

# 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

### Sunday, January 1

8:30AM, 9:40AM, 10:50AM

Worship and Bible Study

12:00 Noon Banquet Hall

First @ First Luncheon

Traditional New Year's Day Meal

### Wednesday, January 4

5:00PM Banquet Hall Dinner

5:45PM

Children, Youth & Adult Activities

Resume

### Saturday, January 7

Youth Hawks Game

### Sunday, January 8

Communion Sunday

### Sunday, January 15, 22, 29

9:50AM Room 209A

New Member & Inquirer's Class

### Monday, January 16

Office Closed

### January 20-22

Youth Disciple Now Weekend

### Friday & Saturday, January 27-28

7:00-9:00PM 10:00AM-2:00PM

Banquet Hall

Heart & Hands Women's Ministry Retreat

## 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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Prayer Call ..... 770-333-7445

Weekday Preschool 770-535-2329

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## A Word from Our Pastor...

Dear Church,

We begin 2012 with strong, solid ministries and excellent staff to lead them. Our latest expansion occurred four months ago when we started our full Day School program which should become self-sufficient sometime this year. In addition to well-trained ministers and staff for all our ministries, we have an army of reliable and passionate volunteers and lay leaders such as our dependable Family Life Center team and our growing number of Stephen Ministers and our compassionate friends of the Hispanic children in the after-school ministry, Promising Futures. From children, youth, music, discipleship and Bible Study, to those who keep things beautiful with flowers, to bus and golf cart drivers and ushers and greeters, to missions lovers and special events volunteers, YOU make the church work. There is not a single area of our church life which could function with paid staff alone. YOU are essential. I thank God for you.

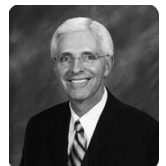
*There is one area where we need passionate leadership and willing help, and this is the year that we turn our full attention to it: the ministry to college students and adults in their 20s and 30s. With strong support from our deacons, I have sought funds beyond the scope of our church budget to bring in the Reverend Will Dyer to lead us in effective outreach to these young adults. Also, Elizabeth Isandoro's role will be expanded to provide extra assistance and leadership. For the next two years, you will see the largest effort we have yet made in this area. I'm asking you to pray for Will and for Elizabeth and for the core group of young adults who will begin this work.*

Will is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Emory's Candler School of Theology (2008), and he has been in the pastorate for three years. His wife, Dr. Sara Lindsay Dyer, will be practicing dentistry in our region. They will be locating here over the next few weeks, and Will's ministry among us will begin February 1. I have the highest hopes. I believe that by giving this our full attention and ardent prayers for guidance, we will see a whole new exciting spirit in our church as many young adults join us and grow in their desire to follow Christ. And please, if you feel at all compelled to give your time and energy to this ministry, let us know right away. You will be much appreciated.

May the Lord bless all our ministry and mission in 2012, and may we worship like never before!

Your friend and pastor,

*Bill Coates*



## Discover God... Discipleship

### Wednesday Nights at First Baptist

5:00 Supper in the Banquet Hall

#### Banquet Hall Study

January 4 - February 15 beginning at 6:00PM

"The Great Prayers"

Dr. Bruce Morgan, leader

February 29 - April 25 beginning at 6:00PM

The Book of James

Coach Jim Lofton, leader



#### Value-Packed Parenting

Room 208 ~ 6:00PM

Bruce & Nancy Fields, Group Discussion Leaders

Series by Kevin Leman

#### Prep for Sunday

Room 108 (Winsome Bible Study room)

Are you teaching on Sunday mornings? Do you want some help, or discussion, over what to teach? Join Elizabeth Burnette and other Sunday Morning Bible Study teachers/leaders/facilitators to look at the upcoming lesson and be prepared for Sunday. Share ideas and hear from the author of the lessons, Tony Cartlidge, each week.

#### Bible Study 101 with Dr. Coates (for 20's and 30's)

Room 209A ~ 6:00PM

We know you know the Bible...some. We've also heard your request to know more. Lucky for you, Bill knows everything there is to know about the Bible. Ok, that's a lie, but he does know a lot and wants to help you learn more about it too. Meet with him on Wednesday nights and walk through the basics of the Bible.

#### Tom McAllister

February 1 - March 28

Room 204 (Common Ground Bible Study room) ~ 6:00PM

Journey of a lifetime! Therefore, be careful how you walk; not

as unwise men but as wise, (Eph 5:15) Life is a journey--- looking for some enthusiastic travelers! Our path in this earthly life has many twists and turns, ups and downs, bumps, potholes, smooth surfaces, and occasional ventures off-pavement. So what is the best way to travel? How do we prepare for such a journey? Beginning with the greatest commandment of loving God with all your heart, mind, body, and soul, and loving your neighbor as yourself, come explore the scriptures to discover potential answers to these questions and to develop a lifestyle of walking wisely with Christ.



