

First connections

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

Calendar Reminders

Thursday, April 1st
Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

Saturday, April 3rd
Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am

Sunday, April 4th
Easter Services
7:00am Chapel
9:00am Baptism in Sanctuary
10:50am Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 11th
Ordination of Philly Ard 10:50am

Monday, April 12th
The Edge 7:30pm

Friday, April 9th
Children's Ministry Lock-In 6:00pm

Sunday, April 18th
Camp Hope Breakfast
Communion Sunday
Tiaze Worship 7:00pm

Monday, April 19th
Chick-Fil-A Night 5:00-8:00pm
Shallowford Road

Saturday, April 24th
Ride for TICS 9:00am
12:00noon Lunch / Speaker

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,

Well, we've made it through one of the toughest winters in many years. Shakespeare's famous line comes to mind: "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer. . ." Each Easter I think of those lines but with a different slant than Shakespeare intended. For him, the glorious summer was brought about by a new prince who had come to rule England. For me, for all of us believers in the resurrection of Christ, our discontent is dissolved and our hope is awakened by what God is doing.

Easter is a way of celebrating what God is doing.

Easter does not mark a past event only; it underlines the ongoing, renewing, unstopping, progressing action of God among us -- of the living God living among us and in us.

So, where are you on the contentment scale? If you're looking for contentment around the next corner or expecting it with the next event, next election, next job, next person, next success, you're not likely to find it. The "glorious summer" comes only in relationship, being a friend of God. And that's not difficult because Jesus has shown us who God is. You don't have to guess or wonder if God is interested in you. God wants your friendship. That's the simplest, most beautiful truth of Easter, and it alone is enough to dispel the discontent and dis-ease in living.

Happy Easter.

We'll celebrate Easter at 7:00 Easter morning, and again at 9:00, and again at 10:50. We'll even have breakfast at 8:00 in the Banquet Hall and our kitchen staff will prepare it all. I'll be looking for you and glad to see you. And we'll receive the Great Easter Offering for the Church -- a time to give tangibly to God in gratitude for Easter blessings on us all. It may be an opportunity for you to catch up on your giving to God or a time to give something extra, but the church really counts on it. And sorely needs it, especially now.

We have April to enjoy, each other to love, beauty to appreciate, and God to praise. Glorious summer is here.

Your friend and pastor,
Bill Coates



Holy Week Noon Services & 12:30pm Lunch

Monday, March 29	First Baptist Chapel	12:00	Damon Nix
Tuesday, March 30	First Baptist Chapel	12:00	Bruce Morgan
Wednesday, March 31	First Baptist Chapel	12:00	Doug Dailey
(No Supper or Service that evening.)			
Thursday, April 1	First Baptist Chapel	12:00	John Cromartie
Maundy Thursday	First Baptist Sanctuary	6:30	Bill Coates
(Supper at 5:30 PM on Thursday)			
Good Friday, April 2	First United Methodist	12:00	Bill Coates

Easter Morning

Sunday, April 4	Chapel	7:00	Sunrise Service
	Banquet Hall	8:00	Breakfast
	Sanctuary	9:00	Easter Worship & Baptism
	Sanctuary	10:50	Great Easter Celebration

Worship Guide for February

Sunday, April 4th
Easter

Message:
Easter Waiting

Dr. Bill Coates

Scripture: OT: Isaiah 65:17-25
NT: John 20:1-18

Music:
They Could Not
Jerry Johnson, Solo

On the Third Day
Sanctuary Choir, Sonlight Choirs,
Handbells & Orchestra

My Eternal King
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Hallelujah
Sanctuary Choir, organ, piano &
Tympani

Sunday, April 11th
2nd Sunday of Easter
Ordination of Philly Ard

Message:
They Don't Own You

Dr. Bill Coates

Scripture: OT: Genesis 37:1-4
Genesis 37:12-28
NT: Acts 5:27-32

Music:
Because of Love
Agape Choir (8:30am)
Sanctuary Choir (10:50am)

Sunday, April 18th
3rd Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

Message:
On Being A Real Church

Dr. Bill Coates

Scripture:
OT: Psalm 30
NT: Acts 2:24-47
Acts 9:1-6

Music:
Wonderful Merciful Savior
Connie & Carly Esford, Duet
Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ
Hope Choir (8:30am)
Sanctuary Choir (10:50am)

Sunday, April 25th
4th Sunday of Easter

Message:
Rev. Elizabeth Burnette

Scripture: OT: Psalm 23
NT: Revelation 7:9-17

Music:
Offertory Meditation
Dr. Jon Kerrick, Violin
Not Guilty
Linda Thompson & Brooke Morters

Disciple Now: Earthquake 2010

Last month was the Disciple Now for our Student Ministry. The theme for the weekend was Earthquake 2010. Together we explored the movement of God's spirit. We had 67 students along with another 20 adults participate. The weekend was a combination of worship, small group Bible study, games, and mission projects. The students met at the Family Life Center for worship on Friday and Saturday evenings, along with Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon, the students went to one of six mission sites. These sites made financial contributions to the Earthquake Relief in Haiti. The student raised \$612.05 to help with the efforts. At night, the students stayed in host homes along with the college student leaders. Thanks again to all who helped make this one of the most successful weekends ever.



