

# first connections

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A loving people of worship, community and service

First Baptist Gainesville, 751 Green St., Gainesville, GA 30501

## Calendar Reminders

### Friday, October 9th

10am Tour of Gardens on Green

### Sunday, October 11th

6pm Youth Dodge Ball

6:30pm Deacon's Meeting

### Thursday, October 15th

7pm Book Club

### Friday, October 16th

6pm Family Play Night, FLC

### Saturday, October 17th

9am Run for Your Life, Laurel Park

### Sunday, October 18th

5pm Learning to Use Your Bible

6pm Middle Schoolers Corn Maze

### Monday, October 19th

7:30pm The Edge for HS Seniors

### Friday, October 23rd

9am AARP Class, Room 241

8:30am Sr. Adults to Franklin, NC

### Wednesday, October 28th

5:45pm Fall Festival

## Sunday Mornings

### Worship

8:30am Chapel

10:50am Sanctuary

Live Broadcast on WCON

99.3FM & online

www.fbcgainesville.org -

broadcasts begin at 11:00am

### Sunday School

9:45am for ALL ages

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## A Word from Our Pastor...

Dear Church,

I want to address the question that must be on the mind of a number of people as we move fully into our campaign for the building of the youth and children's space. If you've lost your job or been through a distressing time financially, you are asking: Well, what do I do? What can I give? How can I be helpful in this campaign? If this is on your heart, I want you to hear this clearly: Now may not be the time that you are able to give a pledge. In any given project at any time there will be those who simply do not have it to give. One of the great benefits of belonging to a church is that you are part of something much bigger than yourself, something much larger than your own particular resources. There have been times when you have contributed for the benefit of others; now may be the time when others contribute for the benefit of you and yours.

But you DO have something to give, something even more important and more lasting than money. You can pray. You must pray. Pray that all of us will see what that space will mean to this church and to our children and our youth. For example, not everyone saw the need for the banquet hall while it was under construction. But now, on any Wednesday evening, for instance, there are many more people here for dinner and the various classes than we ever had in the old fellowship hall. In fact, we have considerably more on Wednesdays now than the old space could even have accommodated. And just look at what the banquet hall offers the community as a whole. Not everyone caught the vision of what this space could offer our church's future, but most did; and God worked through the vision and the gifts to make it a reality. So, pray that everyone in this church will be able to envision what the children and youth space will do for our ministries. "Without vision, the people perish," says the proverb. And without prayer, there is little vision.

And you can give another vital gift. When a church is engaged in a big project such as this, some will speak disparagingly about it. Some will say the timing is not right, or the plan is too big, or the cost is too high, or the need is not there. Your voice of encouragement would mean much to them and to all of us. Encouragement means "to put courage in." You can put courage into the hearts of those who can give money and are able to pledge. Your prayers work in ways that we can't even understand. Your prayers ensure that God is at the heart of what we are doing. Through your prayers, you are as much involved in this campaign as those who give large amounts. Jesus praised the woman who gave the penny into the temple treasury, "She gave what she could." You can be sure that Christ himself will praise any of us who give what we can.

I'll see you Sunday, gladly.

Your friend and pastor,  
Bill Coates



## Worship...

**Sunday, October 11th**  
**8:30am & 10:50am Services**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scripture:**

OT: Psalm 90: 12-17

NT: Mark 10:17-31

**Message:**

***Our Greatest Hindrance***

Dr. Bill Coates

**Music:**

*I Am the Good Shepherd*

Sanctuary Choir (10:50)

Rejoice Choir (8:30)

*Yet I Will Praise You*

Jason LeBlanc, Solo

**Sunday, October 18th**  
**8:30 & 10:50am Services**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scripture:**

OT: Psalm 51:16-17

NT: Luke 16:10-13

**Message:**

***Excused From Christ's Requirements?***

Dr. Bill Coates

**Music:**

*Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven*

Sanctuary Choir (10:50)

Agape Choir (8:30)

*For Good*

Brooke Morters, Solo

*Jesus Saves*

Exaltation

## Monday Men's Bible Study

Monday Mornings

7:15am coffee,

7:30am study

Banquet Hall Lobby

Led by Dr. Coates, Bruce Fields, and Chris Burns. This study is on the parables. They will be broken into two categories: "The Coming and Growth of the Kingdom" and "The Grace of the Kingdom."