#### Grief Support Group

Room 209 B ~ 6:00PM

Kurt Schuler: khschuler@bellsouth.net (facilitator)

Presented by our Stephen Ministry

When someone experiences a major loss, he or she begins a journey. It is impossible to refuse the journey but it can lead to very different destinations. Our grief support group will support you in a move toward wholeness.

### New Member & Inquirer's Class

Sundays, January 15, 22, 29

9:50AM

Led by Dr. Bill Coates

Room 209A

If you are new to the church or you would like to learn more about First Baptist, please join us.

### Young Men's (20-30's)

#### Bible Study

Tuesdays 7:15AM

FLC game room

If you are looking for a way to

start your week with a focus

on Christ and how Christ

would have you live in the

world, this study is for you.

Scripture is read and

discussed and prayers are offered to

encourage men as they seek to be Christ-

centered husbands, fathers, friends and

employees. Contact John McGarvey for more

information.



### Men's Morning Bible Study

Mondays 7:30-8:30AM

Banquet Hall Lobby

Between the Gates by Charles Poole

January 9 Introduction

January 16 Adjusting

January 23 On Praying Through

January 30 Through the Valley

### Book Club...

"Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy"

By Eric Metazas

February 23 6:00PM

Discussion led by Hammond Law

Participants purchase their own book.

A definitive, deeply moving narrative, "Bonhoeffer" is a story of moral courage in the face of the monstrous evil that was Nazism.

After discovering the fire of true faith in a Harlem church, Bonhoeffer returned to Germany and became one of the first to speak out against Hitler. As a double

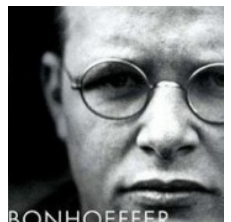
-agent he joined the plot to assassinate the Fuhrer and was hanged in Flossenberg concentration camp at age 39. Since his death, Bonhoeffer has

grown to be one of the most fascinating, complex figures of the 20th century. "Bonhoeffer" presents a profoundly orthodox Christian theologian whose

faith led him to boldly confront the greatest evil of the 20th century, and

uncovers never-before-revealed facts, including the story of his passionate

romance.



## Healing through Caring...

### Stephen Ministry

We will be interviewing potential new Stephen Ministers during the month of January, with training beginning in February. If you are interested, contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Bruce Fields, Lynne Hanson, Wayne Nelson, Bob Page, Nancy Page, or Bill Wittel. Our Stephen Ministry provides funds for the Grief Share Support Group as well as the Divorce Care Support Group.



## You don't want to miss this!!



### **Old Fashion**

### **Church Fellowship & Chili Cookoff**

Sunday, March 18 Banquet Hall

6:00-7:30PM

Bring a pot of Chili to share!

Dress in your old-fashioned cloths (overalls encouraged).

Entertainment by George & Lynda Fields

Devotional by Dr. Larry Fields

Child-care available / Reservation requested.

## Faith through Fitness... Family Life Center

Please call 770-535-0478 to sign up for these programs. Visit [www.fbcgainesville.org/familylifecenter](http://www.fbcgainesville.org/familylifecenter) for more information and a schedule of group exercise classes. Contact Liz Isandoro with questions at [elizabethcts@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethcts@yahoo.com). Friend us on Facebook!

### Adult Volleyball

Mondays

6:00-8:00PM

Free to play. All levels welcome.

Childcare available.

### 40+ Basketball

Thursdays from 5:00-7:00PM

### Yoga Meets Dance

Tuesdays at 6:00PM

Led by Joanne Hamilton and Vicki Sims

Cost: Free to FLC members, guests pay \$7 to drop in (all fees collected are donated to local charitable organizations)

This is a creative, fun workout that combines two beautiful arts. Anyone of any level can enjoy this class!

### Tai Chi Class

5 weeks of Wednesdays:

February 22-March 21

1:00-2:00PM

Cost: \$50

Please call to register by February 18.

### Mom's Morning Out

Every Tuesday & Thursday Morning from 9am-1pm

For children 18 months to 4 years

Please call to register your child

Cost: \$10/first child, \$6/sibling

### Parent's Night Out

Saturday, January 28

5:00-9:00PM

Cost: \$15/first child, \$10/sibling

Mom and Dad get a Saturday night out while the kids come for fun at the FLC! For children 2 and older

Must register by calling the FLC

We provide dinner, drinks, and plenty of fun!

