

Pastor's Bible Study Class

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM (Begins 1/8/20)
Fellowship Hall

Title: Reading the Bible for All It's Worth

Class Description: Have you ever read a Bible passage and wondered, "What does this mean?" Too often, we assume, we can't figure it out without an expert. Biblical interpretation is not owned by a Bible teacher, it's discovered by each Bible reader. This class will teach you the basics for understanding what you are reading in the Bible and build in you a confidence for biblical interpretation.

Women's Bible Study,

Beginning January 16th, 9:30-12:00

We will be studying Jennifer Rothschild's **23rd Psalm**.



Here's a description of the study.

In this 7-session study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life.



Anniversary Celebration

Throughout 2020, First Baptist Church will celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Mark these dates on your calendar to be sure not to miss these special events.

Sunday, April 26: Ministry Vocation Sunday

Celebrating God's Faithfulness through the individuals and families who have gone out from FBC in service to God's Kingdom. Guest Preacher: Rev. Buddy Parrish

Sunday, August 9: Homecoming Sunday

Celebrating God's faithfulness in the Fellowship of FBC as we invite current and former sacred partners to come together in celebration.

Sunday, November 8: Mission Impact Sunday

Celebrating God's faithfulness through FBC's mission daughter churches and God's impact on the Gainesville community.

Nicaragua Mission Trip—May 30-June 6, 2020

Medical, Vacation Bible School, and Teaching Trip

All skills, passions and age invited to participate

Information Meeting on Sunday, January 26 @ 12:15 pm

For more information contact Brenda Cohen, Missions Pastor
(brenda.cohen@fbcgainesville.net)

Memorial Donations

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| Harvey Sharron | Sandra Sharron |
| Ray & Betty Mooneyham | Keith & Trish Birkett |
| George & Dorothy Birkett | Keith & Trish Birkett |
| Otto Spangler | Liz Piazza |
| Our Parents | Norm & Linda Stott |

Honorary Gifts

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| Eric & Marcia Spivey | Norm & Linda Stott |
| Brandi Bell | Norm & Linda Stott |
| Lynwood & Brenda Walters | Mahala Chafin |
| The Fellowship Class | Sandra Sharron |

January Worship

January 5 Epiphany Sunday
Preacher: Pastor Lynn Williams

Faithfulness ... Through Our Servants

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

January 12
Preacher: Pastor Eric Spivey
Title: Celebrating God's Faithfulness ... In our Story
Scripture: Psalm 100

Key Theme: We celebrate our Future because of God's faithful servants.

Key Theme: We celebrate our Future because of God's faithfulness in our past!

January 26

Preacher: Pastor Eric Spivey
Title: Celebrating God's Faithfulness ... In our Difficulties
Scripture: Psalm 30

January 19 (Deacon Ordination)

Preacher: Pastor Eric Spivey
Title: Celebrating God's

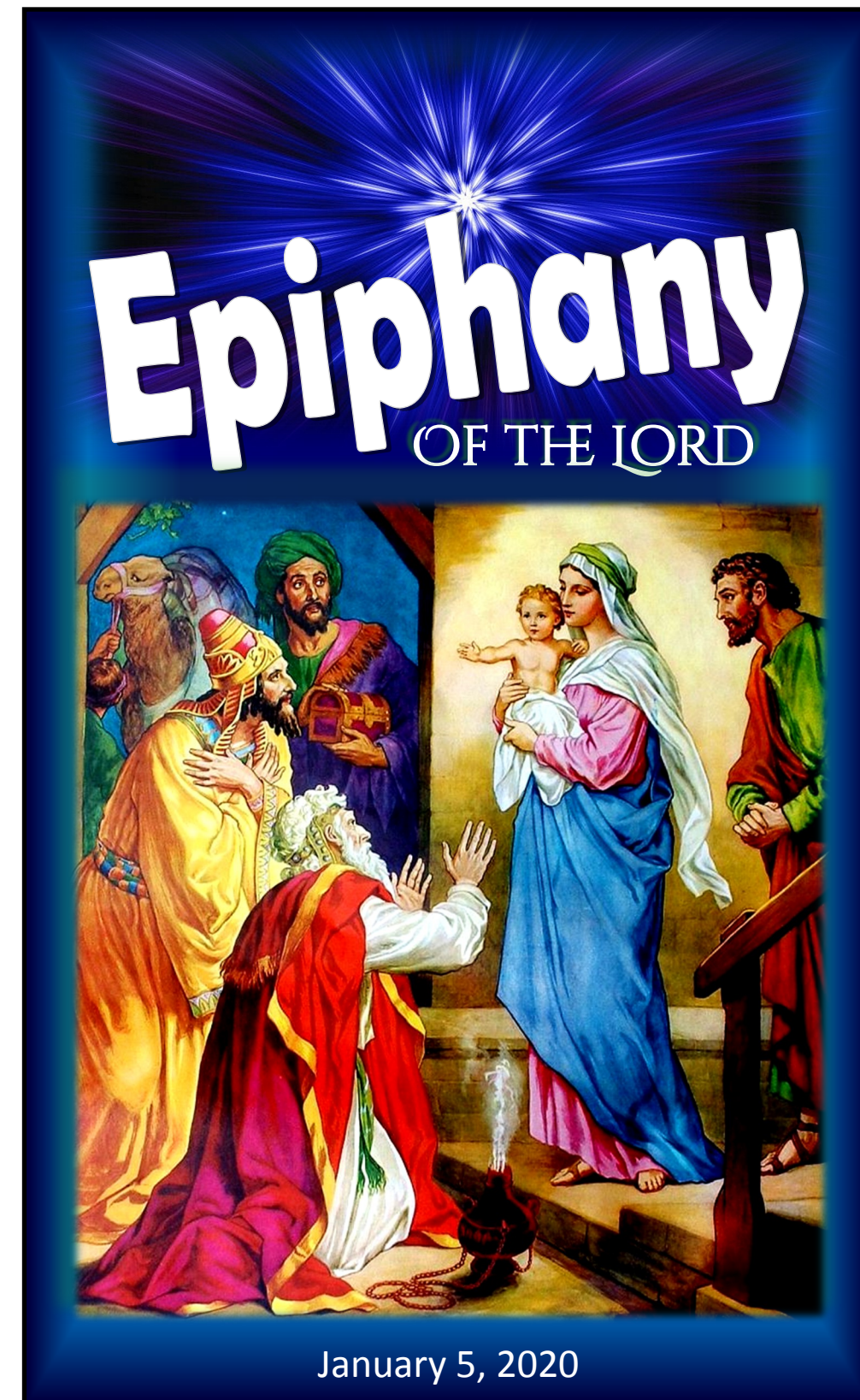
Key Theme: We celebrate our future because of God's faithfulness when we struggle.