Because of Your Generosity...

Because of your generosity in 2009, the Ministry of Caring was able to help in the following ways:

- We paid utility bills for 519 people.
- We gave out 143 vouchers for gasoline and 70 clothing vouchers.
- We sent 196 vases of flowers to people in the hospital.
- We filled prescriptions for 58 people and got glasses for 17.
- We were able to send 15 people home on a Greyhound Bus and provide shelter in a hotel for 8 families.
- We sent approximately 3000 cards of acknowledgement and encouragement.
- Of course, don't forget this is over and above the food baskets, presents and 200 inmates that were blessed and fed by our annual worship service at HCCI at Christmas. Only your Lord knows what impact we have made because of your servant hearts and wonderful giving spirits. Please continue to give generously to our Ministry of Caring.

May Mission Morning

On May 8, 2010 we are celebrating specific mission projects that Sunday School classes are coordinating. Many SS classes have been consistently involved in local mission project(s). The information provided below is based on new projects. Each class will collect the items during April to distribute on May 8th.

Sunday School Class	Project Description
Covenant Class	Challenged Child and Friends needs weighted vests sewn to use in therapy with autistic children
Celebration Class	Good News at Noon needs breakfast items collected and bagged for children & new or gently used stuffed animals for children
Friendship Class	Good News Clinics needs glucose monitors and testing strips for diabetic patients collected
Young Professionals Class	Gateway House Domestic Violence Shelter needs a wall constructed in their thrift store and a therapeutic platform swing built for children
Oasis Class	The Georgia Mountain Food Bank needs volunteers to prepare for and work on USDA distribution
Common Ground Class	Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center

How you can be involved...

Adults with Seniority Lunch Bunch

Friday, April 9th 8:30am-5:00pm
Appalachian Grille / Cartersville Booth Western Museum \$15 plus lunch

Friday, April 30th 9:00am—3:30pm
Blue Willow Inn \$20 includes lunch

For your reservations, call or email C.J. Wehmiller at 770-534-7354.

AARP Driver Safety Program Class

Friday, April 9th Room 241 9:00am—5:00pm

Our own Pat Perry will conduct another class for our church members and guests! The course is for anyone and could possibly help decrease the cost for auto insurance. The cost is \$10 and can be paid at the beginning of the class on the 9th. Please call or email C.J. Wehmiller to reserve your space in the class 770-534-7354.

Annual Anglers Camp Hope Breakfast

Sunday, April 18th 8:00am Banquet Hall

Entertainment by the LaFever Quartet.
Contact any member of the Anglers class for reservations.

Book Club

Tuesday, April 20th 7:00pm Parlor
Three Cups of Tea & Stones Into Schools by Greg Mortenson
Discussion led by Dr. Bill Coates

Ride for TICS

Guest Speaker: Brad Cohen
Saturday, April 24th
9:00am Registration for ride
9:30am Ride for TICS
12:00noon Lunch & Speaker Banquet Hall \$5/person not in the ride

This charity ride is to benefit Camp Twitch & Shout, a GA camp for children with Tourette's syndrome. Following the ride, Brad Cohen, author of *FRONT OF THE CLASS*, will be speaking about his life with Tourette's and the challenges he overcame. Last year Hallmark made his book into a TV movie. He will inspire all of us and our children will have a greater insight and appreciation for those who are dealing with disabilities.



Spring Concert, The Great Adventure

Saturday, April 25th 3:00pm Pearce Auditorium

The music will include a wide variety of styles and selections which combines popular and light classical music to appeal to the musical interests of the widest audience possible. This is a free concert. For more information on the Believers Concert Band or to listen to a sample of their music, please check out their web site at www.Believersband.org.

Artists' Showcase

In an effort to showcase FBC talent and beautify our campus, we are looking for artists who are willing to display a piece of their work at the FLC for 4-6 weeks. From amateur to pro, we want to know about your talent and share it with our church. Artwork will be displayed in the senior room and at the FLC in other secure places. Contact Liz if you are interested in displaying your work.



Children's Ministry

Annual Lock-In

Children in Grades 1-5
Family Life Center
6:00pm Friday, April 16th -
8:00am Saturday, April 17th

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd
10:00am-1:00pm
Front Lawn
Egg hunt and games!
Bring a picnic lunch for your family to share and enjoy a wonderful day!



