

All Saints' Sunday November 1, 2026

Remembering and honoring our loved ones this Sunday.
Let us gather in reflection and prayer over these saints:

Lucille Bishop
Evan Gober
Ed Rudert
Charles Warner
Marla Janes
Ham Dixon
Clara Mattingly
Gaynelle Grizzard
Betty Higgins
Ginna Wise
Delos Yancey
Michelle Arwood
Art Crowe
Bill Weidemann
Catherine Jetton
Hildred Thompson
Frances Brock



STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
- John 10:10*

SUNDAY MORNINGS
NOVEMBER 15 and NOVEMBER 22

FROM OUR PASTOR

Being Alive

When is the last time you messed something up? We've all done it. Maybe you tried a new recipe for supper that turned out to be a disaster. Or you tried to apologize to someone for a mistake you made and it didn't go well. You promised to be there for someone, and you let them down. You let an unkind word slip, you said something in haste that you didn't mean, you hurt someone's feelings. You messed up.

We've all been there. Some moments are easier to laugh about than others. There are some we'd rather forget altogether. We replay conversations in our heads, wishing we could take back a word or two, wondering why we messed up once again.

Like many of you, I recently finished watching the latest season of *Ted Lasso* — a great show about a ceaselessly optimistic American football coach hired to coach a struggling soccer team in England. Ted's kindness and wisdom are the real stars of the show. The characters and conversations of the show are hilarious and heartwarming, honest and lovable — and they have much to teach us. As the season comes to a

conclusion, Rebecca, owner of the soccer club, offers these words: "We laugh, we hurt, we fall, we get back up. We're a mess. And that is... fantastic. 'Cause... being messy just means... being alive."

How true. To be alive is to deal with the messiness of life. Sometimes we create the messes. Other times, they happen to us. Sometimes we can avoid them or go around them. More often, though, we must go through them. That is life, and the messes mean that we are... alive!

Whatever you're dealing with today, may you know the grace of God in the midst of the messiness. May God's grace give you hope, pick you up, and help you live the one messy, amazing life you've been given through Jesus, who entered into our messiness and came that we might have abundant life.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGING IN WORSHIP

Our Children's Choir (2nd-5th grade) will sing in worship on Sunday, November 8. Please make sure your child attends as many Wednesday night practices as possible so that they can be prepared!

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry needs two people to help teach on Sunday mornings: one in our kindergarten-2nd grade class, and one in our 3rd-5th grade class. You would be part of a three-person teaching team so that the burden on one person is never too heavy and someone can always be absent without the need for a sub. This is a commitment to teach for one year. Please reach out to Kristen Mathis if interested at kmathis@fbcrome.org, or by phone (502) 693-5644.

STUDENT NEWS

SNL AT THE HOODS

SNL for Sunday, November 1, will be at the Hoods' house for a fun night of fellowship and growth. Join us at 6 p.m. for hayrides, a meal together, and a talk about prayer. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costume!

MESSY GAME NIGHT/FRIENDSGIVING

Mark your calendars for our Friendsgiving and Messy Game Night on Saturday, November 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our meal and then continue to Messy Games. For the meal, guys, please bring something salty, and girls please bring something sweet!

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT

JOIN US FOR FRIENDSGIVING!

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. on November 20 for our Young Adult Friendsgiving! Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share as we come together for an evening of good food, fellowship, and gratitude. We hope you'll join us! This event is open to both college students and young professionals.

MISSIONS

MISSION TRIP TO IMMOKALEE, FLORIDA

Our next trip to Immokalee to serve alongside CBF Field Personnel, Rick Burnette is February 1-6, 2027. It's time to get our team together and begin preparing for this missions experience. If you are interested in being a part of this next trip to serve with Cultivate Abundance, please contact Suzanne at sreece@fbcrome.org or call the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND MEAL

Join us Sunday, November 22, at 5 p.m. for Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Thanksgiving Service will follow in the Sanctuary. The meal is provided by the Deacons. We look forward to celebrating and sharing this special day with you!

WANT TO SING FOR CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST?

If you would like to join the choir for Christmas at First Baptist, it is not too late! We meet for rehearsal at 7 p.m. each Wednesday. We would love to have you join us for this special time of worship together. If you have questions, you may contact Bill Adcock at billadcock@fbcrome.org.

