



Deacon Ordination

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we ordain five new deacons, and celebrate two new life deacons!

New Deacons

Joanna Atwell
Ben Brewer
Randy Holland
Jeff Smathers
Will Wood

Life Deacons

Gary Barton
Roger Goss

FROM OUR PASTOR

Making Your Life Count

8.2 billion. That's the number of people who live in the world today. The three most populous nations? India, with 1.4 billion; China with another 1.4 billion; and the United States with 342 million. For fun, you can go to www.census.gov/popclock to watch the population of the world grow, right before your eyes! In the United States, a baby is born every 8 seconds, someone dies every 11 seconds, and someone emigrates to this country every 23 seconds. The result? A net gain of one person in the U.S. population every 14 seconds.

Reflecting on the billions of people who live in the world, we might wonder, who am I among so many? What difference does my one life make in the world today? How does God keep up with and care for every one of us when there are so many of us? How can I make my life count?

For the Sundays in September, I'd like to take some time

to reflect on these questions in four sermons based on the Gospel lectionary texts from Luke. Here are the sermons and the texts:

September 7 – *Counting the Cost* Luke 14:25-33

September 14 – *Counting Sheep* Luke 15:1-10

September 21 – *Counting Coins* Luke 16:1-13

September 28 – *Who Is Counting on You?* Luke 16:19-31

Learning from Jesus, we can live lives that really count in the eyes of God. We can make a difference as individuals. We can help others to see how their lives count. We can be generous and compassionate. We can discover that a life that really counts is one that is fully committed to Jesus and poured out for others.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have Sunday morning teacher opportunities in our Collide ministry (5th - 7th Grades) for the upcoming year. Volunteers would be part of a rotation of teachers so that no one has to be there every week, and they would be signing up for a one-year commitment. If you are interested, please reach out to Kristen Mathis.



FBC KIDS
House of Play
SEPTEMBER 13 | 9AM-11AM

Children ages nursery - 2nd grade please join us at House of Play in Cartersville for a fun morning out!



BAPTISM CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 21

On September 21, following worship, we will have a baptism class from 12 - 1:30 p.m. for children 2nd grade & older with questions about baptism. We will learn the who, what, where, when and why together as we talk about this important part of our faith as followers of Jesus. RSVP your child to Kristen by Monday, September 15.

ROCKY HOLLOW PUMPKIN PATCH

Join us on Saturday, October 11, for a family outing to Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch. Time is TBD, but let Kristen know if you are interested!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

With the Youth Choir resuming rehearsals on September 7 after worship all of our ensembles are busy again preparing to lead in worship and for special events. It's not too late to join any of our groups. See Keith with questions.

SAVE-THE-DATES

Make sure to add these dates to your calendar now!

September 7: Deacon Ordination; Vote on 2025-2026 Budget

September 14: Baptisms

September 28: Churchwide Fall Picnic

SANCTUARY SOUND ALMOST COMPLETE

The renovation of the sound system in the Sanctuary should be completed in less than a month. The final step is to add six new speakers under the balcony to enhance the worship experience for those who sit in these areas. Thanks for your patience!

UPDATES TO THE CHOIR ROOM

The choir room renovations continue; painting of the choir room and the two robing rooms has been completed and new carpet for the risers will arrive soon. This is the first update for these areas in more than twenty years. Our grateful appreciation to anonymous donors who made this happen without needing to use any money from the budget.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Our year is off to a great start! Our Toddler through Three Year classes are full. We have 3 openings in our Pre K class. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2025, to attend the Pre K class. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact us at mwood@fbcrome.org. Information about the Weekday Preschool can also be found at fbcrome.org

NEW MEMBERS

Ron and
Tonya McKenzie
joined on August 17
by Statement of Faith.



STUDENT NEWS

SMALL GROUPS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7

Youth (8-12) Small Groups will resume on Sunday, September 7, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. If you're interested in leading a small group, please reach out to Heather Shores!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This Fall, Collide students (grades 6-7) will join Youth in the beginning at 5:45 p.m. for a time of fellowship, and then we will deep dive into The Awakened Life, learning how God created us for lives full of joy, well-being, and connection. Make sure to join us for this 8-week study!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- **DORI TREGLOWN**, PRESCHOOL – 5 years on September 1
- **GWEN STEPHENS**, EXTENDED FAMILY MINISTER – 13 years on September 11
- **NICOLE RILEY**, PRESCHOOL – 7 years on September 23

We celebrate with our staff members and give thanks for all they do in service to God and our congregation.

MISSIONS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MISSION IN NORTH CAROLINA

A construction team is organizing to go to western North Carolina to help rebuild from the floods. Our group will leave on Sunday, October 5, and return on Wednesday, October 8. We need about 6 volunteers for this effort. Please contact Bob Hortman ASAP if you are interested.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 31, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Foss on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Harry Foss.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 31, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Miller and Cornelia Milford on the occasion of their wedding anniversary and in honor of Bob Harris on the occasion of his birthday by Beverly Harris and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 7, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gaynelle Grizzard on the occasion of her birthday by Jim and Linda Owens.

August 30 - September 12

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, August 31

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (<i>delayed by one week</i>)	

Monday, September 1

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Jane Lawson's Home	1:00 pm
Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm

Wednesday, September 3

Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student. Rm.	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, September 4

Bridges Out of Poverty Class, Comm. Rm. & F.H.	6:00 pm
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Sunday, September 7

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/Deacon Ordination/Budget Vote	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
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Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Student Small Groups	5:30 pm

Monday, September 8

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	4:45 pm
Deacons' Meeting, F.H.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 9

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm
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Wednesday, September 10

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary	9:30 am
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student. Rm.	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, September 11

Weekday Preschool Pizza Day	11:30 am
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, Comm. Rm. & F.H.	6:00 pm

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 31

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "Questions from God"

SERMON: "Why Are You Crying?"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:11-16

SPECIAL MUSIC: Kay Bratton

ANTHEM: In Deepest Night...arr. Heather Sorenson

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 3

Mixed Green Salad, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Buttered Lima Beans, Strawberry Pie

Children's Option: Hamburgers, Chips, Strawberry Pie

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (AUGUST 29 - 31):

David Brooks 252.916.7174

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 7

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DEACON ORDINATION

WORSHIP SERIES: "Making Your Life Count"

SERMON: "Counting the Cost"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 14:25-33

ANTHEM: A Vision of You...arr. Cindy Berry

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 10

Spinach Salad, Baked Chicken with Rosemary, Roasted, Quartered New Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Cherry Cobbler

Children's Option: Chicken Fingers, Chips, Cherry Cobbler

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 5 - 7):

Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

THE SPIRE

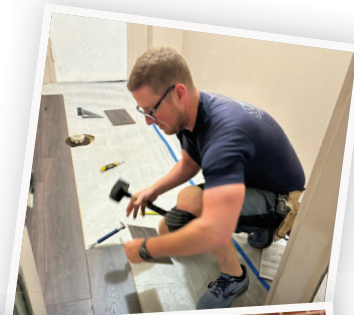
SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

SERVICE & SPECIAL PROJECTS

REMINDER FROM THE SERVICE & SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM

The Service and Special Projects Deacon-Led Ministry Team is here to help you with (almost) any project you may need! If you need assistance with service projects please email a request to John Wilson at john.s.wilson@verizon.net or Troy Fitzpatrick at troyhfitzpatrick@gmail.com. Examples are, but not limited to, yard work, minor home repairs, moving furniture, and transportation assistance.



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