

STAFF

Hannah Bradley	Organist	Ben Pack	Food Services/Chef
Rev. Kellie Denton	Associate Pastor: Faith Formation	Charles Phelps	Ministry of Caring & Sound Tech
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Rev. Dr. Glenn Eernisse	Associate Minister: Music	Kate Sandlin	Student Ministry Assistant
Susan Eernisse	Associate Minister: Music	Amy Sheridan	Communications
Rev. Mark Green	Associate Pastor: Music	Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta	Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ron Grizzle	Pastoral Care	Rev. Christopher Simonton	Associate Pastor: Students
Della Ruth Johnson	Organist Emeritus	Kayanne Smith	Music Admin. Assistant
Sarah Koskovich	Interim Co-Director of Children's Ministries	Rev. Brian West	Interim Director of the Family Life Center
Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford	Executive Pastor	Elizabeth Wiley	Interim Co-Director of Children's Ministries
Carrie Wood Owens	Office Administrator	April Wood	Financial Administrator

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: Glenn & Susan Eernisse

(glenn.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org or susan.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: Danny Caudell, Tim Corbin, Joyce Tharpe, Jerry Johnson and Marian Kaminski

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.



Your financial support gives First Baptist Church the opportunity to share the love of Christ in Gainesville and beyond. **To give online or to set up a recurring donation, please visit www.fbcgainesville.org/give or scan the QR code.** Apple pay is also available on the giving screen.



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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.

“Crossing Thresholds: From Death to Life”

Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025 | 8:45 AM

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 First Baptist Church Chapel

Gathering Song	<i>Easter Song</i> Mark Green, Piano
Call to Worship	<i>Christ Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed</i>
Song of Praise	<i>Living Hope</i>
Welcome & Prayer	Tony Lankford
Passing the Peace of Christ May the peace of the Lord be with you And also with you	Congregation
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25	Christopher Simonton
Song of Celebration	<i>King of Kings</i>
Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12 <i>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.</i>	Charles Darwin
Words of Teaching	"Crossing Thresholds: From Life to Death" Jeremy Shoulta
Song of Response	<i>He Lives (622)</i> Stanzas 1 & 3
Opportunities to Connect & Serve	Kellie Denton
Morning Prayer (Including the Lord's Prayer)	Jeremy Shoulta
Congregational Response	Chorus of <i>Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed</i>
Departing Song	<i>Up From The Grave He Arose</i> Worship Band

Your giving is important. Offering baskets are located at both exits.
 A special thank you to Mark Green, Susan Eernisse, Carrie Owens, Patton Gilbert,
 Kent Murphey and Herve Aklotsoe for leading our music today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Choirs Concerts

April 23 and April 30
 The 3/4 year old Melody Makers Concert will be April 23 at 6:00 PM in their choir room. The K-5th Grade concert will be April 30 at 6:15 PM in the chapel. We hope you will make plans to attend.

Easter Encounter Tour and Meal

May 1 | Biblical History Center | LaGrange, GA
 Senior/Median Adult trip. Enhance your Easter Experience with a visit to the Biblical History Center! We will walk through the archaeological replica garden where full-scale reconstructions of structures relevant to daily life in Biblical times bring history to life. The Biblical Meal is a four-course meal consisting of 15 different food items, including soup, salad, fruit, main course, dessert and all beverages. FBC Bus will leave at 9:00am Wednesday morning and return by 7:00pm. Cost \$70.00 per person. Email Kellie Denton for tickets at kellie.denton@fbcgainesville.org

Exaltation Orchestra Spring Concert

May 4 | 6:00 PM | Choral Rehearsal Room
 Join us for the Exaltation Orchestra Spring Concert!

Generate Camp (Youth)

June 9-13
 Generate Camp is a week-long camp for our Youth in Mt. Vernon, GA. Today is the last day to register at the discounted rate of \$75 per person! Please email Pastor Christopher now! (christopher@fbcgainesville.org)

CBF Offering for Global Missions

CBF field personnel embody the work of God by addressing fundamental needs & sharing the hope and healing of Christ Jesus. We will be collecting for CBF Global Missions through Easter Sunday. You can donate at our website: www.fbcgainesville.org/give and choose CBF Global Mission in the drop down menu.

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Monday
Church Office Closed

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 (Rev. Kellie Denton, Lynn DeVries, and Amy Sheridan as The Women at the Tomb)
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

Crossing Thresholds Devotional Guide
 This 40-day devotional guide is available for pick up at the Chapel, Sanctuary Foyer or Welcome Desk.

Your Easter Giving is important to the ministries of First Baptist Church.

March YTD Revenue Report

\$736,898.86	\$824,999.97
Actual	Budget

July 7-11

Connect Camps is a one-week, day camp for K-8th graders, filled with non-stop fun, engaging activities, daily faith-based lessons, and the chance to make lasting friendships.

Scan the QR Code to register. Enter code EASTER25 at checkout to save on your registration fee!