## Reception for Carrie Veal

Join us for a reception to express appreciation to Carrie Veal and to wish her well in her future ministries Sunday, October 25 immediately following the 10:50 service in the Parlor.

## Special Announcements...

### FBC Yard Sale November 6&7

Do you have some perfectly good items in your home that you rarely or never use? Appliances, electronics, furniture, clothing, anything at all that someone else might want? We need your donations for our yard sale, which will raise money for our youth and children's space.

Here's what you need to know about donating items:

1. Please bring your items to the back entrance of the 1st floor of the Banquet Hall (where items will be stored)
2. The FLC front desk volunteer has the key let you in. Please stop by anytime during FLC hours drop things off.
3. If you have a large item that you cannot transport yourself, we will do it for you. Call Liz with questions or to schedule pick-up @ 770-535-0478.

***Please nothing broken  
Clothes on hangers***

### Run for Your Life 5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, Oct. 17th

Laurel Park, Race begins at 9am

\$20 registration day of race

\$25 for family with children

Get your family up and running, or at least

playing, at our Fifth Annual FLC fundraiser event this October.

Have a great time and help contribute to this important ministry of First Baptist at the same time. We want you there!

Please visit our website to download a registration form at [www.fbcgainesville.org/familylifecenter](http://www.fbcgainesville.org/familylifecenter)



**5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Run / Walk**  
First Baptist Church Family Life Center  
October 17th, 2009

### Five O'clock in "Gardens on Green" Tuesday Gardening Classes

"Gardens on Green," educational gardens at 711 Green Street, is offering fall gardening classes for the community. Taught by Hall County Master Gardeners, the "Five O'clock in the Gardens" series includes the following:  
October 13: "Bulbs for Every Season" – Linda Baggett  
October 20: "The Right Tree for the Right Place" – Travis Oliver

### Book Club

**Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen**

Led by Kate Zoercher

Thursday October 15, 2009

7:00 pm, Church Parlor

Life of the Beloved is a classic work among books on spirituality. Nouwen takes an ambiguous topic and explains it without using theological or technical language. Discover through Nouwen's book how to love and be loved the way God intended. Call or email **Elizabeth Burnette** to order a book, or for more information. 770-534-7354/[ebburnette@gmail.com](mailto:ebburnette@gmail.com)

## Community...



## Children's Ministry

### Family Play Night: A monthly event for families to gather and play.

We will have dinner, playtime and fellowship!

Friday, October 16th

6:00-8:00 pm

All families with children

Family Life Center

\$10 per family (includes dinner)

Reservations requested by Wednesday, October 14th.

Please email or call Lisa Johnson at [lisajohnson@fbcgainesville.org](mailto:lisajohnson@fbcgainesville.org) 770-535-2329

or Ruth Demby at [ruthdemby@fbcgainesville.org](mailto:ruthdemby@fbcgainesville.org) 770-534-7354.

### New Class for 1st through 5th Graders

Learning to Use Your Bible

Sundays, October 18th-November 22nd

Children in 1st-5th Grades

Room 208, 5pm-6pm

Registration Requested: \$5/Child

Led by Lisa Johnson

For six weeks children will learn the books of the Bible,

how to look up scripture, and will become immersed in the Word of God.

Please email or call Lisa Johnson at [lisajohnson@fbcgainesville.org](mailto:lisajohnson@fbcgainesville.org) 770-535-2329.

### Family Ministries

#### Have a New Kid By Friday

5:00 -6:00 pm Sunday Afternoons

October 18<sup>th</sup>-November 22nd

Join with other parents in learning how to change your child's: Attitude

Behavior &

Character

A 6 week video and discussion study on Sunday afternoons based on Kevin Leman's book. Each week we will cover a 5 day action plan. Discover why your kids do what they do and what you can do about it- starting right now!

While you learn how to change your child's attitude, behavior, and character, your child can gain skills in learning to use the Bible.

Call Rev. Ruth Demby at 770-534-7354 with questions about this program.

Nursery available for children ages 0-Kindergarten



### Marriages that Thrive

Communication: The Key to Warmth in Your Marriage

Saturday, October 24, 2009

6:00-8:45pm, Call Ruth or Angie to register.

Banquet Hall Lobby

Enjoy a lovely dinner, fellowship with other couples, and a video by Christian psychologist, Dr. Jim Burns.



