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A loving people of worship, community and service

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

Calendar Reminders

Friday, November 6th

9am Sr. Adults to Fernbank IMAX
11am Yard Sale Grand Opening

Saturday, November 7th

7am Yard Sale
10am Youth BBQ Ribs Sale

Sunday, November 8th

9:09am The Big Event

Monday, November 9th

Estes-Dozier Mission Group

Thursday November 19th-20th

Sr. Adults to Hendersonville

Sunday, November 22nd

6:30pm Thanksgiving Service
9:45am College SS Breakfast

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,

Please be here this Sunday, November 8 at 9:09 AM.

Children	Family Life Center	Breakfast & Special Illusionist Presentation
Youth	Angler's Classroom	Breakfast & Special Concert
Adults	Banquet Hall	Breakfast & Special Program

No reservations required, just be here!

There is no 8:30 service that morning (or Sunday School), but I ask everyone to remain for the 10:50 worship and celebration.

Please bring your Commitment Card for ***Our Faith, Our Future*** (even if you've already turned yours in!). We will present our commitments to God in worship (each card sealed and private, to be opened by the financial secretary).

People often ask, "How much should I give?" I never try to answer that question, because the amount of your gift is between you and God and should be answered only by you and only after prayer. Just give enough to show yourself that you are deeply aware of God's grace in your life.

Why support ***Our Faith, Our Future***?

Because we're in this together.

Because we value our children and our youth so highly.

Because debt robs the church's ministries.

Because you have been given much.

Because what you do for God lasts.

Because your sacrificial giving strengthens your spirit and your life in Christ.

God asks not for equal gifts but equal sacrifice.

We've begun an exciting month in our exciting future. I sure am looking forward to Sunday.

Your friend and pastor,

Bill Coates



We welcome Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, former pastor, who will be visiting with us on Sunday, Nov. 8 and Wednesday, Nov. 11. He will not be preaching, but he will be signing his new book THE DISTURBING GALILEAN for anyone interested in having a signed copy.

Worship...

Sunday, November 8th

No 8:30am Service or Sunday School
10:50am Service Only
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture:

OT: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
NT: Mark 12:38-44

Message:

Did You Notice?

Dr. Bill Coates

Music:

Thank You

Sanctuary Choir; Jerry Johnson,
Soloist

He Never Failed Me Yet

Sanctuary Choir; Linda & Faron
Thompson, Soloists

Sunday, November 15th

8:30 & 10:50am Services
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture:

OT: Daniel 12:1-3
NT: Mark 13:1-8

Message:

When God is Creating Something New

Dr. Bill Coates

Music:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Sanctuary Choir &
Handbells (10:50)
Rejoice Choir (8:30)

Music Meditation

Connie Esford, Solo

10th Anniversary

Living Christmas Tree!

The Living Christmas Tree choir
& orchestra will present

Born for You and Me

Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 pm

Friday, December 11 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 12 at 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 13 at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

See Living Christmas Tree insert
for details!



Tickets now available in the music
office.

Special Announcements...

Community Thanksgiving Service

November 22
at 6:30 PM
First Baptist
Sanctuary



Choirs of First Baptist, First
United Methodist and First
Presbyterian will sing.

The combined Youth Choirs of
FBC & FUMC will sing.

The Sonlight High School Vocal
Ensemble will sing.

Plan to participate in this
extraordinary service of offering
thanks to God!

NEW: College Sunday School Class

Join us for a Breakfast Reception
Sunday, November 22, 2009

9:45 am

Room 209B

Led by Lee and Leigh Wiley

FBC Yard Sale: First Floor Banquet Hall Presale: Thursday, Nov. 5th, 5pm-8pm, \$5 Friday, November 6th, 11am-6pm Saturday, November 7th, 7am-2pm

Furniture, baby items, home décor, kitchenware, rugs,
clothing, lawn & garden items, toys, games instruments,
and more!

Benefits FBC youth missions and FLC! We hope that you
will tell your friends and come and shop yourselves!

The Humane Society will have an adoption on Saturday,
pets are \$100

Thanks to everyone who donated items!!



