

# 10:45 am Worship Service

## March 22, 2026

**SERMON** "What Can Separate Us from the Love of God?"  
First Lesson—Romans 8:6-11  
Gospel Lesson—John 11:1-45

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Change Service Requested

## From the Pastor...

I was born and baptized Catholic, baptized again in an Independent Christian Church in my teens, and only began to become a Baptist at Georgetown College, finally making that official when I joined Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, in my 20s during seminary. In my bones, I am an ecumenist Christian. Being Baptist with those lofty "fragile freedoms" makes the most sense to me. In my young adulthood, I looked around at all the fine Baptists who had grown me up and said, "These are my folks."

I didn't pursue Catholicism because while they welcomed my faith questions, there are some theological dealbreakers there for me. I didn't pursue the Independent Christian Church because they didn't welcome my questions, and it didn't have the rich worship texture of Catholicism. I loved the reverent transcendence of St. Patrick Catholic Church. I loved the immanent fellowship of Milford Christian Church. I found both in the Baptists of Northside Drive, and I signed up. Membership. Staff position. Marriage. Ordination.

Two decades later, that blending of transcendence and immanence is who I am. I need robes, stoles, paraments, Advent and Lent. I also need hymns and picnics and front porch fellowship. I need to feel small in the presence of God on Sunday mornings, and I need to feel full sized and fully loved in the fellowship of the church on Wednesday evenings.

This is why I'm Baptist, and it's a big part of why I said yes to pastoring FAB.

It's springtime in God's world. At FAB, what's happening inside the sanctuary is running a parallel process through the muck and mud, the snow and rain, toward longer, lighter, warmer days. It's brilliant. The worship liturgy and my day-to-day are siblings. The growing light and life in Ritter Park between snowstorms and rain squalls are hints of Easter in the valley of the shadow of Lent. Lent's intentional pilgrimage to Easter by way of Golgotha is what I think of when I put my head down in snow one day and can look up and breathe in the sunshine the next. In both places, something big is happening right now. I love that. To me, that's worship done well.

And Baptist fellowship? That has its own unique flavor and I taste it on Wednesdays with you. Wednesdays which are connected to Sundays, which together keep telling God's Great Story week after week, season after season. Because of that, I can't open the window to springtime without also seeing and hearing "The heavens telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaiming his handiwork. Day to day pouring forth... and night to night declaring..."

That is a big part of why I'm Baptist at FAB. I'm for that.

~ Rev. Zach Bay



# Fifth Avenue Baptist Church

LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

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Worship God wholeheartedly. Love one another unconditionally. Help people meet Jesus. Help each other become more like Jesus. Love our hurting world.

*Easter Tulips* **\$15**

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**Meal Train**

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Can you play an instrument?  
Want to play during our worship service?

*Easter Sunday Service*

If you can play a string, woodwind, or brass instrument, and would like to participate during Easter Sunday service, please reach out to Dr. Alex Lee, Jon Brannon, or the church office!

Practice: TBA

Two hymns and the Hallelujah chorus



**MYSTERY DINNER THEATER**

*A Night of*  
**MYSTERY, MURDER & DINNER!**

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*the Baptist Camp*

<b>APRIL 17</b> — 6:30 PM —	<b>APRIL 18</b> — 6:30 PM —	<b>APRIL 19</b> — 1:00 PM —
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CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR A BLOOD DRIVE TO BE SCHEDULED IN JUNE. SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE IN YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS OR YOU CAN CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.





# LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

## CALENDAR | March 22–28

### Sunday, March 22

- 8:30 W&E Meeting (CR)  
Nominating Committee Mtg. (Parlor)
- 9:00 Coffee & Doughnuts (FAB Lab)
- 9:30 Sunday Morning Bible Studies
- 10:45 Worship & Live Stream
- 3:00 Fourth Sunday Watercolors (FH)
- 6:00 Recovery Point Game Night

### Monday, March 23

- 9:00 Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, March 25

- 9:30 Women's Bible Study (CR)
- 5:30 Dinner: **chicken alfredo, broccoli, garlic bread, salad, dessert**
- 6:15 Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Barnett	Harry Main
Ed Blankenship, friend of Gerry Smith & Kyle Hughes	Pat Mann
Judy Booth	Marc Miller, brother of Jess Hughes
George Branch, friend of Emma Dix	Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell
Bill Call	John Pelfrey
David Cantrell, stepbrother of Jim Isaac	Cindy Perry, niece of Mary Madsen
David Crowe	Steve Perry, nephew of Mary Madsen
Felix Daniels	Bill Ransbottom
Bill Denman	Allen Reasons
Carolyn Dickens	Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell
Natalie Swann Dodge, great niece of Jack Lively	Ginger Sergent, daughter of Roger & Rickie Sizemore
Braxton Ernst, friend of Jackie Ballard	Larry Shannon, friend of Janet Jarrell
Martha Hagan	Patti & Mike Shaver Sr.
Anne Jameson, niece of Mary Madsen	Barbara Sheils
Janet Jarrell	Doug Sheils
Linda Lawrence	Kay Smith
Julie Lively, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively	Jack, Becky & Haley Stephenson, friends of Martha Hagan
Kim Lively-Smith, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively	David Stone, friend of Martha Hagan
	Bob Turner
	Sherry Waggoner
	Kathleen Whitley, daughter of Mike & Donna Whitley
	Debbie Wilson
	Cathy Wright, friend of Scott & Leigh Ballard

**If you or someone you have added to the Columns Prayer list can be removed, please call or email the church office.**

## Ministry Action Budget: March 15, 2026

Envelopes	42,942.79
Online	175.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,117.79</b>
Given To Date	175,583.17
MAB Expenses To Date	204,763.13
<b>Overage/(Shortage)</b>	<b>(29,179.96)</b>

### Designated Funds

AFC	515.00
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>515.00</b>
<b>Designated Gifts To Date</b>	<b>1,530.00</b>

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

### Mar

- 22** Jeane Chaffin, Sharon Smith, Angelia Rayburn
- 23** Matthew Shaver, Gena Earl, Joe Faucette, Connie Mastrangelo, Tim Burbery
- 24** Fay Queen, Laurie Reasons
- 25** David Stump, Leighton Murphy
- 26** Sandy Prunty
- 27** James Brown, Carolyn Bagby
- 28** Maggie Dyer, Tim Dayhoff

## March ALM

### Needs:

- \*CRAYOLA WASHABLE MARKERS
- \*CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS
- SINGLE-SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS
- \*CRAYOLA CRAYONS 8-PACK
- PUZZLE BOOKS
- NON-HOLIDAY/ FAITH-BASED COLORING BOOKS
- GENTLY USED MAGAZINES



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\*MUST BE CRAYOLA BRAND

## RECOVERY POINT WEST VIRGINIA Game Night

March 22 | 6 PM

Meet at Recovery Point

Feel free to bring snacks or treats!



## 4th Sunday Watercolors with Bev Sauvageot



Supplies Provided

March 22, 3:00pm | Fellowship Hall