## Student Ministry

### Wednesday Night Schedule

6:15 Middle School Bible Study

7:00 Big Group Worship

7:30 High School Bible Study

### Seniors: The Edge

The Edge is for High School

Seniors. We will meet at Chris

Burns' house on October 19th at

7:30pm. Supper will be provided.

We will discuss financial

management during the first years of college.

### Dodgeball Tournament

Sunday, October 11th, 6pm, FLC

Free! All students are invited and

encouraged to bring a friend.

### Middle School Corn Maze

Sunday, Oct. 18th

6pm-8:30pm

### Trunk & Treat Volunteers

Wed. Oct. 28

We need youth to man games, pass out candy, etc. Don't forget to dress up!

### BBQ Ribs Sale

November 7th, 10:30-1:30

\$10 Ribs Plate

\$20 Full Rack of Ribs Plate

Tickets go on sale Oct. 7

Student wishing to sell tickets need to pick them up from Chris

### Adults with Seniority

#### Lunch Bunch Trips

Friday, October 23

8:30am-5:30pm

Lunch Bunch to the Frog & Owl Bistro in Franklin, NC

Friday, November 6

9am-3pm

Fernbank IMAX

*Van Gogh: Brush With Genius*

Lunch at Mary Mac's Tea Room

#### Overnight Trip: Hendersonville

Thurs. Nov 19-Fri. Nov. 20

Cost \$100 (Double), \$135 (single)

Call C.J. to make your reservation



# Church-Wide Fall Festival Trunk & Treat Wednesday, October 28, 5:45pm

We are making plans for the Fall Festival. Wondering how you can be a part of it? Here are just a few ways:

1. Decorate the trunk of your car and let us fill it with candy! Then the kids will come to "trunk and treat" at your car. Make it as festive as you'd like. In the past we have cars to show off their favorite college team, look like an ocean paradise, have a scarecrow sitting on a bale of hay, and much more! Use your creative mind and see what you might come up with.
2. Give an hour of your time to run a game. We will have several fun, easy games that the kids love to play. We need teams of 2 to give one hour at one game.
3. Bring lots and lots and lots of candy to the church! We will have over 700 people come through the front of the church and the last thing we want is to run out of candy! So please bring individually wrapped pieces to the different bins located around the church.



If you need more information, please contact Jenny Burns in the church office.



## Among Our Members

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 4 were given in loving memory of Jim McLeroy on the occasion of his birthday (October 7) by his wife and children.

The flowers in the chapel on Sunday, October 4 were given in loving memory of James Sosebee by the First Baptist Church Flower Committee.

The flowers in the sanctuary and chapel for Sunday, October 11 are given in loving memory of Jimmie Ree Rundles by her husband, Wilbert Rundles and family.



*Flowers*  
Given Out of Love



The First Baptist Church family would like to express its deepest sympathy to the following:

Nadine Ham in the death of her niece, Lisa Irvine.

The family & friends of James Sosebee.

Pam Thompson in the death of her mother,  
Jeanette Watson.

Paula Allen in the death of her brother-in-law,  
Boyd Gilstrap.

Dear Church Family,  
This is my feeble effort to say thank you very much for the many expressions of care shown by all of you during my recent illness. The cards and calls did much to cheer me up. Your prayers did much to speed my recovery. I feel very blessed to belong to such a caring congregation.

Sincerely,  
Calvin Allen, Jr.

## Community ...

### Angel Tree/Food Box 2009 Important Dates

Tuesday afternoon Nov. 12

Angel Tree assembled and placed in educational foyer

Sunday, Nov. 15

(1<sup>st</sup> day of food collections from SS Classes)

Angels on tree and available for families to pick up:

Sundays, Nov. 15, 22, 29, December 6 & 13

Food collected and angels available

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13!!!!**

**DEADLINE FOR RETURNING GIFTS AND  
FOOD**

Thursday, December 17

Food and Gift Assembly in Old Fellowship Hall  
10am - 2pm

Friday, December 18

Distribution Day  
10am - 2pm

Saturday, December 19 HCCI Day

Ministry to the inmates at Hall Co. Correctional  
Institution

10am - 2pm Sandwiches brought to Old Fellowship Hall!

5:30pm Bus departs for Hall Co. Correctional Facility for  
Christmas Worship and Party Return by 8:00 p.m.