### Body Stewards Competition

6 weeks: January 9-February 23, 2012

Childcare is provided for several exercise classes/week

Cost: \$75/FLC member, \$95/non-FLC member

Register by going to [http://www.fbcgainesville.org/form\\_liveform.asp?FormID=37](http://www.fbcgainesville.org/form_liveform.asp?FormID=37) or drop by the FLC. Check out our webpage at [www.fbcgainesville.org/familylifecenter](http://www.fbcgainesville.org/familylifecenter)

Body Stewards is a competition designed to help you take measure of how well you are living up to God's call to be a good steward of your body. We will equip you with everything you need to succeed in becoming as healthy in mind, body and spirit as God wants you to be. We are called on to rest, to care for our bodies well, to consume the right things and to use our bodies for good as disciples of Christ. Body Stewards is a fun, competitive way to look at your habits, to correct where needed, and to achieve your goals. This is the beginning of a new, healthier lifestyle.

Being part of a team encourages accountability and success! Teams can be made up of any number of participants and there should be a team captain. We suggest units of 3-6 individuals form teams. Teams score points through daily exercise, nutrition, discipleship and rest categories. Individuals report their weekly total to the team captain. Each Monday team totals will be averaged and posted online. This is where the competition lies. At the end of 6 weeks an amazing prize will be awarded to the top 3 winning teams. Highest total team average wins. Are you doing your part to keep the team on top?

In short this program includes:

- accountability
- nutrition coaching
- exercise coaching & classes
- before & after evaluations
- weekly check-ins
- constant access to your trainers
- personal log books



## Discovering God through Missions

### Estes-Dozier Missions Meeting

January 9, 2010 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. in the parlor

Nathan Dean, co-pastor from The Edgewood Church in inner-city Atlanta will speak to us about the wonderful progress that has been made in planting this CBF church. We will learn of ways that other CBF churches are helping this church to get a great start.

## Let the Little Ones Come Unto Me... Children's Ministry

### March Mission Family Event a "Chain Reaction"

Build a Bike March 24th  
Dinner, Trivia and Games  
Banquet Hall  
3:00-6:00PM



### Aquarium Adventure Day Trip

**Be on the lookout for more information.**  
**Kindergarten - 2nd grades**  
**Cost \$25.00**

Kindergarten through 2nd grade will take a field trip to the Georgia Aquarium where we will experience Deepo's Undersea 3D Wonder show and the Dolphin Tales theater spectacular show. Children will discover how animals meet their basic needs, including how and what they eat and how they thrive in their habitat. Cost will include tickets to the aquarium, Deepos 3D show, Dolphin show, transportation, lunch and snack.



## Serve others by giving to the Day School...



### Day School Silent Auction

**Friday, February 24**  
**5:30 - 7:30PM**  
**Banquet Hall**

Plans for our Annual Day School Silent Auction and BBQ are underway. Our church family has been an integral part of the success of the auction. In the past we have had great items donated by many of you. We are currently accepting donations. If you would like to contribute to the auction, please call Lisa Johnson at 770-535-2329.

## Hey Students, don't miss out....



### Disciple Now 2012

January 20-22nd  
6th-12th grade  
Cost: \$45  
Deadline to sign up is January 15.  
This is a weekend of worship and fellowship. Students stay in local homes. Don't miss this life changing event!!

### Hawks Game

January 7  
Atlanta Hawks Basketball Game  
Cost: \$20 plus food at the game.  
We will leave the church at 5:00PM.  
Sign ups are taking place in the youth area.

### Parent / Student Luncheon

Sunday, January 8  
Following 10:50AM Worship  
Sign up by calling 678-677-8056 or emailing Chris Burns. This will be a time to learn about the upcoming semester and summer events.

## Among Our Members

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

Kim Craft in the death of his mother:  
Madeline Craft

The family of:  
Rev. Wilburn Peeples

Mary Cleveland in the death of her sister:  
Louise Rice Jones

Peggy Houston in the death of her husband and Rhonda Thompson in the death of her father:  
Donald Houston

Bobby Wiley in the death of his wife:  
Jettie Wiley

Bernice Moon in the death of his sister:  
Jeweldean Ivey

Anne Bishop in the death of her brother-in-law:  
Wes Glisson

Betty Carpenter in the death of her brother and Kim Abrams in the death of her uncle:  
Clarence Hawkins

**The First Baptist Church family would like to celebrate the arrival of:**

Hudson Kevin Smith  
Son of Kevin and Shelly Smith  
Grandson of Vickie Mitchum  
Great Nephew of Cathy & Doug Bowers

## Growth through Worship....

### Violin Lessons

Are you interested in having your child take violin lessons? As an adult, have you always wanted to learn to play? We are beginning a program where private lessons and group lessons will be offered. In addition, we will be making arrangements to fit your child (or an adult) for that first violin and offer a program to rent or purchase a violin at a reasonable price. This will be offered for students age 5 through adults (*it's never too late to learn to play!*). Call Steve Coldiron at [678-677-8062](tel:678-677-8062) for more information.

