



You're Cordially Invited to Our

THANKSGIVING *Dinner*

NOVEMBER
23

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

*Thanksgiving Service to follow in the
Sanctuary.*

We look forward to celebrating and sharing this special day with you!

The Thanksgiving Dinner has been graciously provided by our Deacons.

FROM OUR PASTOR

In God We Trust

Along with *E Pluribus Unum* — “Out of many, one” — *In God We Trust* serves as a motto for our nation. We see this motto printed on all our currency. We read it on license plates, on police cars and fire engines, on billboards and t-shirts. But is it a truthful statement? I don't mean on a national level, but on a personal level: Do we really trust in God every day?

To answer this question, we need a good definition of “trust,” don't we? Merriam-Webster provides this: “assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something.” Not bad, and as it applies to our relationship with God, I think it's spot on. To trust in God is to rely most assuredly on who God is, what God can do, the strength that God provides, and the truth that God is always with us because Jesus was raised from the dead and lives among us now. God is for us, not against us. God is working for our good, not for harm. And God is dependable—there for us, without fail. Do we trust these things to be true? Do we really trust in God?

If we do trust in God, then there will be signs of our trust. One of the most tangible signs is what we do with what God gives to us.

God has given all of us talents, skills, abilities, and gifts that we can use in this world to earn a living and provide for ourselves and for others in need. When we trust in God, we are set free to live generously toward God and toward others.

For the next few Sundays, our worship will focus on how our trust in God leads us to be generous with what we have, even when we feel like we don't have much to give or when we are worried about the future. Generosity is a sure sign that we trust in God even as God trusts us as stewards of what he has given to us.

In God We Trust. Do we? Let's come together in worship this month, seeking to answer that question for ourselves. And if we really do trust in God, may our generosity be the surest sign of that trust.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

Kids Cool Yule (birth-4th grade) is on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. - noon at the church.

Collide Christmas party (5th-7th grade) at Kristen's house Saturday, December 13, 5 - 7 p.m.

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?

The next baptism date in worship is Sunday, December 28! If your child has been talking about making a profession of faith, please reach out to Kristen to set up a time to talk.

STUDENT NEWS

MARCH MISSION MADNESS

The 2026 March Mission Madness takes place in Macon, GA, March 13-15. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information from April!

HALLOWEEN FUN AT THE HOODS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ADVENT CELEBRATION

Join us during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) on November 30 for an Advent Celebration. This family friendly event will include making Advent wreaths. All nursery, children, youth, and adult Sunday School classes will join! Gwen Stephens will teach in the Chapel for those who would prefer a traditional Sunday School lesson.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST

The 27th Annual Christmas at First Baptist Concert is December 7 at 4:30 p.m. This concert features the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra with additional music from the Youth and Children's Choirs and the First Baptist Ringers. If you or your children or youth are interested in participating in this concert, NOW is the time to join, as we are already rehearsing music for that concert. All are welcome! Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Interested in knitting? Have you always wanted to learn? No matter your skill level, you are welcome to join the prayer shawl ministry!

Below is a list of upcoming meetings:

November 18 - Church Parlor

December 2 - Sandra Gibson-Hester's home

All times are 1 - 3 p.m.

WELCOME BACK OUR TRAVELERS!



The Senior Adult Ministry has returned from a fun-filled trip with 41 participants to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Germany. Here is a photo of the group in the Rose Garden overlooking the city of Bern, Switzerland.

UPCOMING CHOIR PERFORMANCES

November 9: Youth Choir sings in worship

November 23: First Baptist Ringers play for worship

RUBLE-WHITWORTH GROUP

Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group will meet through Zoom connection on Monday, November 10, with Mina and Gennady Podgaisky, CBF field personnel, serving Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Join us in person at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room of the church or through Zoom. To connect via Zoom, please provide your e-mail address to Jan Hardeman or Merrill Davies.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS

The Hands of Christ sign up form is now live! The deadline to sign up to help a family this year is November 17. Please scan the QR code to view how you can help! If you need help with the form, please contact April Lucas.



NEW MEMBER

Lucy Taylor
joined October 12
by Profession of Faith
and will be baptized
on November 9.



GIVING TO GOD

SEPTEMBER 2025

September Offerings	\$140,376.00
September Budgeted Offerings	\$150,421.00
September Expenses	\$224,178.00
September Budgeted Expenses	\$163,116.00
Offerings Received YTD	\$2,074,065.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$2,092,921.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$2,439,582.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$2,448,066.00

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 9, are given to the glory of God and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

Flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason and Margaret, Blythe and Archer Marion.

Flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken and Mary Nance by their family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe and Duanne Walton and Julie McCormick by Susan Seagraves, Josh and Lara Walton and family.

November 8 - November 21

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 8

Collide trip to Chattanooga

Sunday, November 9

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/Stewardship Emphasis/Baptism	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Student Small Groups	5:30 pm

Monday, November 10

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, D.R.	11:30 am
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	4:45 pm
Deacons' Meeting, F.H.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 11

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm
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Wednesday, November 12

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary	9:50 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, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Sunday, November 16

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
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 (delayed by one week)	
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Student Small Groups	5:30 pm

Monday, November 17

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Missions Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Women of the Church Book Group, Comm. Rm.	1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

Tuesday, November 18

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm
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Wednesday, November 19

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary	9:50 am
FBC Foundation Board, Conf. Rm.	4:00 pm
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Extended Family Ministry, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student Rm.	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 9

SUNDAY WORSHIP
STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS
ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

SERMON: "Trust God With What You Have"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

ANTHEM: The Mighty Power of God
...arr. Mark Hayes

SPECIAL MUSIC: Youth Choir

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 12

Ambrosia Salad, Breakfast Casserole, Sausage Patties, Bacon, Hash Brown Casserole, Danish Pastries

Children's Option: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Danish Pastries

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (NOVEMBER 7 - 8):
Suzanne Reece 205.907.7484

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

FOYER UPDATE

We are in the home stretch of the foyer renovation project!

Beautiful trim has been installed and the crew has moved on to paint. The space will really start to come together soon with a bit of color on the walls.

Next steps include installation of a new chandelier and other electrical items, updated furniture and some final inspections. If you would like to give financially to help complete this project, please do so through the church office. For your safety, please do not enter the office foyer or chapel foyer areas at this time.



NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 16

SUNDAY WORSHIP
STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

SERMON: "Trust God with What You Don't Have"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5

ANTHEM: Look at the World...John Rutter

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 19

Mixed Green Salad, Baked Chicken with Rosemary, Rice Pilaf, Turnip Greens, Brownies

Children's Option: Chicken Fingers, Chips, Brownies

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (NOVEMBER 14 - 15):
Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

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