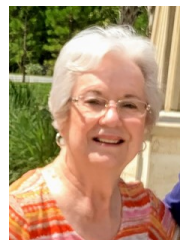
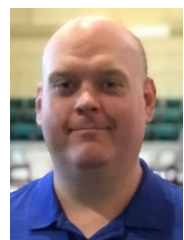


## Welcome New Members: August—September



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Apt RC39  
Gainesville, FL 32606



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Earl Ference & Janice Baur  
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Larry & Brenda Williams  
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If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Byrd, Office Manager, at [elizabeth.byrd@fbcgainesville.net](mailto:elizabeth.byrd@fbcgainesville.net).



## All SAINTS Sunday—November 3, 2019

On the first Sunday in November we will observe All Saints Sunday. We will remember our loved ones who have passed away over the last year. If you would like your loved one (church member or not) included on this special Sunday, please send their name and, if possible, a picture to Elizabeth Byrd ([elizabeth.byrd@fbcgainesville.net](mailto:elizabeth.byrd@fbcgainesville.net)) or call 352.376.4681.

## THE NEHEMIAH PLAN

"Come, let us Rebuild the wall..." Nehemiah 2:17

### Commitment Sunday October 27

Combined Worship Service at 11:00 am

Followed by a free Celebration Lunch of catered BBQ

Our Goal: \$200,000 in cash and pledges.

On Commitment Sunday, we will make an exciting, congregational step of faith to fund the preservation of our church walls in cash and pledges on One Day. Don't miss it.

## TAILGATE PARTY

Saturday, Oct. 12, 6pm- Come cookout and tailgate before the LSU football game, and then watch the game together.

## Fall Family Retreat

Fun For All Ages

Saturday, October 26th, 10:00am -7:00pm

### Middle Florida Baptist Assembly

(247 SE Salvation Road, Branford, Florida 32008)

**9:00 AM:** Meet at the Church to caravan (OR meet us at the Campground)

**7:00 PM:** Arrive back at Church

### Lunch and Supper Included

#### Our Retreat will include:

Bible studies, Outdoor recreation, Competitions and indoor games, Minute-to-win it Games, Team Building Activities, Crafts and music, Vesper Service around a campfire

Sign up today at the Information Desk to reserve your spot. Please contact Pastor Eric or Pastor Lynn for more details.

### Sermons in October — Being Church: Lessons from Ephesians

#### October 13

Title: All are Needed

Scripture:

Ephesians 1:1-21

Key Theme:

Being the church requires participation in God's purpose by everyone.

#### October 20

Title: Unified in Diversity

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:1-16

Key Theme:

Being the church draws us together as brothers and sisters of one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

#### October 27

Title: Rule of Life

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Key Theme:

As we develop the rhythm of the spiritual disciplines together, the life of Jesus will be developed in us.

### Pastoral Staff

**Dr. Eric Spivey**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. Lynn Williams**  
Executive Pastor &  
Minister of Discipleship

### Jueun Warf

Interim Music & Worship Coordinator

### Brandon Warf

Interim Youth Minister

### Kendall Browning

Children's Ministry Intern

### Braden Cain

Congregational Intern

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# Being Church

Lessons from Ephesians

October 6, 2019



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
GAINESVILLE

Following Jesus and Living God's Love Together

Monthly Edition

## Morning Worship

Invitation to Worship		Braden Cain
Prelude	<i>Built on a Rock</i>	Grace Brodbeck
Call to Worship #657	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	
*Hymn of Praise #133	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	
*Invocation		Mary Kate Walker
Welcome to Worship		Jueun Warf
*Passing the Peace	<i>We are Your Church (Chorus)</i>	
Children in Worship		Kendall Browning
Scripture Lesson	Eph. 2:11-22	Tiffany Gabriel
I Love My Church		Youth
*Offertory Hymn #104	Amazing Grace	
*Offertory Prayer		Randy Jarmon
Offertory Music	<i>All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i>	Barbara Young
Message	A Place to Belong	Brandon Warf
*Hymn of Response #433	<i>I Surrender All</i>	
*Benediction		Chuck King
Postlude	<i>All Hail the Power</i>	Grace Brodbeck

\* Please stand as you are able

## Article by Eric

In September I taught a combined Sunday Bible Study class reflecting on our church Leadership Retreat in August. I taught from Joshua on the many ways God met the dreams of the People of Israel – their dream for freedom, their dream to cross the Red Sea safely and their dream to arrive in the Promised Land.

Of course, once they reached the Promised Land there were new dreams, right? They dreamed of land to call their own and homes to raise their families. Even though they were in the Promised Land they needed to trust in the Lord of the wilderness to provide for them in new ways.

