UPCOMING EVENTS:

EASTER EGG HUNT

We are seeking donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies for our annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 8 at 10:00 a.m. Collection bins are located at the front entrance, banquet hall and south portico.

SUICIDE PREVENTION SEMINAR

March 23. 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Sources of Strength is a National evidence-based Suicide Prevention Program designed to bolster a person's overall resiliency and coping skills. This lunch and learn will be held in the banquet hall. The cost for lunch and seminar is \$10. Email kellie.denton@fbcgainesville.org to RSVP.

CONNECT CAMPS

July 10-14, 2023 Registration is open for Connect Camps. This is a faith-based, one-week day camp for children K-8th grade. Cost is \$185. If you register during the month of March, enter Early23 to save



CELEBRATE LIFE
April 23 - 6:00 PM - Sanctuary
This will be an amazing performance depicting the life of Jesus and the life we have in Him. More details are coming soon, but save the date! Musical Director: Mark Green Drama Director: Amanda Watkins Bush



FLC - UPWARD CAMPS

Upward Cheer and Basketball Camps will be June 19-23 at the Family Life Center. Registration opens on April 3.
The cost is \$50 per child. Camp will be offered for children grades K5-5th grade.



Scan the QR codes for more information



about each camp.

We will also need volunteers to assist the FLC staff with the camp. Please contact Amanda.Ramey@fbcgainesville.org if you would like to volunteer.

YOUTH SUNDOWN

Join us tonight for fun games and dinner in the youth room and gym! This youth activity will be from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.



What do you take away from today?

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta	Senior Pastor	Al Smith	Director of Ministry of Caring
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Kayanne Smith	Music Admin. Assistant	J	
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Youth

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ReDiscover Jesus

"THE BARREN FIG TREE" Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023 11:00 am Sanctuary

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Gathering Music "The Old Rugged Cross" Judy Thomas, Piano

Chiming of the Hour

*Hymn No. 366

Lucy & Will Koskovich **Acolytes** Crucifer Challis Latta

Call to Worship Psalm 106: 21-22 Let us give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for all people.

Let us sacrifice thank offerings and tell of God's works with songs of joy.

"O God Beyond All Praising"

arr. Hayes

arr. Dunn

Nolan

Invocation, Welcome & Opportunities to Serve Tony Lankford

"You Are My All in All" **Hymn No. 571** Jerningan

Message in Song "Walking 'Cross the Sea" Choplin

(based on Matthew 14: 25-33) Patton Gilbert, Solo

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Kellie Denton

*Offertory Hymn No. 187 "I Gaze Upon the Wonderous Cross" Eggleston Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Offertory Prayer Christopher Simonton

Offertory Reflection "Room at the Cross for You"

Exaltation Orchestra; Glenn Eernisse, Director

*The Doxology No. 706 Ken (Children, K through 5th Grade, are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)

Jeremy Shoulta Children's Prayer

Choral Worship "Bring Me to the Cross"

Sanctuary Choir; Exaltation Orchestra

THE BARREN FIG TREE Jeremy Shoulta Sermon

(Scripture: Luke 13: 1-9; Pew Bible No. 1619)

*Hymn of Response No. 500 "Just As I Am" Elliot

*Closing Words & Benediction Jeremy Shoulta

"Lift High The Cross" *Postlude arr.Kitchin

Hannah Bradley, Organ



WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you're a guest, please fill out a guest card, then stop by the guest table for a gift and more information.

Please call the office at 770-534-7354 to let us know of any prayer concerns.

Our service is broadcast on WDUN 550 AM or 102.9 FM beginning at 11:05 AM each Sunday or you may participate in 11:00 AM worship online at: www.fbcgainesville.org.

Childcare is provided for Birth through Pre-K in the nursery.

OFFERING

Your faithfulness in the giving of your tithes and offerings make a difference through the ministry of First Baptist Church and numerous community ministries. If you are worshipping with us in person, please leave your tithes in the offering plates as they are passed.



You also have the option to give online by scanning the QR code or you can give by texting 77977 with the message fbcgainesville (no spaces) and follow the prompts. Thank you for your support!

CHORAL ANTHEM-BRING ME TO THE CROSS

Bring me to the cross. Let me find my place. Lead me to the wounded tree that holds the Lord of grace. Help me come to Jesus. Lift my eyes to see. Bring me to the cross, the cross of Calvary. Bring me to the cross. Let me kneel and pray. Mercy waits with healing touch to wipe my tears away. Thorns of sin I bring Him, nails of grief and pride. I hold the spear that pierces, yet He draws me to His side.

Join me at the cross, for all must pass its way. Love's arms are open wide and reaching still today. Come behold the Savior, the Lamb who sets us free. Join me at the cross, the cross of Calvary.

> The cross of Calvary. Words by Douglas Nolan. Music by Brad Nix.

CLERGY OF THE WEEK

Mark Green

(mark.green@fbcgainesville.org)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Kim Craft and Karen Craft

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Ricki Buesing on the first anniversary of her passing given by her husband Tony Buesing.

The flowers in the Sanctuary Foyer are in loving memory of Cheryl Caddell Shippey given by her mother, Darlene Caddell and her family, Robert, Margaret, Ben and Aaron Shippey.

EMPORIUM

We are seeking nominations for this year's Emporium beneficiary. Please scan the QR code to view more information. If you have questions, you can contact Amy Lawson.



BACKPACK LOVE: YOUTH MISSION March 21- Meet at the Banquet Hall at 3:45 pm

We will be packing bags of food for the homeless in our community. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Christopher.Simonton@fbcgainesville.org. We will be riding together to the event. If adults are interested in attending, please contact Christopher.