## Heart & Hands Women's Ministry...



### **Women's Winter Retreat**

Friday, January 27, 7:00-9:00pm  
Saturday, January 28, 10:00am-2:00pm.  
Refreshments and lunch provided.  
Tickets \$20

Join us for a weekend "retreat" of worship and inspiration from Jen Hatmaker as she speaks with us about "Sitting at the Rabbi's Feet: The Mary and Martha Story." Jen is a new, up and coming author and speaker who specializes in bringing humor to living a Christian way of life. She writes, "What does discipleship really mean? Take a look at the model Jesus always referred to through the story of Mary

and Martha, and find out what it really means to sit at the Rabbi's feet. This message is for women who hunger to know what following Christ really looks like."

### Heart and Hand's Women's Bible Studies:

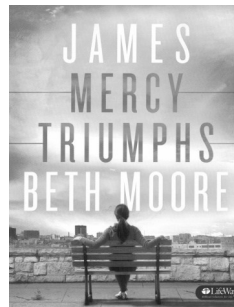
#### Max Lucado's 3:16: A Study for Small Groups

Thursdays at 10:00 in Room 241 Beginning January 19  
Led by Carol Snelling

Join Carol as she leads a study on Max Lucado's 3:16: "Best-selling author Max Lucado leads readers through a word-by-word study of John 3:16, the passage that he calls the "Hope Diamond" of Scripture."

#### James: Mercy Triumphs

Beth Moore's most recent study  
Led by Chris Cosper and Karen Craft  
Sundays at 5pm in the Parlor Beginning February 19  
"James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple."



## Adults with Seniority...

### Lunch Bunch

**Friday, January 13**  
Cracker Barrel in Braselton  
Depart 10:30AM  
Return 2:30PM  
\$5 plus the meal

### **Friday, January 27**

Appalachian Grill  
Booth Western Museum  
Depart 8:45AM  
Return 4:30PM  
\$15 plus meal

\*\*Contact C.J. to reserve your place on the bus!

### Chatuge Retreat

Monday—Wednesday, March 19-21  
Led by Bruce's siblings: Larry, George & Lynda  
Excellent Bible study, music, entertainment and fun!  
Registration begins Sunday, February 5

## Worship Scripture and Music

### **January 1**

OT: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
NT: Revelation 21:1-6a  
*Sermon: It is Time*  
Dr. Bill Coates

Choral Anthem: *Christ is Here*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Agape Choir (8:30)

Music Meditation: *Walk Worthy*  
Duet: Ginger Bennett & Nancy Weeks

Offertory: *Traditions of Christmas*  
Matthew Coldiron: Violin

### **January 8**

OT: Genesis 1:1-5  
NT: Mark 1:8-15  
*Sermon: Is Baptism for You?*  
Dr. Bill Coates

Choral Anthem: *Because of Love*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Hope Choir (8:30)

Music Meditation for Passing of Bread:  
Duet: Amy Hulsey & Pam Barrett

Music Meditation for Passing of Cup:  
Steve Cornelison, Solo

### **January 15**

OT: Psalm 139:1-12  
NT: John 1:43-51  
*Sermon: The Night Will Shine Like the Day*  
Dr. Bill Coates

Choral Anthem: *To Live His Song*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Rejoice Choir (8:30)

Music Meditation:  
Frances Brown, Solo

### **January 22**

Dr. Bill Coates  
Choral Anthem: *How Will They Know?*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Agape Choir (8:30)

Music Meditation:  
Brooke Morters, Solo

### **January 29**

OT: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
NT: Mark 1:21-39  
*Sermon: Why I Still Love Preaching*  
Dr. Bill Coates

Choral Anthem: *Trust in the Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Hope Choir (8:30)

Music Meditation:  
Corrie Hill, Solo

Offertory:  
8:30AM ~ Della Ruth Johnson, Organ  
10:50AM ~ *Jesus Shall Reign*  
Sanctuary Ringers



## FBC Lord's Day Report

### November 20, 2011 Offering

Weekly Budget Required..... \$49,423.08  
Weekly Budget Received..... \$33,029.43  
Year-to-date Budget Required..... \$2,322,884.68  
Year-to-date Budget Received..... \$2,187,279.29  
**Deficit: .....\$135,605.39**

### November 27, 2011 Offering

Weekly Budget Required..... \$49,423.08  
Weekly Budget Received..... \$33,347.26  
Year-to-date Budget Required..... \$2,372,307.76  
Year-to-date Budget Received..... \$2,220,626.55  
**Deficit: .....\$151,681.21**

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**Meredith Kurtzahn** - Director of Sound

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