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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:** Christopher Simonton ([christopher@fbcgainesville.org](mailto:christopher@fbcgainesville.org))

**Deacon Team of the Week:** Tim Corbin, Johnny Entrekin, James Poole, Gary Lacey and Sandra Edwards

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 **770-754-7354**.

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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.*

“Dear Smyrna”

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**September 1, 2024 | 8:45 AM**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024 at 8:45 AM**

First Baptist Church Chapel

<b>Gathering Song</b>	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i> Susan Eernisse, Flute; Mark Green, Piano
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>The Goodness of God</i>
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> <i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>
<b>Welcome &amp; Prayer</b>	Tony Lankford
<b>Song of Encouragement</b>	<i>Find Us Faithful</i>
<b>Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:8-11</b>	Kellie Denton
	<i>“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the First and the Last, who was dead and came to life:</i>
	<i>“I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.”</i>
<b>Words of Teaching</b>	“Dear Smyrna” Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>By Faith</i>
<b>Opportunities to Connect &amp; Serve</b>	Christopher Simonton
<b>Morning Prayer (Including the Lord’s Prayer)</b>	Jeremy Shoulta
<b>Congregational Response</b>	Refrain of <i>By Faith</i>
<b>Departing Song</b>	<i>Find Us Faithful</i>

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

*A special thank you to, Mark Green, Piano/Vocals,  
Susan Eernisse, Vocals/Flute, Helen Hutsell, Jerry Johnson,  
and Herve Aklotsoe, Cajón for leading our music today.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FBC 101**

**September 15 & 22 | 9:45 AM | Banquet Hall**  
New Members and those wanting to learn more about FBC are invited to breakfast with Pastors Jeremy and Tony. RSVP to: PatsyShuford@gmail.com

**Emporium Bake Shoppe**

**September 27 & 28**  
We would appreciate your donation of homemade or bakery items for the Bake Shoppe at Emporium. Registration forms are available at the South Portico, Welcome Center and Banquet Hall.

**Mission Trip to Immokalee, Florida**

**October 11-16**  
Spaces are filling quickly. Please email Kellie.Denton@fbcgainesville.org if you would like to serve on this mission trip.

**“Music Made Easy”**

A music reading class for all who sing in a choir, or who would like to sing in a choir.  
4 Sessions led by Mark Green  
Two opportunities:  
Tuesdays at 5:30 pm (1-hour) Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22  
Thursdays at 9:00 am (1-hour) Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31  
If you are interested, please email or call Mark to register: mark.green@fbcgainesville.org or 678-617-8805

**THIS WEEK AT FBC**

**Tuesday**

**Women’s Bible Study**  
10:00 AM | FLC-Gathering Room

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10:00 AM | FLC-Gathering Room

**Dinner**  
5:00 PM | Banquet Hall

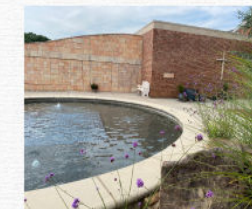
**Women’s Bible Study**  
5:45 PM | Parlor

**Bible Study: Reading Revelation with Pastor Jeremy**  
6:00 PM | Banquet Hall

**Children’s Choirs and Small Groups**  
6:00 PM | Children’s Wing

**Youth Group**  
6:00 PM | Nix Auditorium

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**  
6:50 PM | Choir Rehearsal Room



Today, we celebrate the baptism of:

- James Aklotsoe
- Macy Shoulta
- Hudson Tafel
- Penielle Afantchao
- Devyn Ward
- Irielys Reyes
- Dub Jones
- Luke Robertson

Join us at 9:45 AM  
in the outdoor  
baptismal area.

Please join us in welcoming them to our First Baptist Family!