Passport Kids! Summer Camp

June 28th—July 1st
Wingate, North Carolina
For 3rd -5th Grade (completed)
Visit www.passportcamps.org or talk with Lisa Johnson for more information.

Student Ministry

Seniors: The Edge

The Edge is for High School Seniors. We will meet Monday, April 12th, 7:30pm at Lydia Parks' House. Supper provided.

Pennies for Haiti

Suzie Sartain, one of our 6th graders, read the book *Three Cups of Tea* and felt inspired to raise money for Haiti. We are collecting change through her efforts! Adults, let our youth set the example and consider contributing!

8th Grade Workshop

April 30th—May 1st
Cost: \$10.00
This workshop is a seminar style weekend that will address an important issue of teenage health: sexuality. It will be a weekend of fun, honest discussion and guest speakers as we explore what it means to be a sexual being and a follower of God. Ask your parents to sign you up!

Passport Summer Camp

June 13th-18th
Cost \$300, but get your money in early for a discount.
\$250 if paid in full by May 2nd.
\$275 if paid in full by June 1st.
Rest in the deep green fields of summertime and believe—no matter what lies in the valley below—that God's love is big enough to carry us, and the good news of Jesus Christ is a free gift. Join us for one of the best weeks of the year full of mission, electives, and community building.
Parent Meeting May 2nd, 5:00pm.

Worship and spiritual growth opportunities...

Men's Monday Morning Bible Study: Miracles of Jesus

7:30-8:30am Banquet Hall Lobby
(Coffee ready at 7:15am)

April 5th We will not meet because of Holy Week.
April 12th Leper Cleansed Mark 1:40 / Luke 5:12-15
April 19th Withered Hand Restored Mark 3:1-5 / Luke 6:6-11
April 26th Two Demoniacs Cured Matt 8:28-43 / Mark 5:1-20

We need facilitators to lead each week. Please email
brucefields@fbcgainesville.org with your willingness to facilitate one or more
discussions. Call Tony Buesing or John Nix for info.

Beth Moore: So Long, Insecurity—LIVE!!

April 24th First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA 10:00am-4:00pm
If you would like to go, Jenny has 5 tickets that include seats in
the overflow seating and lunch. The tickets are \$40. If you
would like to ride the church bus let Jenny know when you get your ticket.
The only way to register for this event is to pay for the ticket. In this one day
event, based on her new book So Long, Insecurity women will learn to
conquer fear and doubt and will discover the liberating confidence and
security that can only be found in Christ.



Estes-Dozier Mission Group

Monday, April 12th 10:15am Parlor
Guest Speaker: Jeremy Lewis
CBF's Rural Poverty Initiative, Together with Hope
Everyone is invited to attend!

Children's Choirs Spring Program

Wednesday, May 5th 6:45pm Sanctuary
Our Music Makers I (grade 1) and Music Makers II (grades 2
-3) Choirs will be singing. The
Young Musicians Choir (grades 4-5)
will present, "Are We There Yet?"
which is the story of Moses and the
Exodus.



Preschool Choirs Spring Program

Wednesday, May 12th 6:00pm Chapel
Reception will follow in the Parlor.

Flowers on the Cross on Easter Sunday



The cross symbolizes the beginning of Easter. Jesus' death
on the cross and resurrection from the grave are foundation
for our faith and salvation. Our Sunday School wants to
emphasize the cross and its meaning on Easter Sunday. We
are asking every member, especially the children and youth,
to bring a flower to decorate the cross which is on the front
lawn of the church. The fresh cut flowers will be attached to
the cross and will remind us again that Christ lives. We
encourage you to participate in this symbol of Christ's
resurrection as we worship Him on Easter Sunday.

Celebration of Our Faith, Our Future

Construction on Youth and Children's Floors is progressing quickly.
Walk through and look at the first floor of the Banquet Hall and see for
yourself! The second floor children's wing renovation should begin in late
May. Many thanks to the Library Committee and others who are currently
packing books for the move to the new library. Library space construction
and renovation should begin sometime in April. We will need plenty of
volunteers!



Family Life Center

Volleyball Nights!

Every Tuesday @ 6:00pm
Everyone welcome for these free
nights of fun. Childcare provided.

Over 40 Basketball

Mondays 5:00-7:00pm
Free! No registration required.
Ladies welcome.

FLC 101

Saturday, April 3rd
2:00pm
Come for orientation to our center
and equipment led by Personal
Trainer Kelli Pirkle. No reservations
required.

Parent's Night Out

Saturday, April 24th
5:00-9:00pm
For children ages 2 and up
Cost: \$12/ 1st child, \$7/sibling
Mom and dad get a Saturday night
out while kids play, craft, and have
dinner at the FLC. Sign up
required.

