at 9am**. The second round of deacon election will be on Sunday morning, July 12th. This ballot will also be available in the same way through the church office and **MUST BE turned** in by Sunday morning, **July 12th at 9am**. If you have any further questions, please call the church office.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL?

The deacons and staff have decided that we will not start back Sunday school before school starts back. A tentative start back date has yet not been set.

Casual Dress for Sunday Morning

Don't forget to dress comfortable for our outside worship on Sunday morning.

A Time to Celebrate . . . A Future to Anticipate

Dr. John Burch came with his assistant, Brother W. H. Farris in 1963. First Baptist Church made monumental strides in its spiritual and physical advancement under their leadership. Attendance overran sanctuary seating, resulting in two Sunday morning services beginning in 1965. On Feb. 16, 1966, after three years of study by a Long-Range Planning Committee, the church voted to purchase a four-block area of 12 acres in the fourth Ward to erect a new church plant. By 1970, the church membership exceeded 1,400 with a Sunday School enrollment of 1,004. Dr. Burch was named Fitzgerald's Man of the Year in Religious Affairs in 1969. Brother Farris resigned in 1967 to become pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church just south of town where he served for 13 years.

Music, Youth and Childrens Ministry News

We will NOT be meeting with any Music Groups, Youth or Children before school starts back. The music ministry may be delayed for several additional weeks because singing is believed to be a super spreader source of the COVID virus. I am in hopes that things will get better soon and we can return to a NEW Normal for all of these areas of ministry.

Youth Don't Forget that you can join us for WNL ZOOM HANGOUT each Wednesday night at 6pm. I always text you the Meeting ID number and all you have to do is get the app and join us.

Children please remember to watch our weekly lesson for kids provided by Ms. Nicole Kicklighter. It can be found online on our FBC KID ZONE Facebook page. Thanks Ms. Nicole for all your hard work each week.

We miss you and hope to see you THIS Sunday morning under and around the breezeway (socially distanced and with masks) as we return to in-person worship at 9am.

Mr. Blane and Ms. Barbara

Look Online for the Order of Worship

If you want to look at an order of worship for this Sunday, go to our church website, click on the newsletter/bulletin link then scroll down and click on the date for this Sunday morning. Bulletins are uploaded on Friday morning.

Deacons Meet Again on July 5th

The deacons will meet again on Sunday afternoon, July 5th at 1:30pm in the Burch Hall. All active deacons are urged to attend.

Ladies Bible Study Group Update

The Women's Bible Study held on Sunday nights will not meet with zoom in July. They will begin again in August. They will decide how to meet later. They are meeting on the breezeway to pray together, every Sunday in July starting on July 5th. They will gather at 5:00. Anyone that would like to join them is welcome. Social distancing will be observed for everyone's safety. If you cannot join the group, please remember to pray with faith during these difficult times.

Sunday School Literature for June-August Available To be Picked Up

Sunday School literature for those classes who need new literature for the June-August quarter is now available to pick up at the church office.



NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Church office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-Noon and 1pm-5pm. The office phone will be answered on Fridays, through the weekend and after church hours (24/7) by the church secretary.

If you are looking for ways to be connected to our church, please visit our webpage at fbcfitz.com for information about Facebook pages, Zoom Sunday School Class meetings and children's Bible Study opportunities online.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

"BAPTIST ON AND AROUND THE BREEZEWAY!"

We are so excited to announce that we will be returning to in-person worship beginning THIS Sunday morning! Please see below for more details:

- 1) The service will take place on and around the breezeway.
- 2) The service will begin at 9am.
- 3) There will be no restrooms available due to the buildings being locked.
- 4) We will replay the service at the 11am worship hour on the radio
- 5) **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND** if you are sick, running a fever, have been exposed to someone with COVID, are immune compromised or in the at-risk group for contracting the disease.
- 6) Everyone is **encouraged** to wear a mask.
- 7) Everyone is **encouraged** to bring and use hand sanitizer.
- 8) Everyone is **encouraged** to bring your own lawn chair or drive up in your golf cart. Folding chairs will be available to use.
- 9) We will limit the seating ON THE BREEZEWAY. Additional places to hear the service will be located on the south side of the breezeway under the Magnolia tree towards the Gym or the pecan trees located south and west of the breezeway.
- 10) There will be NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.
- 11) Please refrain from shaking hands, hugging necks, and gathering with people outside of those you live with.
- 12) We will **NOT pass the plate** to collect the tithes and offerings, **but a place will be provided for you to place your giving**. You may also continue to drop off or mail in your giving.
- 13) An order of worship will be available to be individually picked up.
- 14) **IN CASE OF RAIN** we will still meet but limit the number of people on the breezeway. Speakers will not be set up for other areas of the campus on rainy days.
- 15) **USHERS** will be in place to assist with directions and take the offering deposit as well as say the offertory prayer.



We will have the first round of deacon election on June 28th when we return to worship. Please note the voting procedures below:

- 1) There will be a special deacon election table set up off the breezeway.
- 2) Please bring your own pen or pencil. (some will be provided)
- 3) Ballots will **NOT** be handed out. Please pick up your own ballot from the table, mark your ballot and return it to a deacon ballot box provided.
- 4) If you **do not** plan to return to worship on June 28th, please see the instructions for absentee ballots. That information that can be found on the opposite page of this newsletter.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

SUNDAY, June 28

In-Person Worship Under and Around the Breezeway.....9:00am

Sunday School.....10:00am-WRDO

REPLAY of the 9am Worship Service.....11:00 am-WRDO

MONDAY, June 29 Through THURSDAY, July 2

***8:30am- Noon, 1pm-5pm– Church Office Open.**

FRIDAY, July 3

Office Closed but Church Phone will be monitored (Also monitored on the weekend)

We recommend calling the church office instead of visiting if possible. Please practice social distancing and wear a mask when entering the office.

