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Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford	Executive Pastor	Tammy Wikholm	Director of Children’s Ministries
Carrie Wood Owens	Office Administrator	April Wood	Financial Administrator

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: Eddie Hartness, Marian Kaminski and John Hulsey

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**.

If you are visiting us today, please scan the QR code to complete our guest connect card. We would love to hear from you.



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FIRST BAPTIST
of GAINESVILLE

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.

“God of the Rivers”

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025 | 8:45 AM

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Gathering Song	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Tami Easterday, Piano
Call to Worship	Be Thou My Vision (71)
Song of Praise	Great Is Thy Faithfulness (48)
Welcome & Prayer	Tony Lankford
Missional Partner Spotlight	Amy Lawson, Director of ESL/Citizenship

Scripture Reading: Joshua 3:1-4; 14-17 Katie Dubnik
Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. At the end of three days, the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it.”

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Words of Teaching	“God of the Rivers” Jeremy Shoulta
Song of Response	God Will Make a Way
Opportunities to Connect & Serve	Christopher Simonton
Morning Prayer (Including the Lord’s Prayer)	Jeremy Shoulta
Congregational Response	Chorus of Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Departing Song	God Will Make a Way Worship Band

A special thank you to Susan Eernisse, Carrie Owens, Patton Gilbert,
Tami Easterday and Kent Murphey for leading our music today.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Sundown
TODAY | 12:15-3:30 PM
The Youth are going bowling for this month’s Youth Sundown. Meet at the Banquet Hall. The cost is \$10 for bowling, pizza and arcade!

Connect Camp
July 7-11
Connect Camps is a one-week, day camp for K-8th graders, filled with non-stop fun, engaging activities, & daily faith-based lessons. Masu March Madness: \$74 off registration for 6th-8th graders if you use code FBCMASU before the end of March!! <https://connectcamps.com/gainesville/>

CBF Offering for Global Missions
The Offering draws inspiration from Isaiah 43, the prophet speaks of God doing a new thing, offering hope in our complex world. Just as the Jewish exiles in Babylon faced daunting challenges and were encouraged to look for God’s new way, we too are invited to embrace God’s renewal. CBF field personnel embody the work of God by addressing fundamental needs & sharing the hope and healing of Christ Jesus. We will be collecting for CBF Global Missions through Easter Sunday. You can donate at our website: www.fbcgainesville.org/give and choose CBF Global Mission in the drop down menu.

February 2025 YTD Revenue Reporting

\$504,350.91 Actual	\$549,999.98 Budget
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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

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Wednesday Night Programs
5:00 PM: Dinner in the Banquet Hall
5:45 PM: Women’s Bible Study in the Parlor
6:00 PM: Characters of Easter (Rev. Mark Green as John, The Beloved)
6:00 PM: Children’s Programs
6:00 PM: Youth Program
6:00 PM: Grief Share in Room 204
6:50 PM: Sanctuary Choir

Thursday
Women’s Bible Study
10:00 AM | Winsome Room

SPRING

APRIL 09

Spring Break
No Wednesday Night Programs

APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 AM: Front Lawn

APRIL 20

Easter Sunday
7:00, 8:45 & 11:00 AM Worship
8:00-10:30 AM: Breakfast

APRIL 27

Sonlight Choir Concert
6:00 PM: Chapel

APRIL 30

Children’s Choirs Concert
6:15 PM: Chapel

MAY 04

5th Grade Recognition
11:00 AM Worship: Bible Presentation
Breakfast for Students & Families

MAY 04

Exaltation Concert
6:00 PM: Choral Rehearsal Room

MAY 18

Graduate Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service
Lunch for Seniors & Families