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Della Ruth Johnson	Organist Emeritus	Kayanne Smith	Music Admin. Assistant
Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford	Executive Pastor	April Wood	Financial Administrator
		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: Christopher Simonton (Christopher@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: Richard Weaver, Tami Easterday, Cindy Bryant, Kent Easterday and Julie Weaver

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 Ephesus: Christ Is Our Peace”

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024 | 8:45 AM

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First Baptist Church Chapel

Gathering Song *Who You Say I Am*
Worship Band

Call to Worship *Praise God's Name (Litany)*

Songs of Praise *Indescribable*
He Is Our Peace

Welcome & Prayer Tammy Wikholm

Song of Adoration *Jesus Have It All*

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22 Kellie Denton
So remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called "uncircumcised" by Jews who are physically circumcised. At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God's promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

Words of Teaching "Dear Ephesus: Christ Is Our Peace"
Jeremy Shoulta

Song of Response *They'll Know We Are Christians (272)*

Opportunities to Connect & Serve Tony Lankford

Reflection on Giving Cathy Bowers

Morning Prayer (Including the Lord's Prayer) Jeremy Shoulta

Congregational Response Chorus of *He Is Our Peace*

Departing Song *Lead Me, Guide Me*
Tami Easterday, Piano

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

*A special thank you to Susan Eernisse, Carrie Owens, Tim Corbin, Kent Murphey, Guitar
Tami Easterday, Piano and Herve Aklotsoe, Cajon for leading our music today.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deacon and Trustee Election

October 23- November 10

Please cast your vote for Deacons and Trustee. Digital Ballots and Candidate Bios may be obtained in the FBC App and Church Website. If you prefer a paper ballot, they are available in the Banquet Hall or at the Welcome Center.

Sonlight Choir Tour

November 3 | Following 11:00 AM Worship

Would you be interested in joining the Youth Choir for their Boston to Canda tour this summer? Feel free to contact Glenn Eernisse for more information Glenn.Eernisse@fbcgainesville.org or attend a "curiosity meeting" on November 3 in the Parlor after worship.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes are now available. There are instructions inside each box with details of how to fill them. Once you fill your box, please return to the church as soon as possible.

Living Christmas Tree

December 12 | 7:30 PM

December 13 | 7:30 PM

December 14 | 4:30 PM

December 15 | 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Scan QR code to request tickets. Tickets are also available at the welcome center.



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

5:00 PM: Trunk or Treat and FLC 40 Years Sweet Banquet Hall Parking Lot and FLC

6:50 PM: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:40 PM: Living Christmas Tree Rehearsal

Thursday

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

A WORD OF GRATITUDE

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated members of our Flower Ministry Team for their hard work and creativity in preparing and arranging the beautiful flowers that grace our sanctuary and chapel each week.

A special thank you to our wonderful team members: Joyce Entrekin, Amy Harrison, Janice Johnson, Sally Kirchner, Sarah Koskovich, Lori Wheeler, Lynn Pugh, Connie Propes, Gwen Richards and Doris Sosebee.

PARENTING IN A TECH WORLD
NOVEMBER 6
6:00 PM

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ARE INVITED!

Goals for this evening session are:

- Provide resources to close the knowledge gap
- Become empowered instead of intimidated
- Acknowledge how much is at stake
- Gain Community support
- You can help others be safe
- Learn to live with technology in a way that works best for your family. Define the win.

November 3
PROGRESSIVE Dinner

High School Only
Sunset
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Scan QR Code
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