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		Tammy Wikholm	Director of Children's Ministries

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

Deacon Team of the Week: David Shumake, Lane Hartness, Jeff Lawson, Ken Lott and Vonda Shope

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**.

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.

“Dear Philadelphia”

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First Baptist Church Chapel

Gathering Music

Jesus Is All the World to Me
Tami Easterday, Piano

Songs of Praise

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)
Jesus Messiah

Welcome & Prayer

Tony Lankford

Song of Reflection

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:7-13

Christopher Simonton

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the Holy One, the True One,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:

“I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door that no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word of endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one takes away your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Words of Teaching

“Dear Philadelphia”
Jeremy Shoulta

Song of Response

Be Strong in the Lord (629)

Opportunities to Connect & Serve

Tammy Wikholm

Morning Prayer (Including the Lord's Prayer)

Jeremy Shoulta

Congregational Response

Chorus of *Find us Faithful*

Departing Song

Be Strong in the Lord
Tami Easterday, Piano

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

*A special thank you to Susan Eernisse, Kayanne Smith, Randy Eakins, Kent Murphey, Guitar;
Herve Aklotsoe, Cajon; and Tami Easterday, Piano for leading our music today.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Lake Day

September 29 | 12:00-3:30 PM

Meet in the Youth Room for lunch and then the lake.

Acolyte Training

October 2 | 6:50-7:15 PM

If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte (children 2nd-5th grade) please sign up for this training session. RSVP: Christyjmalcom@gmail.com

Greeters

Do you enjoy meeting new people and making others feel welcome? We are looking for a few greeters to join our Sunday morning team! As a greeter, you'll help create a warm and welcoming environment for every-one attending church. If you'd like to be part of this important ministry, please email Sandra Perry at skperry67@gmail.com to join the team. We'd love to have you!

Parents of 18-24 year olds

Do you have an 18-24 year old in college, the work-place, or taking a break for a semester? We want to stay connected and encourage them by sending a care box filled with love and goodies! Please email Kellie.Denton@fbcgainesville.org so we can get something in the mail to them for the holidays!

College Lunch

October 20 & November 17

We would like to invite Young Adults ages 18-24ish who have finished high school and have entered college, the workforce or taking a gap year to lunch after the 11:00 AM service.

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Monday

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

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

Thursday

Women's Bible Study
10:00 AM | Winsome Room



▶▶ *October 17* ◀◀
7:00 PM

SANCTUARY

Prelude music will begin at 6:30 pm
Varied program of hymns, spirituals and anthems!

Church Conference

OCTOBER 9, 2024

There will be a church conference on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Banquet Hall. At the conference, church members will be asked to ratify the action of the members taken at the church conference held on September 21, 2024, to approve the restated Articles of Incorporation of First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Georgia, Inc. The church's articles of incorporation are being restated to add provisions required by the IRS for an exemption letter and to modernize them under current law. The restated provisions are summarized as follows: (1) the corporation operates exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes; (2) the church's trustees serve as the corporation's board of directors; (3) the corporation has members whose rights and duties are determined under the church's bylaws; (4) the corporation's earnings, except for reasonable compensation paid for services, are not payable to private persons; (5) the corporation may not participate in political campaigns or attempt to influence legislation; (6) if the corporation is dissolved, its net assets must be paid to other 501(c)(3) organizations; (7) the corporation may receive gifts of property consistent with the church's purposes; (8) the trustees will not be liable for monetary damages arising from any breach of duty to the corporation; and (9) the corporation will indemnify its officers and the trustees as allowed by law. Any member may review a complete copy of the restated Articles of Incorporation upon request to April Wood prior to the conference.