*Call C.J. Wehmiller at the church office to volunteer to help or  
to get more information!*

### Are You Called to be Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers offer long-term, consistent care to persons who have experienced grief, illness, divorce, family crises, loss of job and/or other transitions in life where the supportive ministry of a committed, caring, Christian friend is needed. At present, First Baptist has 31 active Stephen Ministers and 20 of our Stephen Ministers are providing consistent encouragement to a care receiver.

How about you? Could God be calling you to become a Stephen Minister? A new class will be formed by late January 2010 to prepare individuals for Stephen Ministry. If you are interested, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders by November 1: Wayne Nelson, Bob or Nancy Page, Lynne Hanson, Bill Wittel or Bruce



### AARP Driver Safety Class

Friday, October 23rd  
Room 239 (Seeker's SS Room)  
9am-5pm

Our own Pat Perry will conduct another class for our church members and guests! The course is for anyone and could possibly help decrease the cost for auto insurance. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non members and can be paid at the beginning of the class on the 23rd. Please bring your driver's license, a lunch, and a pen. Call or email C.J. Wehmiller at the church office to reserve your spot. 770-534-7354

## Memorials and Honorariums ...

#### Ministry of Caring

In memory of John Burl Hulsey and Shirley Strong by:  
Cheryl Satterfield

In memory of Elizabeth Crowley by:  
Peggy Hollis

In memory of Virginia Davis by:  
Betty Anne Hood Souter

In memory of James Sosebee by:  
Jack & Jan Ferguson  
Judy Power  
Stan & Pat Perry

Roy & Kathy Perry  
Norma Jean & Bob Edwards  
Fleming & Barbara Weaver  
Eugene Cassidy  
Leathel Fulmer  
Ronald & Joan Peterson

Sheila Cassidy

In honor of Frances Haynes 95th  
Birthday by:  
Billy & Jimmy Crowley & Family

#### Third Century Music Wing

In memory of John Burl Hulsey and in honor of Mary Louise Hulsey by:  
Frances Fennell  
Malissa Tubbs

In memory of Shirley Strong & John Burl Hulsey by:  
Suzy Harris

#### Third Century

In honor of Mark Green by:  
Dr. & Mrs. Sam Dayton

In memory of Virginia Davis by:  
Winsome SS Class

Clovie Lawson

Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson  
The Crook Family  
Paul & Terry Griffith

In memory of James Sosebee by:  
Ray & Louise Gunnin  
Daisy Carter  
Alan & Cheryl McElveen  
Bob & Nancy Page  
Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson

In memory of Ed Daniel by:  
N.A. & Carolyn Jacobs

In memory of L.P. McNeal, Jr. by:  
Rhuel & Dorothy Patterson

#### Stephen Ministry

In memory of L.P. Mac McNeal, Jr.  
by:  
Bob & Nancy Page

## FBC Lord's Day Report

### September 27, 2009

#### Offering

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Budget Required.....        | \$49,423.08        |
| Weekly Budget Received.....        | \$28,034.73        |
| Year-to-date Budget Required ..... | \$1,927,500.12     |
| Year-to-date Budget Received.....  | \$1,753,881.03     |
| Ministry of Caring.....            | \$650.00           |
| Vietnamese Offering.....           | \$774.00           |
| Hispanic Offering.....             | \$99.00            |
| Third Century.....                 | \$2,667.00         |
| Other Designated.....              | \$2,846.00         |
| <b>TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....</b>     | <b>\$35,070.73</b> |

### October 4, 2009

#### Offering

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Budget Required.....        | \$49,423.08        |
| Weekly Budget Received.....        | \$53,194.55        |
| Year-to-date Budget Required ..... | \$1,976,923.20     |
| Year-to-date Budget Received.....  | \$1,807,075.58     |
| Ministry of Caring.....            | \$3,348.95         |
| Hispanic Offering.....             | \$60.00            |
| Vietnamese Offering.....           | \$708.00           |
| Third Century.....                 | \$4,368.20         |
| Other Designated.....              | \$3,345.00         |
| <b>TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....</b>     | <b>\$65,024.70</b> |

## Estes-Dozier Mission Group

Monday, October 12th  
10:15am, Church Parlor  
Everyone is invited to hear our  
guest speaker, Carrie Dean from  
Atlanta Inner-City Missions—  
Edgewood  
Bring a friend!

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