NAVIGATING OUR GRIEF JOURNEYS THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS

It only takes a brief look around to recognize we are soon to be entering the holiday season. For many, the arrival of the holidays brings a reminder of loved ones who are no longer present. The days aren't necessarily filled with joy and laughter. If you find the holidays to be challenging due to grief and loss, we hope you'll join us on Sunday, November 15, for a time of sharing and learning together how we might navigate our grief journeys throughout the holiday season. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us. More details will be forthcoming.

WELCOMING ADVENT CELEBRATION

Join us during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) on November 29 for an Advent Celebration. This family friendly event will include making Advent wreaths. All nursery, children, youth, and adult Sunday School classes will join! Brian Inman will teach in the Chapel for those who would prefer a traditional Sunday School lesson.



INTERESTED IN ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION?

Would you like to join in an Advent Day of Reflection hosted by Ignatius House Retreat Center in Sandy Springs, GA? This one-day experience will include time for quiet reflection, three inspiring messages, personal prayer exercises, lunch, and more. This experience will take place on Tuesday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$85.00. If interested, please contact Suzanne at sreece@fbcrome.org. Space is limited, so don't delay.

We need additional volunteers to help in the Church Office. Call 706.291.6850 to sign up.



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Billy and Ann Daniel
joined October 4 by
Transfer of Letter.



Leigh Patterson
joined October 11
by Statement of
Faith.



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- KRISTEN MATHIS, MINISTER TO CHILDREN & YOUNG FAMILIES – 9 years on October 11
 - SUSAN FINCHER, WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL – 10 years on October 22
- We celebrate them and give thanks for all they do in service to God and our congregation.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, October 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Natalie Reynolds on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by the Reynolds family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David T. Brown by Ann Brown Ryan and children.

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, November 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dewey Jowers and in honor of Jerrie Jowers on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by The Sklar family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trixie and Dee Couch by Patsy and Jere Drummond.

October 24 - November 6

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, October 24

Children's Ministry Pumpkin Patch Trip	10:00 am
Lazy Creek Farms	
Youth House of Dreams Hike	1:00 pm

Sunday, October 25

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/World Hunger Offering	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website, YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	
Church Fall Picnic, Morrison Campground	4:00 pm

Monday, October 26

Hands of Christ Christmas Meeting, Conf. Rm.	9:00 am
Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Missions Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm

Tuesday, October 27

Sensible Shoes Group (morning), Parlor	10:00 am
Sensible Shoes Group (evening), Parlor	6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 28

Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
FBC Ringers, Choir Suite	5:30 pm
Children's Activities, Children's Halls	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, "Practicing the Way" F.H.	6:00 pm
Youth Activities, Youth Room	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, October 29

Bridges Out of Poverty, Comm. Rm. & F.H.	5:30 pm
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Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1!
Don't forget to set your clocks back October 31!

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day	
Youth Committee, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/All Saints Day	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website, YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	
Minister of Worship Search Committee	12:30 pm
Women's Mahjong, F.H.	4:00 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:30 pm
Sunday Night Live (SNL), Hoods' home	6:00 pm

Monday, November 2

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
FBC Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

Wednesday, November 4

Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Activities, Children's Halls	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, "Practicing the Way" F.H.	6:00 pm
Youth Activities, Youth Room	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, November 5

Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm
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seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 25

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "What Matters Most?"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:34-46

ANTHEM: "Lord, You Have Been
Our Dwelling Place"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

October 28

Mixed Green Salad, Fried Chicken, Macaroni
and Cheese, Fried Okra, Strawberry Shortcake
Children's Option: Pizza, Chips, and Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (OCTOBER 23 - 24):
Kristen Mathis 706.509.2003

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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



LET'S PLAY
MAHJONG!

Join the Women of the Church for this fun Mahjong event!
Whether you are learning or a pro, there is a space for you!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | 4:00PM - 6:30PM

You must RSVP by October 25.
Scan the QR code or register in
the church office.

Cost: \$15/person



NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 1

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS' DAY

SERMON: "Abundantly Blessed"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:1-3

ANTHEM: "Goin' Home"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

November 4

Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast, Spaghetti and Meat-
balls with Marinara Sauce, Broccoli, Tiramisu
Children's Option: Chicken Tenders, Chips,
and Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (OCTOBER 30 - 31):
David Brooks 706.509.2003

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