Over the last 15 years God has woven miracles into the life of First Baptist Church. We have seen God deliver dream after dream we had for the future. Now, we stand looking forward to the new things God is about to do in and through us. To see these dreams accomplished we must continue to trust the God who brought us here.

To point us forward, our leaders affirmed our vision and stated our calling for the coming years. Our vision is what we are called to DO. Our calling is who we are called to BE.

**Vision:** To Follow Jesus and Live God's Love Together.

**Calling:** To Be a transforming body welcoming, engaging, serving and impacting the people of our community.

These two statements will guide us in the coming years as we follow Jesus in our community and world.

At the same meeting, our leadership named two initiatives for the coming year.

1. Develop attractional activities to engage the residential community around FBC.
2. Develop and strengthen the staff, volunteers and infrastructure for vibrant weekly worship to experience God's presence.

This month you will find two events I call sticky: A Tailgate Party on 10/12 and the Fall Family Retreat on 10/27. Both events are attractional because they give us the opportunity to invite and welcome our friends and the neighbors to connect with our church family. The events are sticky because they are designed to help us build friendship and have fun together. The more friends we make at church, the more the church feels like home for everyone.

We need your assistance to live into this initiative. First, attend these two events. Second, invite someone to join you at these events. Third, introduce yourself to someone you don't know at these events and share your "I love my church ..." story with them.

## The Spivey's

Thanks to everyone who prayed for Mama Jean while she was in the hospital at the end of September. She's home at the Village now and doing great.

Finally, Marcia and I are in North Carolina for Parents Weekend at Western Carolina University with Sydney. We are grateful for cooler weather, fall colors and time with our daughter. Don't worry, we can't wait to be back in Gainesville on Monday. I'll see you next Sunday as we continue our Lessons from Ephesians.

Pastor Eric

## This Week at First...

### Sunday, October 6

12:00pm Missions Committee

### Monday, October 7

7:00pm Men's Book Study – Simon Peter

### Tuesday, October 8

5:45pm Thrive Life Walk - Downtown

### Wednesday, October 9

5:30pm Dinner – Baked Potato Bar

6:00pm Prayer Gathering

6:30pm Adult Bible Studies

7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 10

9:30am Women's Bible Study – 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ

### Saturday, October 12

6:00pm Tailgate Party – 2 hours before Kickoff – Food Truck, Grills (bring your own food), Cornhole and games.

### Sunday, October 13

8:30am Early Worship

9:30am Bible Study for All Ages

11:00am Morning Worship

12:00pm B&G Committee Meeting

Prayer Team Meeting

### Deacons of the Week:

Ben Mather: 352-256-8540

Chuck King: 352-316-8878

## Connection Opportunities Ahead

**Thrive Life Downtown Walk** - Tuesday, October 8, 5:45pm

Hand out PBJ Sandwiches to the Homeless Community in downtown Gainesville

**Tailgate Party for LSU Football Game** – Saturday, October 12

6:00pm. Come cookout and tailgate before the game, and then watch the game together. There will also be a food truck!

**Prayer Team Meeting** – Sunday, October 13, after church - If you are

interested in joining the Prayer Team, you are invited to meet after church in Room 129

**Fall Family Retreat** – Saturday, October 26, 10:00am – 7:00pm at

the Middle Florida Baptist Assembly in Branford, FL

**Celebration Lunch** – Sunday, October 27 – after the combined

morning worship - noon—catered BBQ

### CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 23 @ 6:30 PM—Fellowship Hall

Attend to Hear: Faith Stories of God's Work Among Us, 2020 Staff Plan, Vote on new staff search committees, financials and more!

## Memorial Donations


Dianne Cothran	Keith & Trish Birkett
Joanne Townsend	Keith & Trish Birkett
	Jerry & Elaine Bennett
Tom Kinsey	Keith & Trish Birkett
	Jerry & Elaine Bennett
	Jon & Martha Samborski

## In Honor:

Jo Ann Parham David & Sarah Sterling

## Pastor Lynn's Sabbatical

Pastor Lynn reports all is well with her sabbatical. Please continue to pray for God to restore and strengthen her for the ministry work ahead. She will return on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Being Church**  
Lessons from Ephesians

**Weekly Ephesians Reading**

Read 2 Verses Each Day

Week of October 6:  
Ephesians 3:6-4:4

Week of October 13:  
Ephesians 4:5-18

Week of October 20:  
Ephesians 4:19-32

Week of October 27:  
Ephesians 5:1-13

**And the People Gave:** September 2019—Tithes & Offerings: \$36,647.00