

FROM THE PASTOR

Burning Our Baggage

We continue the congregational project of Burning Our Baggage. As you seek to put behind you all the emotional and spiritual baggage you carry, daily pray the prayer below:

*Dear God, there are sins and failures in my past that haunt me.
There are events and circumstances that changed by life in unwanted ways.
There are those who have hurt me that I need to forgive.
By your grace, help me move on from this baggage that hinders me.
Help me reconcile relationships in ways that are pleasing to you.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Practicing Your Passion: Risk-Taking Service

We have concluded a series of sermons and begun a series of conversations on five essential practices in a church that seeks to be vibrant and faithful:

Intentional Discipleship
Transforming Worship
Risk-Taking Service
Radical Welcome
Sacrificial Generosity.

I invite you in the weeks ahead to prayerfully consider in which of these areas you would like to help lead. By lead I mean to participate in quarterly conversations that will help make these areas of ministry effective and vibrant.

Where does the city of Fitzgerald, the state of Georgia, our nation, the world, need the people of First Baptist Church to be the body of Christ? How can we mobilize the gifts and resources of our congregation to serve the world around us? How can we best serve one another within the body of Christ? If you would like to help us answer these questions, consider joining the Missional Service Team.

Prayers for Our People

Becky Anderson, Barbara Ash, Linda Braun, Carolyn H. Brown, Jean Brown, Bob Bryant, Carolyn Paul Burns, Denise Carver, Clay Childers, Deannie Cleghorn, Mike Cobb, Terry Cole, Dee Ann Dale Cook, Polly Davis, Kelly Cunningham-Dillavou, Jerry Dixon, John Donahue, Jessica Duncan, Patricia & Tim 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, Lori Hennesy, Lynn Herlovich, Trish Herlovich, Carol Howell, Virginia Hughes, Gail Jinright, Ashlynn Johnson, Jeremiah Johnson, Jerry Lott, Judy Lowery, Deidra Stone Luke, Shirley Malcolm, Mary Martin, Martha Maye, Wendy McFarland, Mike McDonald, Glenda Moore, Pam Morrison, Christy Perry, Jim O’Neal, Steve O’Neal, Melba Ott, Sharice Parrot, Joe Petrie, Sara Phillips, Hugh Pike, Buddy Prescott, Norma Prescott, John David Roberts, Angie & 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, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Lavonda Walters Womack, Dr. Gene Wilder, Theresa Williamson, Ken Woods, Tim Woods, Ed Wynn, Kenny Young

Members in Care Facilities

Harris House (Fitzgerald): Bob Chandler Heritage Care (Ocilla): Pat Sitton
Maple Court (Tifton): Virginia Hughes Shady Pines (Abbeville): Sara Phillips

Homebound Members

Homebound – Fitzgerald

June & Don Morris

Homebound – Out of Town & State

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



Blane’s Top 5 to Know this Week:

- 1) Youth Sunday School at 10am. Join us and bring a friend!
 - 2) Our NEXT Sunday Night Meal and Missions we’ll meet November 7th when we host a fund raiser for the family of Gage Stubbs. Please plan to be here to help.
 - 3) WNL will meet this week. Don’t Miss It!
 - 4) The deadline to sign up for the Winter Retreat is PAST! You will receive a letter in the mail soon with all the final details. If you forgot to sign up and want to attend, contact Mr. Blane NOW!
 - 5) The handbells and orchestra will start playing with hymns THIS Sunday morning for worship. ALSO.. the choir will meet at 10:40am each week in the choir room to run through the anthem for the morning as well as the anthem for the following Sunday of worship. All choir members are ENCOURAGED TO SING STARTING THIS SUNDAY MORNING!
- **Always check your text messages for updated information and changes.



The Youth of FBC have started a Local Mission Group that will be leading in a couple of LOCAL Mission Events over the next few months. This past Sunday the youth prepared 20 gift bags for the Called to Care program called Love on Caseworkers through DFCS.

A COMMUNITY WIDE SPECIAL EVENT will be on Sunday afternoon, November 7th. The youth will be set up on our campus for you to drive by and MAKE A DONATION for some goodies and LemonAid or maybe Hot Chocolate if the weather is right! **ALL PROCEEDS FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE GAGE STUBBS FAMILY TO HELP WITH EXPENSES RELATED TO HIS CURRENT CANCER TREATMENT!** It is so important that we do all we can to help this family during this time. Now is a time to pray for them but also a time to support them financially. Please plan to drop by, grab some goodies and donate generously on November 7th. Exact time and location for this event will be announced soon.



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 24, 2021, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Brad & Myrtice Dorminy by Chip & Jan Dorminy and family.

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Lisa Evans, JoAnn Tucker, Ollie Brown and family in the death of their mother and sister, Betty Jean Dorminy, who passed away on October 15, 2021.



Build An Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Your Way

1. You and your family pack your box or boxes and bring them to the church office.
2. Pack a box online. (the link will be provided next week)
3. Purchase shoe box items and bring them to the church office or to the church wide packing event Nov 14 at 6:00 in Burch Hall. Join others in packing boxes.
4. You can also build your own box, bring it to the church office, and pay the shipping online at Samaritans Purse to tract your box.

Ms. Carly’s Corner for KIDS



Sunday, October 24th from 4:00-6:00 pm will be our Fall

Festival. Join us for an afternoon of GAMES, FUN, pumpkins, and pizza for all ages!

