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Elizabeth Edwards

Elizabeth has been a member of First Baptist Church for 15 years. She is married to Britt and is a member of the Young Adult Small Group and teaches on Wednesday nights. The most meaningful ministries for her have been the Handbells, Sanctuary Choir and our Youth Group. Elizabeth prays for unity and clarity.

Anissa Balch



Anissa has been a member of First Baptist Church for 24 years. She is married to Rusty and has two children and one grandchild. She is a member of A Wing and a Prayer Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been the Young Adults and making cotton candy for church events and the joy that it brings to everyone. Anissa prays that we will always be a Christ-centered body of Christ and that our earthly endeavors do not get in the way of this. She also prays for our new leaders and that they bring our campus back to the hustle and bustle of years past.



Jimmy McGowan

Jimmy has been a member of First Baptist Church for 12 years. He is married to Betty and has two children. He is a member of the Covenant Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him have been leading the Prison Ministry, Men's Bible Study and building ramps for community construction projects. Jimmy prays for the Lord to provide the correct pastor and additional servants to fill our vacant church staff positions to serve His church and lead our congregation.

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David Mote

David has been a member of First Baptist Church for 13 years. He is married to Angie and has two children. The most meaningful ministry for him has been the Sanctuary Choir. David prays for spiritual growth and the physical growth of the church.

Rusty Balch



Rusty has been a member of First Baptist Church for 24 years. He is married to Anissa and has two children and one grandson. He is a member of A Wing and a Prayer Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Music Ministry and the Living Christmas Tree. Rusty prays for our church to be a reflection of our Lord that we serve, that serves our community and supports those in need of spiritual guidance and provides a church home for individuals and families alike.



Cindy Bryant

Cindy has been a member of First Baptist Church for 28 years. She is married to David and has three children. She is a member of the Oasis Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been the Children and Youth Ministry and Promising Futures. Cindy prays that we may embody the love of Christ in our home, work, church and community.

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Johnny Johnson

Johnny has been a member of First Baptist Church for 32 years. He is married to Lisa and has two children. He is the president of the Covenant Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Pastor Search Committee, Sanctuary Choir and Deacon Ministry. Johnny prays for unity.

Patsy Shuford



Patsy has been a member of First Baptist Church for 19 years. She is married to Stan and has two children and seven grandchildren. She is a member of the Seekers Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been the Sanctuary Choir, directing Youth Handbells and the New Member/Visitor Team. Patsy prays that we will listen for God's guidance in choosing our new person(s) to fill our leadership positions and that FBC will be a beacon of light to each other and our community.



Dave McConnell

Dave has been a member of First Baptist Church for 24 years. He is married to Denise and has three children. He is a member of the Oasis Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Men's Bible Study and the Oasis Sunday School class. Dave prays that God brings us the pastor we need to continue being a vibrant part of Gainesville, Hall County and Georgia.

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Lynn Fletcher

Lynn has been a member of First Baptist Church for 32 years and has four children. She is a member of the Seekers Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been the Women's Ministry, Emporium, Women's Weekly Bible Study and the Sanctuary Choir. Lynn prays that we will be faithful followers of Jesus; loving and serving each other and sharing His love to our community.

Stephanie Hanson



Stephanie has been a member of First Baptist Church for five years and has four children. She is a member of the Oasis Sunday School class who challenges and educates at the same time. The most meaningful ministry for her has been facilitating Griefshare, walking alongside people through difficult seasons and helping them navigate their grief journey with hope and support. Stephanie prays for involved Christian and biblical leadership, spiritual revival, open minds and hearts, fellowship, growth and involvement from our church body.



Stan Shuford

Stan has been a member of First Baptist Church for 19 years. He is married to Patsy and has two children. He is a member of the Seekers Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Sanctuary Choir and the Living Christmas Tree. Stan prays for guidance in filling all leadership positions.

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Jeff Thompson

Jeff has been a member of First Baptist Church for 28 years. He is married to Pam and attends the Oasis Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Scouts, Congregational Care and the Stephen Ministry. Jeff prays for healing.

Sue Thompson



Sue has been a member of First Baptist Church for over 30 years and has two children. She is a member of the Friendship Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been the History Team and working on the 200th anniversary celebration. She also works with the Citizenship class and finds it rewarding to see people pass the test for citizenship. Sue prays for more unity within the church body and to keep members involved in the church. She also prays that the Pastor Search Committee selects a Pastor soon.