Barbecue

BBQ Ribs Sale

November 7th, 10:30-1:30

\$10 Ribs Plate

\$20 Full Rack of Ribs Plate

Tickets on sale now!

Purchase from youth or Chris Burns.

All profits benefit student mission trips, camps, and choir
tour.



Community...

developing
disciples

shaping
spirits

creating
community

First Baptist
Church,
Gainesville,
GA



Children's
Ministry

Family Play Night

Friday, Nov. 13, 6:00-8:00pm, Family Life Center

We will have dinner, play time and fellowship. All families with children are welcome.

Cost is \$10/family

Email Lisa Johnson for reservations lisajohnson@fbcgainesville.org

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 770-535-2329.

Family Ministries

Have a New Kid By Friday

5:00 -6:00 pm Sunday Afternoons

October 18th-November 22nd, Books are \$10

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 Birth-Kindergarten

Women's Ministry

Women's Advent Study: While We Wait

Leaders: Carol Snelling, Beth Dayton, Jenny Burns

Mondays Starting November 2

10:30am, Room 233, Books \$10

While We Wait will help people who don't want to gloss over their own questions about the Christmas story. It looks at Advent as a journey in which God seeks us at many levels of our understanding and spiritual willingness.

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 December 7 at 7:30pm. Supper will be provided. Topic to be announced.

BBQ Ribs Sale

November 7th, 10:30-1:30

\$10 Ribs Plate

\$20 Full Rack of Ribs Plate

Tickets go on sale Oct. 7

Thanksgiving Banquet

Youth will be helping to serve.

November 24th

Youth need to arrive by 4:45pm

Adults with Seniority

Lunch Bunch Trips

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

See *The Best Christmas Pageant*

Ever at Flatrock Playhouse &

tour St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church.

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

Payment deadline Oct. 25th

Call C.J. to make your reservation!

Community ...

Promising Futures After-School Program Making an Impact

How do we make a difference in a world that is so fractured and complicated? More than 30 members of First Baptist Church are celebrating the gospel with a group of kids who have very limited academic help at home.

"When Angelo Velis (minister to Hispanic youth in Gainesville) tells his story of people who would not give up on him, it is easy to know that these children need advocates who will do the same for them. They are so eager to learn and motivated to work, but the tutoring is such a small part of this program. Giving them a chance to hear the gospel and interact with adults, especially the men, who genuinely care about them, is the gift of this program," says Cheryl McElveen who tutors students in Math.

Ruth Demby reflects, "What a joy to see so many of our members having a great time. I am not sure who gets more out of it, the volunteers or the students." We are working with 30 and more students and more are wanting to come. For more information on volunteering on Tuesday afternoons, please call Rev. Ruth Demby, Associate Pastor for Missions and Family Ministries at (770) 534-7354.



Christine Stephens and Andy Allred enjoy snack with the students



June McPherson and Millie Plant tutor students in language arts



John Cornelson and David Bryant tutor students in math

Veterans Day Celebration & Family Day

Northeast Georgia History Center and an American Freedom Garden at Brenau University Campus

322 Academy St., Gainesville, GA 30501

Sunday November 8th, 1:00-4:00pm

Free for Veterans

5 Veteran Groups Participating

There will be numerous interactive activities for children and several displays of military memorabilia, so please come and help us celebrate our veterans!

Among Our Members



The flowers in the sanctuary and chapel on Sunday, November 1, were given in loving memory of our son, William Stephens and in loving honor of our daughter, Jackie Meadows by Jack & Rennie Stephens.



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

Hugh McKinney in the death of his brother-in-law, Jim Seeger.

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

Kent Murphey in the death of his uncle, Frank Colonna.

Mary Jane Ables in the death of her father Jack House.

The family & friends of Jimmy Cutrell.

Thank You

To our church family,

Over the past few months our family has been through a trying, growing pain and the love and support you all have showered us with has been overwhelming. All of the dinners, cards, prayers and phone calls have been wonderful! The recent bombardment of diapers was a great unexpected gift and were immediately put to use! We feel very lucky to be part of such a generous church who has really shone God's light on our home.

Thank you.

Love - The Ramsey's

Community ...

