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## WORSHIP NOTES

Restrooms are located in the Foyer and in the hallway behind the sanctuary (please exit through the piano-side door).

Coffee is available in the South Portico Lobby.

Childcare is available for infants, toddlers and PreK in the nursery. An usher will be glad to lead you to the nursery area (below the Banquet Hall).

**Clergy of the Week:** Tony Lankford (tony.lankford@fbcgainesville.org)

**Deacon Team of the Week:** Elizabeth Wiley, Gail Hill, Andy Maddox, Anne Bishop and Rob Mercer

If you have any safety concerns or needs this morning, please feel welcome to speak with our security officer, Ret. Lt. Nina Harkins, who usually can be found in the church foyer.

First Baptist Church is a **Stephen Ministry congregation**. Stephen Ministers are caregivers trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. If you would like to be put in touch with a Stephen Minister, please call **770-534-7354**.

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Grace discovered.  
Traditions renewed.

*Welcome to worship! We encourage all guests to complete a Connect Card (located in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate by the chapel doors. You are also invited to stop by the Guest Table (located in the Foyer) to receive further information about First Baptist Church.*

“Dear Sardis”

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**September 22, 2024 | 8:45 AM**

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First Baptist Church Chapel

<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i> Tami Easterday, Piano
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> <i>Living Hope</i>
<b>Welcome &amp; Prayer</b>	Tony Lankford
<b>Song of Reflection</b>	<i>Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me</i>
<b>Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6</b>	Kellie Denton
<p>“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:</p> <p>“I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember, then, what you received and heard; obey it and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not erase your name from the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.</p>	
<b>Words of Teaching</b>	“Dear Sardis” Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
<b>Opportunities to Connect &amp; Serve</b>	Christopher Simonton
<b>Morning Prayer (Including the Lord's Prayer)</b>	Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Congregational Response</b>	Chorus of <i>Find us Faithful</i>
<b>Departing Song</b>	<i>Thy Word</i> Tami Easterday, Piano

**\*\*Your giving is important. Offering baskets are located at both exits.\*\***

*A special thank you to Susan Eernisse, Carrie Owens, Patton Gilbert, and Tami Easterday, Piano for leading our music today.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Youth Lake Day

**September 29 | 12:00-3:30 PM**

Meet in the Youth Room for lunch and then the lake.

### Acolyte Training

**October 2 | 6:50-7:15 PM**

If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte (children 2nd-5th grade) please sign up for this training session. RSVP: Christyjmalcom@gmail.com

### Stephen Ministry Training

Pray for our Stephen Minister trainees as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills focusing on using their Christian faith in caring for hurting people.

### Parents of 18-24 year olds

Do you have an 18-24 year old in college, the workplace, or taking a break for a semester? We want to stay connected and encourage them by sending a care box filled with love and goodies! Please email Kellie.Denton@fbcgainesville.org so we can get something in the mail to them for the holidays!

### College Lunch

**October 20 & November 17**

We would like to invite Young Adults ages 18-24ish who have finished high school and have entered college, the workforce or taking a gap year to lunch after the 11:00 AM service.

### August 2024 YTD Revenue Reporting

Actual: \$1,952,673.11

Budget: \$2,199,999.92

## THIS WEEK AT FBC

### Monday

**Men's Bible Study**  
9:00 AM | Banquet Hall

### Tuesday

**Women's Bible Study**  
10:00 AM | FLC-Gathering Room

### Wednesday

**Women's Bible Study**  
10:00 AM | FLC-Gathering Room

### Dinner

5:00 PM | Banquet Hall

**Women's Bible Study**  
5:45 PM | Parlor

**Bible Study: Reading Revelation with Pastor Jeremy**  
6:00 PM | Banquet Hall

**Children's Choirs and Small Groups**  
6:00 PM | Children's Wing

**Youth Group**  
6:00 PM | Nix Auditorium

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**  
6:50 PM | Choir Rehearsal Room

### Thursday

**Women's Bible Study**  
10:00 AM | Winsome Room



**Save THE Date**  
**October 30 | 5:00 PM**  
**Banquet Hall Parking Lot**  
Please join us in the festivities as we **Trunk or Treat and celebrate the FBC Family Life Center's 40th Anniversary.**

If you would like to volunteer to decorate your trunk, please scan the QR code to register.

We are also accepting donations of individually wrapped candy!

## Church Conference OCTOBER 9, 2024

There will be a church conference on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Banquet Hall. At the conference, church members will be asked to ratify the action of the members taken at the church conference held on September 21, 2024, to approve the restated Articles of Incorporation of First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Georgia, Inc. The church's articles of incorporation are being restated to add provisions required by the IRS for an exemption letter and to modernize them under current law. The restated provisions are summarized as follows: (1) the corporation operates exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes; (2) the church's trustees serve as the corporation's board of directors; (3) the corporation has members whose rights and duties are determined under the church's bylaws; (4) the corporation's earnings, except for reasonable compensation paid for services, are not payable to private persons; (5) the corporation may not participate in political campaigns or attempt to influence legislation; (6) if the corporation is dissolved, its net assets must be paid to other 501(c)(3) organizations; (7) the corporation may receive gifts of property consistent with the church's purposes; (8) the trustees will not be liable for monetary damages arising from any breach of duty to the corporation; and (9) the corporation will indemnify its officers and the trustees as allowed by law. Any member may review a complete copy of the restated Articles of Incorporation upon request to April Wood prior to the conference.