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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:** Glenn Eernisse  
(glenn.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)

**Deacon Team of the Week:** Jerry Johnson, Jesse Black and Kent Easterday

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**.

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Grace discovered.  
Lives 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.*

“Family Drama: Closure”

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
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First Baptist Church Chapel

Gathering Song

Daydream  
Adriana Kernstine, Piano  
(student in FBC’s Performing Arts Academy)

Welcome & Prayer

Christopher Simonton

Passing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the Lord be with you  
And also with you

Congregation

Connect Camp and VBS Spotlight

Mary Beth Magnus, Ella Beverly

Songs of Praise

We Believe  
Revelation Song

Scripture Reading: Genesis 33:1-14

Jacob looked up and saw Esau approaching with four hundred men. Jacob divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two women servants. He put the servants and their children first, Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph last. He himself went in front of them and bowed to the ground seven times as he was approaching his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, kissed him, and they wept. Esau looked up and saw the women and children and said, “Who are these with you?” Jacob said, “The children that God generously gave your servant.” The women servants and their children came forward and bowed down. Then Leah and her servants also came orward and bowed, and afterward Joseph and Rachel came forward and bowed. Esau said, “What is the meaning of this entire group of animals that I met?” Jacob said, “To ask for my master’s kindness.” Esau said, “I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what’s yours.” Jacob said, “No, please, do me the kindness of accepting my gift. Seeing your face is like seeing God’s face, since you’ve accepted me so warmly. Take this present that I’ve brought because God has been generous to me, and I have everything I need.” So Jacob persuaded him, and he took it. Esau said, “Let’s break camp and set out, and I’ll go with you.” But Jacob said to him, “My master knows that the children aren’t strong and that I am responsible for the nursing flocks and cattle. If I push them hard for even one day, all of the flocks will die. My master, go on ahead of your servant, but I’ve got to take it easy, going only as fast as the animals in front of me and the children are able to go, until I meet you in Seir.”

Words of Teaching

“Family Drama: Closure”  
Jeremy Shoulta

Song of Response

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (694)

Opportunities to Connect & Serve

Christopher Simonton

Morning Prayer (Including the Lord’s Prayer)

Jeremy Shoulta

Congregational Response

Chorus of We Believe

Departing Song

To God Be the Glory  
Worship Band

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lemonade on the Lawn

Today after worship

Join us on the lawn after worship for lemonade and cookies! We hope this will be a time for you to meet a new friend and enjoy some fellowship!

Six Flags (Youth Event)

July 25 | 9:30 AM

The Youth Group is going to Six Flags! The cost is \$35 per person. This includes your ticket to the park and lunch. Please meet in the Banquet Hall at 9:30 AM to ride the bus. RSVP to Pastor Christopher: christopher@fbcgainesville.org

Emporium Vendor Spaces

September 26 & 27

We have vendor spaces available for our 2025 Emporium! If you or someone you know would like to reserve a space please visit our website [www.fbcgainesville.org/emporium](http://www.fbcgainesville.org/emporium) or contact Amy Lawson. [alawson@jlawsonassociates.com](mailto:alawson@jlawsonassociates.com)

Church Softball Team Update

July 15 | 6:00 PM

July 22 | 7:00 PM

July 29 | 6:00 PM

August 5 | 7:00 PM

August 12 | 6:00 PM

We invite you to come out and cheer on our Church Softball Team at one of their many games this summer.All games will be at Laurel Park, Field 2.

PERFORMING ARTS  
ACADEMY

FBC’s Performing Arts Academy is expanding its Youth String Orchestra with a brand-new Beginning Strings class for 4th through 12th graders. The class will be on Wednesdays at 3:15 PM in the Church Orchestra Rehearsal Room. Students will learn the basics of their instruments (violin or cello) in a group setting. As they progress from the beginning level to intermediate, students can also join the Youth String Orchestra, which also meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Both groups are under the direction of veteran PAA teacher, Gretchen Welch. Class size is limited, so act quickly.

New this year! Suzuki Violin Lessons with our very own Linda Willams. These lessons are for preschoolers age 3 and up. Parental participation in lessons. Violin rentals are available.

NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN: We also offer adult classes!

It’s time to register for Fall Music lessons at FBC Performing Arts Academy – for all ages PreK through adult.

For more information on the PAA or to register for classes, please email Susan Eernisse. [susan.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org](mailto:susan.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)

Thank You

FOR YOUR MANY  
YEARS OF FAITHFUL  
SERVICE TO FBC

REV. DR. RON GRIZZLE

We are grateful for the Christ-like compassion Ron has brought to our congregational care efforts. His presence has been a blessing to countless individuals and families; our staff and the greater community will miss him dearly.



THANK YOU  
VBS VOLUNTEERS

WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!!



ELIZABETH AND SARAH

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A special thank you to Mark Green, Carrie Owens, Tim Corbin, Mary Beth Magnus, Kent Murphey (Guitar) and William Merck (Percussion) for leading our music today.