Nancy Page

Nancy has been a member of First Baptist Church for 49 years. She is married to Bob Page and has three children. She teaches in the Winsome and Joy Sunday School classes. Nancy also leads a Women's Bible Study on Thursday Mornings. The most meaningful ministries for her have been all of them. They all matter to God. Nancy prays for a pastor who reads scripture and preaches from that scripture. Everyone from pastor to maintenance are all just as important for the life of the church.

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Debbie Henderson

Debbie has been a member of First Baptist Church for 14 years. She has three children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is a member of the Seekers Sunday School class and teaches the Winsome Sunday School class once a month. The most meaningful ministry for her has been the Sanctuary Choir. Debbie prays for our FBC family to continue to be united in God's love and in obedience to Jesus' teachings as we follow the Holy Spirit's leading and to be faithful witnesses in the mission that God has given us in our community and wherever we go around the world.

Bob Page

Bob Page has been a member of First Baptist Church for 49 years. He is married to Nancy and has three children. He is a member of the Angler's, JOY, Koinonia, and Friendship Sunday School classes. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Stephen Ministry and the History Team Ministry. Bob prays for worship attendance and stewardship.





Kim Craft

Kim has been a member of First Baptist Church for 37 years. He is married to Karen. He is a member of the Covenant Sunday School Class and works with our Youth. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Youth Ministry and the Pastor Search Committee. Kim prays for God's will for spiritual growth for our future pastor and staff and for us to be more involved in the community outside of the church.

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Andy Maddox

Andy has been a member of First Baptist Church for 37 years. He is married to Tina and has three boys. He is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the most meaningful ministries for him have been the Sanctuary Choir and Sunday School. Andy prays for wisdom and courage and for us to be missionaries to the community.

Vonda Shope



Vonda has been a member of First Baptist Church for 40 years. She has a daughter and is a member of the Seekers Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been Promising Futures, the History Committee and the Greeter Committee. Vonda prays for our church to bond together for unity and bringing the young and older people together. She prays that we have better communication with young couples, youth and children and that this will bring our church together.



Janice Hale

Janice has been a member of First Baptist Church for 16 years. She has five children and 11 grandchildren. She is a member of the Seekers Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been volunteering for Promising Futures and the Stephen Ministry. Janice prays that our church will always reflect God's love to everyone by reaching out into the community and serving as the hands and feet of Jesus and that our congregation will be united in love.

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Randy Major

Randy has been a member of First Baptist Church for five years. He is married to Susan and has two children. He is a member of the Covenant Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him has been playing trumpet in the Orchestra and helping with Christmas programs with set ups and operation of lighting. Randy prays for God to be with our church leaders and staff daily as they guide the church. He also prays for the congregation as a whole that they stay in God's blessing in all situations.

Johnny Entrekin



Johnny has been a member of First Baptist Church for 30 years. He is married to Joyce and is a member of the Kindred Spirits Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministry for him has been Greeting for the early service. Johnny prays for unity, growth and revival.



Jeff Boggan

Jeff Boggan has been a member of First Baptist Church for 16 years. He is married to Beth and is stepfather to her daughter. Jeff is a member of the Seekers Sunday School Class and teaches both the Seekers and Grace Fellowship classes. Among his many areas of service, his time on the Pastor Search Committee has been especially meaningful. Jeff's prayer is that First Baptist Church will be known for its love for Jesus Christ and its commitment to sharing the gospel and leading others to Him.

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Molly Darwin

Molly has been a member of First Baptist Church for three years. She is married to Charles and has three children. She is a member of the Community Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been Greeting in the early service and serving snacks for after school programs. Molly prays for guidance, wisdom, grace and peace for our members and the community.

Dick Moeller

Dick has been a member of First Baptist Church for five years. He is married to Lee and has one daughter. He is a member of the Grace Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Men's Bible Study (community construction projects) and the Sanctuary Choir. Dick prays for us to continue working in our community to bring more people to Christ.





Jim Harrison

Jim has been a member of First Baptist Church for 55 years. He is married to Amy and has two children. He is a member of A Wing and a Prayer Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministry for him has been the Youth ministry along with various other ministries. Jim prays for the church to grow and reach others within the community.

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James Gilbert

James has been a member of First Baptist Church for 25 years. He is married to Kara and has nine children. He teaches the Middle School Youth group. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Youth Ministry and the Sanctuary Choir. He has experienced these through his children. James prays for a dynamic and vibrant rebirth led by the Spirit of God to work through our new ministries to bring in a multitude of young families dedicated to serving God together.