Running Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30pm
Meet at the FLC
Childcare available Tuesdays only!
We are trying to start a running
club and would like to know if you
are interested in joining. We would
arrange occasional meetings to
discuss topics of interest to
runners, upcoming races, and
training information. Open to
runners of all levels, from beginner
to marathon. Contact Liz at the
FLC to get on our list.
770-535-0478 or
elizabethcts@yahoo.com

Boot Camp

Tuesdays 6:00pm &
Saturdays 10:00am
April 13th-May 22 (6 weeks)
Cost: \$125
Led by Personal Trainer Kelli Pirkle
Please call the FLC to sign up.

Softball

Come out to Lanier Point Complex
and cheer on your very own FBC
Softball Team. Games are every
Monday night for times contact the
FLC at 770-535-0478.

Among Our Members

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

Evelyn Perry in the death of her father:
J.C. Farrington, Jr.

Marsh Corbin in the death of her mother:
Floy Martin

Linda Miller in the death of her nephew:
Johnny Miller

Tull Wigley in the death of his cousin:
Elizabeth Sparks.

Congratulations are extended to:
Max & Marcie McGill in the birth of their daughter, Mason in the birth of his little sister:
Madelyn Elizabeth McGill.

Sincere Appreciation

The Bateman Family acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy du to our recent loss of Paul's mother. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your prayer support (we felt it), your cards (they touched our hearts), your visits (brought us comfort), your food (nourished us) over the past few weeks. We are so blessed to be a member in a church with so many wonderful caring friends who are a constant in our lives and are always there for us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Paul, Dianne and Family.

Chic-Fil-A Night

Monday, April 19th
Chick-Fil-A on Shallowford Road
Time 5:00-8:00pm
Come support our youth and eat great food all at the same time. When you pay for your meal mention First Baptist and the youth will receive 10% of the profits that evening. The money will help with the mission trip to Spain.



Vacation Bible School

June 7th-11th 9:00-12:00noon
Pre-K through 5th Grade

The following is a supply list for VBS. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please drop them off in Lisa Johnson's office. Thank you!



VBS Supply List:

- Aleene's Original Tacky Glue
- Elmer's Glue
- Black Embroidery Floss
- Aluminum Foil
- Pringles Potato Chip Cans
- Clear Tape
- 12 inch wood dowels (1/4" diameter)
- Rubber bands (Not colored)
- Styrofoam balls (2" diameter)
- Cheap CDs
- Acrylic Paints
- Black Yarn
- Round Toothpicks
- Glitter (any color)
- Empty Capri Sun Boxes



ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & PARENTS!!!

We will honor you on Sunday, May 16, 2009 in the 10:50 worship service preceded by a brunch that morning at 9:30 in the Banquet Hall lobby. **(Meet in the Sanctuary at 10:20am for rehearsal and group pictures.)** Please wear graduation attire on this Sunday. Pews will be reserved for family members. **WE DON'T WANT TO MISS ANYONE**, so please complete this form! Along with the form, enclose a senior picture, a baby picture, and several candid shots for a slide show. Turn packet in to Liz Coates Isandoro or Chris Burns **by April 25th**. If you have any question, call our Student Ministry Office at 678-677-8056.

Full Name:(First, Middle, Last, Nickname) _____

Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Graduating From: _____ Future Plans: _____

Honors & Awards: _____

How many family members will attend Sunday Brunch (including graduating senior)? _____

Would you like to decorate a memory table for your senior? Yes No

FBC Lord's Day Report

February 28, 2010 Offering

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$46,029.73
Year-to-date Budget Required.....	\$444,807.72
Year-to-date Budget Received.....	\$341,303.15
Ministry of Caring.....	\$740.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$891.25
Vietnamese Offering.....	\$837.00
Third Century.....	\$390.00
OFOF Cash Received.....	\$12,864.00
CBF Global Missions.....	\$1,000.00
Other Designated.....	\$2,652.00
TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....	\$65,403.98

March 7, 2010 Offering

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$53,476.50
Year-to-date Budget Required.....	\$494,230.80
Year-to-date Budget Received.....	\$394,779.65
Ministry of Caring.....	\$935.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$160.00
Vietnamese Offering.....	\$838.12
Third Century.....	\$755.00
OFOF Cash Received.....	\$202,002.15
CBF Global Missions.....	\$225.00
Other Designated.....	\$1,254.00
TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....	\$259,645.77

March 14, 2010 Offering

Weekly Budget Required.....	\$49,423.08
Weekly Budget Received.....	\$35,699.05
Year-to-date Budget Required.....	\$543,653.88
Year-to-date Budget Received.....	\$430,478.70
Ministry of Caring.....	\$715.00
Vietnamese Offering.....	\$726.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$183.00
Third Century.....	\$765.00
OFOF Cash Received.....	\$29,542.00
CBF Global Missions.....	\$3,419.00
Other Designated.....	\$2,308.50
TOTAL WEEKLY GIFTS.....	\$73,357.55

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