Ushers will start back serving on June 28th

Ushers for June 28, 2020

Jim Womack, Steve Mitchell, Bob Mutchler, David Evans,
Clay Cook, Farise Taylor, Allen Brown, Lamar McDonald

Ushers for July, 2020

James Campbell, Bill Bryant, Van Waters, Mike Raynor
Phil Stokes, Stan Bryant, Keith Wood, Jeff Thompson
Drew Wiley, Reid Luckie

Members in Care Facilities

Magnolia Place (Ocilla): Betty Jean Dorminy

Harris House (Fitzgerald): Bob Chandler

Maple Court (Tifton): Virginia Hughes

At Home Sr. Living (Cochran): Marguerite Walker

The Suites at Station Exchange (Richmond Hill): Betty Sims

Homebound – Fitzgerald

June & Don Morris, Ruth Smith

Homebound – Out of Town & State

Lois Eppes – Middleburg, FL

Lois Freeman – Newnan, GA

Prayers for Our People

Becky Anderson, Barbara Ash, Cathey Braziel, Carolyn H. Brown, Jean Brown,
Carolyn Paul Burns, Deanie Cleghorn, Jim Davis, Polly Davis, Betty Jean Dorminy,
Jessica Duncan, Lois Eppes, Wiley Evans, Joanie W. Fox, Madelyn Futch, Susan Garcia,
Charles Golf, Carolyn Hackler, Kay Hannon, Peggy Hardin, Lori Hennesy, Lynn
Herlovich, Virginia Hughes, Gail Jinright, Ashlynn Johnson, Wendy McFarland, Sue
McGee, Mike McDonald, Angelia Moore, Kathy & Jim O’Neal, Sharice Parrot, Joe
Petrie, Sara Phillips, Hugh Pike, Buddy Prescott, Rebecca Reynolds, John David Roberts,
Beth Rodgers, David Sheffield, Betty Sims, Hunter Sims, Lisa Smith, Ruth Smith, Hugh
Turner, Lisa Wiggins Stanfill, Gage Stubbs, Kelly Sumner, Margie Swanson,
Tish Taylor, Roy Thomas, Darryl Vaughn, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins,
Lavonda Walters Womack, Ken Woods.

Our Stewardship Review

June 14 through June 20

Weekly Budget Required\$ 12,236.92

Weekly Budget Received\$ 7,050.36

Designated Funds Received: (Bereavement).....\$ 25.00

*“What we do for ourselves, dies with us. What we do
for others of the world remains and is immortal.”*

- Albert Pine

Church Staff

Pastor.....Dr. Jerry Mahan

Minister of Music, Youth & ChildrenBlane Jacobs

Administrative Assistant..... Janice Morris

Special Assistant to the Pastor..... Bailey Miller

Housekeeping.....Antoinette Hill

Custodian.....Gene Mullinax

Church Organist.....Barbara Jacobs

Church Pianist..... Susan Spivey

Nursery Coordinator..... Amanda Renfroe

Contact us at 229-423-4367 or by email at fbc@fbcfitz.com.

You can also check out church information and activities.

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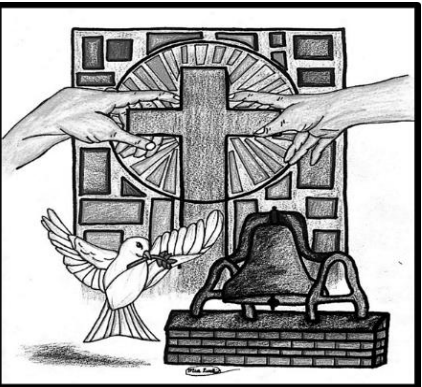
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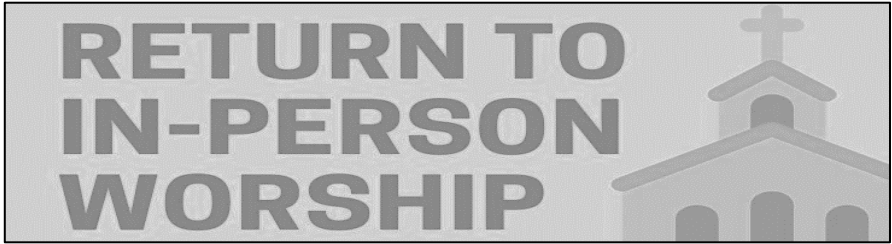


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First Baptist Church is a loving and caring Christian community seeking to extend the open hand of God's grace to meet the physical and spiritual needs through worship, education, ministry, fellowship and spiritual nurturing.

SUNDAY MORNING AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



COME DRESSED COMFORTABLE

9AM-IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON THE BREEZEWAY

BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND ARRIVE EARLY

BOTTLED WATER, FANS AND HAND SANITIZER PROVIDED

PLEASE SEE INSIDE OF NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS

“GOD’S CALL”

EZEKIEL 22:30

DR. JERRY MAHAN

FIRST ROUND OF DEACON ELECTION*

***ABSENTEE BALLOTS DUE**

***10AM-BARACCA SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON WRDO**

***PREVIOUS RECORDING FROM 2018**

11AM-REPLAY OF 9AM WORSHIP ON WRDO

LOOKING AHEAD

JULY 5TH- DEACONS MEET AT 1:30PM IN BURCH HALL

JULY 12TH- SECOND ROUND OF DEACON ELECTION

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