

# STAFF

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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:** Mark Green ([mark.green@fbcgainesville.org](mailto:mark.green@fbcgainesville.org))  
**Deacon Team of the Week:** Jerry Johnson, Jesse Black and David Black

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**.

If you are visiting us today, please scan the QR code to complete our guest connect card. We would love to hear from you.



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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.*

“God of the Desert”

Second Sunday of Lent  
**March 16, 2025 | 8:45 AM**

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 First Baptist Church Chapel

<b>Gathering Song</b>	<i>I Surrender All</i> Mark Green, Piano
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>Come Praise and Glorify</i>
<b>Song of Praise</b>	<i>Living Hope</i>
<b>Welcome &amp; Prayer</b>	Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Song of Hope</b>	<i>How Deep the Father's Love for Us</i> Duet: Jerry Johnson and Mark Green

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7** Jim Harrison  
*From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"*

<b>Words of Teaching</b>	"God of the Desert" Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>I Am Crucified With Christ</i>
<b>Opportunities to Connect &amp; Serve</b>	Kellie Denton
<b>Morning Prayer (Including the Lord's Prayer)</b>	Christopher Simonton
<b>Congregational Response</b>	Chorus of <i>Living Hope</i>
<b>Departing Song</b>	<i>This Is Amazing Grace</i> Worship Band

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

*A special thank you to Mark Green, Susan Eernisse, Patton Gilbert, Jerry Johnson and Herve Aklotsoe for leading our music today.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Youth Sundown

**March 23 | 12:15-3:30 PM**  
 The Youth are going bowling at Stars & Strikes for this month's Youth Sundown. Please email Pastor Christopher to sign up!  
[christopher@fbcgainesville.org](mailto:christopher@fbcgainesville.org)

### Emporium

**September 26 & 27**  
 The application for Emporium Beneficiary is now available on the church website if you know a local nonprofit who would like to apply, please help us spread the word. Vendor applications are now available as well.  
<https://www.fbcgainesville.org/emporium/>

### CBF Offering for Global Missions

This year's Offering for Global Missions draws inspiration from Isaiah 43, where the prophet speaks of God doing a new thing, offering hope in our complex world. Just as the Jewish exiles in Babylon faced daunting challenges and were encouraged to look for God's new way, we too are invited to embrace God's renewal. CBF field personnel embody the new work of God by addressing fundamental needs and sharing the hope and healing of Christ Jesus. We will be collecting for CBF Global Missions through Easter Sunday. Please see the graphic and scan the QR code below to make your donation.

## 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**

### Wednesday Night Programs

**5:00 PM: Dinner in the Banquet Hall**  
**5:45 PM: Women's Bible Study in the Parlor**  
**6:00 PM: Characters of Easter (Brian McCartney as Nicodemus)**  
**6:00 PM: Children's Programs**  
**6:00 PM: Youth Program**  
**6:00 PM: Grief Share in Room 204**  
**6:50 PM: Sanctuary Choir**

### Thursday

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

