

2020 FBC Budget Timeline

Week of November 4:

Budgets Mailed to Homes

Wednesday, November 13 @ 6:15:

Congregational Budget Discussion
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 17 at end of
Worship: Budget Vote

Called Church Business Meeting

Sunday, November 17

After Both Worship Services

To Consider:

- 2020 FBC Budget
- 2020 Committee on Committee Recommendations

A Note from Pastor Eric

Over the last month, we have walked our way through the Book of Ephesians together. Reading two verses a day, we have listened to God's Word asking the Lord to shape us into being the church the Lord needs on this corner for the 2020's. While we have engaged the spiritual process of Being Church, we have also begun organizational shifts to prepare us to be the church the Lord is shaping on this corner. Let me share some of these exciting steps.

First, we raised \$82,752 in 6 weeks for our Nehemiah Plan to preserve the walls of facility. With this money raised, we will not need an outside loan to complete the work being done right now. We also committed another \$84,435 over the next year to pay our reserves back. Look to our new Nehemiah Wall in the Gathering Area each month to watch the bricks come down as we continue to invest in the long-term stability and beauty of our church facility. And ... doesn't the new paint look great?

The celebration of these gifts and the new paint culminate a long, frustrating process seeking a solution to black streaks on our walls. The work we have done together this year frees us to engage the new ministry tasks the Lord will open up for us in the coming years. I hope you will take time to thank our Building and Grounds, Finance, and Stewardship Committees, our Trustees, and our Deacons for their leadership in guiding our church to solve this challenge. It reveals to me as our new pastor the incredible and professional work of which we are capable.

Second, during the month of October, our church embraced a new 2020 Staff Plan. The plan will maximize the money we invest in our staff (2020 will be the same as 2019) for our staff members to best guide our church to live our vision and calling. This plan gives everyone new job titles and creates three new ministry level positions. The church also named two search committees to help find, recruit and hire these new positions. One search committee will look for a part time Minister of Worship and Music. The other search committee will look for both a Minister of Children AND a Minister of Youth. I hope we will see these new positions filled the first months of 2020.

Finally, let me invite you to make room in your schedule for two new church events. I hope they become traditions. First, Sunday, November 24, we will hold a Thanksgiving Banquet. It will be a time to celebrate our church family and to publicly give thanks to God for God's many gifts. Second, on Wednesday, December 4th, we will celebrate a Hanging of the Green Service. On this night, the families of the church will ceremoniously decorate our sanctuary for the Advent season. The service will be filled with scripture, the meanings behind our decorations, and beautiful music. Make plans now to begin the Advent Season with your FBC family.

The Lord is at work in First Baptist Church. Let us continue to pray together, be shaped by God's word together, move forward together, work together, worship together, struggle together and celebrate together. This is how we follow Jesus and live God's love together. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Eric

Search Committees

Worship and Music Pastor Search
Committee: Tim Wood (Chair), David Kidd, Eve Lipoff, Russell Clifton and Beth Kinsey

Children's Pastor and Youth Pastor
Search Committee: Brandi Bell (chair), Olivia King, Daniel Seng, Jennifer Baker, Brooke Brock, and Allison Kidd

Weekly Ephesians Reading

Read 2 Verses Each Day

Week of November 3:

Ephesians 5:14-27

Week of Nov. 10:

Ephesians 5:28-6:8

Week of Nov. 17:

Ephesians 6:9-24



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Sermons in November

November 10

Title: Households of Surrender
Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-6:4
Key Theme: As we mutually surrender our families, marriages and homes to Jesus, our homes become light in our darkened world.

November 17

Title: Vocations of Purpose
Scripture: Ephesians 6:5-9
Key Theme: With Jesus alive in us, our career moves to vocation.

November 24

Title: Steadfast through Challenges
Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-24
Key Theme: Being Church will always face challenges, let us stand steadfast on faith on the truth of God's love for us.

2020 Staff List

Dr. Eric Spivey, Senior Pastor
Rev. Lynn Williams, Executive Pastor & Minister of Discipleship
Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd, Office Manager
Mr. Mike Smith, Facilities Manager
Mrs. Brenda Cohen, Missions Pastor (Volunteer)

To be Filled

Minister of Worship & Music (Part Time)
Minister of Children (Part Time)
Minister of Youth (1/4 Time)

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Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm,
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
GAINESVILLE

Following Jesus and Living God's Love Together



All SAINTS' Sunday

November 3, 2019

Morning Worship

Invitation to Worship Brandon Warf
 Prelude *To Greet the Morning* Grace Brodbeck
 Call to Worship Dr. Eric Spivey

L: Sisters and brothers, let us rejoice in the vision of John: I saw a new heaven and a new earth! The old heaven and the old earth and the sea had disappeared.