There will be a dunking booth you will NOT want to miss! Supper will be provided. All children are invited to wear their costumes. All money raised from the dunking booth and cake walk will be donated to Called to Care.



- Sunday School meets at 10:00 every Sunday, we hope you can join us!
- Kid's Worship Bags are available in the Narthex. If you have filled out your card look for your name tag on your bag. All used bags can be placed in the 'USED' bin in the Narthex.
- Our Mission Project for Called to Care will be November 7th at 1:30. We hope all children can join us to put together goody bags for local caseworkers.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MISSION GROUPS

Mission Groups will meet from 6:00-6:45. On 10/27/21 we will be doing the Parade at LifeCare instead of Mission Groups.

NURSING HOME HALLOWEEN PARADE

Wednesday, October 27th we will meet at 5:45 at Fellowship Baptist Church to line up for a parking lot parade at Life Care. Children are encouraged to wear costumes, decorate your golf cart or wagons, and make signs. If you would like to bring individually wrapped snacks to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. The parade will start around 6:00. There will be no Mission Groups after the parade.

HELP WANTED

→We are looking for a Children's Choir Leader.
Please let us know if you are interested.

FBC-Youth! WOW! You guys rock! Thank you so much for your donation of car seats, pack-n-play and financial donation. Your donation will make a huge impact on the lives of the vulnerable children in our community. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus. Blessings! Called to Care Ben Hill/Irwin

*Dear First Baptist Church Family, Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, and the delicious meal that you prepared and served our family. These tokens of love are greatly appreciated during our time of sorrow. The First Baptist Church Family was a treasured blessing to our dad. Thank you for your continuous love and support for our family through your many acts of kindness. We are so grateful for our FBC family.
With love and thanks, The Family of Robert “Bob” Chaudoin*

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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)*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:00 AM-1:00 PM.....Feed the hospital workers & Called to Care case workers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
4:00 PM-6 PM.....Family Fall Festival (Breezeway/Courtyard)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Newsletter Print Day

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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)*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Youth WNL, Mission Friends, RA and GA Groups*
5:45 PM.....Preschool, GAs, RAs Groups Halloween Golf Cart Parade thru the Life Care Center*
6:00 PM-6:45 PM.....Adult Bible Study & Prayer (Sanctuary)*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Newsletter Print Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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)*
6:45 PM-7:00 PM.....Burning Our Baggage Ceremony (Outdoors)*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 (*Daylight Saving Time Ends*)

9:00 AM.....Deacon's Meeting(Burch Hall)
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....All Saint's Day Worship Service*
1:30 PM.....Kids Mission Project Work meet at the Breezeway
2:00 PM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)*
5:00 PM-6:00 PM.....Drive By Youth Sponsored Fund Raiser for the Gage Stubbs Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Newsletter Print Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
12:00 PM-1:30 PM.....Churchwide Meal with Church Conference following
2:00 PM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)*
6:00 PM.....Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Stuffing Project (Gym)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Newsletter Print Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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, NOVEMBER 21

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

4:15 PM.....Staff Meeting

*Nursery Staff available for these activities.

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

Oct 3 through Oct 9

Weekly Budget Required	\$11,574.06
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$17,507.00
Weekly Designated Funds Received: (Capital Imp.).....	\$200.00
(Agape Reach SS Class).....	\$250.00
(Samaritan's Purse OCC).....	\$100.00
(Abundance Ministry).....	\$5.00
(Christian Kitchen).....	\$10.00
(Gideons).....	\$10.00

NEEDED: 11 VOLUNTEERS FROM FBC FITZ

Larry Hall has brought to our attention a decision that will be made regarding the Georgia Baptist Campground between Irwin and Ben Hill County. Our RAs have used this campground on numerous occasions throughout the years. The Irwin - Ben Hill Baptist Association will be deciding whether or not to keep the campground or sell it. **We need 11 messengers from FBC Fitz to attend the associational meeting on Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 pm at Ocilla Baptist Church.** Our hope is to keep the campground. If you can attend this meeting, please see Larry Hall or Greg Pope. Thank you!

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

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

You can also check out church information and activities on our website

www.fbcfitz.com.

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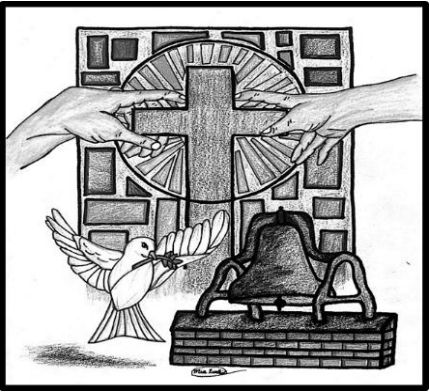
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First Baptist Church is a loving and caring Christian community seeking to extend the open hand of God's grace to meet the physical and spiritual needs through worship, education, ministry, fellowship, and spiritual nurturing.

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

Wednesday October 20

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

(pray this petition Oct 21-27)

Sunday October 24

Play the Ball Where the Monkey Drops It:

Burning the Baggage of Our Circumstances

Genesis 29.15-28. Romans 8.28-39

Wednesday October 27

Budget Presentation and Discussion

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday October 31

Some Kind of Tomorrow:

Burning the Baggage of Our Wounds

Genesis 33:1-10 and 45:1-15

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Taylor Henderson into our family of faith who joined our congregation by profession of faith on Sunday, October 17. We are planning the celebration of his baptism. When you see Taylor make sure you welcome him.