Angel Tree/Food Box 2009

Important Dates

Tuesday afternoon Nov. 12
 Angel Tree assembled and placed in educational foyer

Sunday, Nov. 15
 (1st 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!

The following Sunday School Classes are being asked to bring designated items for the Food Box Ministry beginning Nov. 15

Staff		
General Officers	Chickens	20
Preschool		
Birth-2s	Cereal	50
Sontown		
Children-Pre K-5th	Peanut Butter (plastic jars)	50
Students		
Youth 6th-12th	Cookies	50
Young Adults		
Young Professionals	Instant Potatoes	20
Blessings	Instant Potatoes	20
Genesis	Instant Potatoes	20
Celebration	Spaghetti Noodles	25
Encouragers	Spaghetti Noodles	25

Median Adults

Covenant	Sugar	25	
Oasis	Chickens	30	
Seekers	Spaghetti Sauce	50	
Kindred Spirits	Jelly (plastic containers)		50
Chapel Class	Sugar	25	

Senior Adults

Friendship	Cooking oil	50	
T. Richard Davis	Flour	20	
Koinonia	Sugar	25	
Joy	Flour	30	
Gleaners	Mac & cheese	50	
Winsome	Instant Potatoes		35
Anglers	Hams	50	
Merritt	Instant Potatoes		15

Memorials and Honorariums ...

Ministry of Caring
 In memory of John Burl Hulsey by:
 Jerline Hulsey
 Jim & Carol Howard

In honor of Jeanine Fortner's
 Birthday by:
 Pat Culberson

In memory of James Sosebee by:
 Pat Culberson
 Lorry & Sherrie Schrage

In memory of Lucile B. Perry by:
 Anna & Bob Sisk

In memory of Boyd & Billie Gilstrap
 by:
 O.Z. & Annette Rowe

Third Century Music Wing
 In memory of John Burl Hulsey by:
 Ann McLeod
 Jim & Carol Howard

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Whalen

In memory of Arnold Boyd by:
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Whalen

Third Century
 In memory of James Sosebee by:
 Mary Butler

In honor of the youth and children of
 FBC by:
 Bob & Nancy Page

In memory of Betty Goforth Nivens,
 Mae Nivens, and Lillie Goforth by:
 Ed & Jackie Nivens

In memory of Frank Colonna and
 Jack House by:
 Peggy Hall

In memory of Virginia Hood Davis
 by:
 Johnny & Debbie Woodcock

In honor of all the Yard Sale
 Workers by:
 Bob & Nancy Page

Our Faith, Our Future
 In memory of James Sosebee by:
 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Ellard

In honor of Mark & Joy Green and
 Ashlyn Trapnell by:
 Jeanine Fortner

In memory of James Mathis, Sr. by:
 Virginia Hall
 Janice Merck

Budget
 In honor of Jack Frost and Billy
 Hendrix for the support group "Good
 Grief" and the programs for widows
 and widowers by:
 Jeanine Fortner

FBC Lord's Day Report

October 25, 2009

Offering

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$33,547.52
Year-to-date Budget Required	\$2,125,192.44
Year-to-date Budget Received.....	\$1,926,090.05
Ministry of Caring.....	\$2,385.00
Vietnamese Offering.....	\$906.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$124.00
Third Century.....	\$7,090.33
Other Designated.....	\$26,972.17
TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....	\$71,025.02

November 1, 2009

Offering

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$56,125.51
Year-to-date Budget Required	\$2,174,615.52
Year-to-date Budget Received.....	\$1,982,215.56
Ministry of Caring.....	\$1,040.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$300.00
Vietnamese Offering.....	\$849.00
Third Century.....	\$2,838.50
OFOF Cash Received.....	\$113,603.10
Other Designated.....	\$2,002.00
TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....	\$176,758.11

Estes-Dozier Mission Group

Our Fall Series Continues

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th at
10:15 a.m.

in the Anglers' Classroom
(Old Fellowship Hall Downstairs)
PROGRAM:

"Around the World in 60 Minutes"
Narrator: Betty Carpenter
Everyone is invited ... BRING A
FRIEND!

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