P: **Then I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven, beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband.**

L: A great voice thundered from heaven: "See, God is making God's home with mortals! God will live with them. They will be God's people.

P: **God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain. All of this – gone forever!"**

All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

Based on Revelation: 21:1-4

*Hymn of Praise #314 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*Invocation Chuck King

Welcome to Worship Rev. Lynn Williams

*Passing the Peace *We are Your Church*

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembering our saints who have gone before us.

ALL SAINTS LITANY O Lord, What a Vision Eric Spivey

Pastor: I looked over Jordan, that river we all will eventually cross...

Congregation: O Lord, what a vision.

Pastor: I could see the saints singing and dancing.
 I saw grandpa fishing in the Crystal Sea,
 I heard grandma humming in the kitchen...

Congregation: O Lord, what a vision.

Pastor: There were countless others, all faithful disciples, gathered worshipping...

That old man who sang solos in the choir,
 That young man whose life was cut short in that accident...

Congregation: O Lord what a vision.

Pastor: But the most amazing thing I saw as I looked over Jordan...

Was Jesus standing in the shallows, smiling, saying

Congregation: "Welcome home."

Jimmy Wetherington

Lewis Duncan

January 22, 1934 - November 1, 2018

October 16, 1931 - January 9, 2019

Carol Rivenbark

Kathy Lanning

September 16, 1942 - January 3, 2019

September 19, 1947 - February 4, 2019

Phil Sparks

September 8, 1938 - March 30, 2019

Ruth Johnson

September 10, 1917 - April 30, 2019

Dianne Cothran

September 17, 1955 - May 27, 2019

Brian Walker

November 4, 1969 - June 15, 2019

Larry Lansberry

October 1, 1957 - July 9, 2019

Jovella Eaton-Holmes

December 10, 1950 - July 15, 2019

Joanne Townsend

May 26, 1931 - July 15, 2019

Tom Kinsey

September 19, 1949 - July 22, 2019

Ronnie Hilliard

August 25, 1950 - August 23, 2019

*Offertory Hymn #620

Jesus Is the Song

*Offertory Prayer

Liz Piazza

Offertory Music

Barbara Young

I Need Thee Every Hour/ What a Friend We have in Jesus

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 5:3-20

Eric Spivey

Message

Lives of Holiness

Eric Spivey

Hymn of Response #553

Jesus, Draw Me Close

*Benediction

Eric Spivey

Postlude

Psalms 56

Grace Brodbeck

Lives of Holiness

Being Church: Lessons from Ephesians

November 3, 2019

Ephesians 5:3-20

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8 (NRSV)

Listening Guide

Saint = _____

In Ephesians, a _____ is anyone who believes Jesus Christ is Lord.

"To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful[a] in Christ Jesus." (1:1)

"A saint bears true and faithful witness to _____ in speech and life-style." (William Vermillion)

"Live as Children of Light." Ephesians 5:8

"Darkness corrupts the _____." Dallas Willard

"Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives most alms or is most eminent for temperance, chastity, or justice; but it is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God wills, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it." William Law

Holy Lives: Lives lived intentionally to _____ God in all our actions.

This Week at First...

Sunday, November 3

12:00pm Youth Fundraiser – Take-Away Lasagna Lunch
 Missions Committee

Monday, November 4

7:00pm Men's Book Study – Simon Peter

Wednesday, November 6

5:30pm Dinner – Lasagna
 6:00pm Prayer Gathering
 6:30pm Adult Bible Studies
 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

9:30am Women's Bible Study – 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ
 3:00pm Hope Lodge Dinner Preparation
 6:00pm Hope Lodge Dinner Served

Sunday, November 10

8:30am Early Worship
 9:30am Bible Study for All Ages
 11:00am Morning Worship
 12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Deacons of the Week:

Jeff Brooker: 352-316-3717 Frank Green: 352-317-8984

Connection Opportunities Ahead

Hope Lodge – Thursday, November 7, 3:00pm – Prep; 6:00pm – Serve
 Prepare dinner at FBCG and serve dinner at Hope Lodge to cancer patients and families.

Thrive Life Downtown Walk - Tuesday, November 12, 5:45pm
 Hand out PBJ sandwiches to the homeless community downtown Gainesville.

Master's Mission Meeting – Tuesday, November 19, 10:00am
 Work on local mission projects.

Thanksgiving Banquet – Sunday, November 24, 5:00pm
 Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal – a time to give thanks.

Office Closed – Wednesday & Thursday, November 26-27

Hanging of the Green Service – Wednesday, December 4, 6:30pm

Memorial Donations

Connie Rowe

Henry & Faye Wilson

Tithes & Offerings: \$32,360.39

 THE NEHEMIAH PLAN Goal: \$200,000.00

Wall Repair & Repaint