Staff

Dr. Eric Spivey, Senior Pastor
Rev. Lynn Williams, Executive Pastor and Minister of Discipleship
Brenda Cohen, Missions Pastor
Jueun Warf, Interim Music & Worship
Branden Warf, Interim Youth Minister
Kendall Browning, Family Intern
Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd, Office Manager
Mr. Mike Smith, Facilities Manager

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
GAINESVILLE

Following Jesus and Living God's Love Together

Morning Worship

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| Invitation to Worship | | Rev. Lynn Williams |
| Prelude | <i>Jesus is the Song</i> | Grace Brodbeck |
| Call to Worship | | |
| Leader: | Arise! Shine! | |
| People: | God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year. | |
| Leader: | Arise! Shine! | |
| People: | The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. | |
| Leader: | Arise! Shine! | |
| People: | God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world. | |
| Leader: | Arise! Shine! | |
| People: | Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn. ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us. | |
| *Hymn of Praise | #635 | <i>Another Year Is Dawning</i> |
| | #49 | <i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> |
| *Invocation | | Brandon Warf |
| Welcome to Worship | | Brandon Warf |
| Passing the Peace | #539 | <i>With all My Heart</i> |
| Children in Worship | | Kendall Browning |
| Prayer for New Year | | Lynn Williams |
| Leader: | Dear Heavenly Father, as we begin this New Year, | |
| People: | Let us renew our Christian responsibilities. | |
| Leader: | Father, on this day, let us mend a quarrel, search out a forgotten friend, dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust. | |
| People: | Let us write a letter to someone who misses us, encourage a youth who has lost faith, | |
| Leader: | O Lord, let us keep a promise, forget an old grudge, examine our demands on others and vow to reduce them. | |
| People: | Let us fight for a principle and express our gratitude, and overcome an old fear, | |
| Leader: | Let us take two minutes to appreciate the beauty of nature. | |
| People: | Let us tell someone we love them, tell them again, and again, and again. | |
| Leader: | Father we love you and we bring our offerings to you from our hearts. | |
| All: | In Jesus name we pray. Amen | |
| | | *Prayer Written by Priscilla Combs |
| *Offertory Hymn | #491 | <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i> |
| *Offertory Prayer | | |
| Offertory Music | | Barbara Young |
| Message | <i>Epiphany</i> | Lynn Williams |
| | Matthew 2:1-12 | |
| *Hymn Of Response | #391 | <i>We are Called to Be God's People</i> |
| *Benediction | | Lynn Williams |
| Postlude | <i>Old 100th</i> | Grace Brodbeck |

A Note From Pastor Eric

2020 has arrived! Thanks be to God!

First Baptist Church enters the 3rd decade of the 21st Century celebrating our sesquicentennial anniversary! The People of God called First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida have been living life together, serving our community, preaching the Gospel, expanding God's Kingdom, ministering to hurting people, teaching the Bible, and developing disciples of Jesus for 150 years! Thanks be to God!

The theme for our 150th year will be **Celebrating God's Faithfulness**. Our theme verse is Psalm 100:5: "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." (NIV)

Throughout the year we will celebrate God's faithfulness in our story in order to challenge us to live God's future story. The best days of First Baptist Church are not behind us. They are ahead of us. This future is built off the faithfulness, vision and sacrifice of the leaders and sacred partners of First Baptist throughout our history. This future also will be built with the faithfulness, vision and sacrifice of our present sacred partners.

Our special celebration Sundays are listed in today's Good News. Please put these dates on your calendars, invite family or friends to join us, and make plans to be here. It's going to be great year.

Personal

I'm grateful to Pastor Lynn for preaching today. Marcia and I are in Birmingham, Alabama for the deacon ordination of our oldest daughter, Sarah Margaret. I've been a part of many ordination services over the years, but this is the first time it's for a member of my family.

Marcia and I are grateful to have raised our daughters in faith communities where they have seen women serve faithfully as equals beside men. These churches have nurtured our daughters in their faith in Jesus and affirmed them as children of God.

We will have a deacon ordination at First Baptist Church on January 19th for two women in our church. This will be a beautiful expression of who our church is and an affirmation of God's work in Sandra Sharron and Josie Booker. I hope you will make the effort to join us. I'll see you next Sunday.

You are loved.

Pastor Eric

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE: December 2019

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| Tithes & Offerings: | \$54,841.46 |
| Year to Date:..... | \$461,015.77 |
| Budget Spent to Date: | \$484,001.79 |

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|  | Goal: \$200,000.00 |
| Wall Repair & Repaint | Given: \$92,840.00 |

This Week at First...

Sunday, January 5

12:00pm Family Promise Set-up

Monday, January 6

7:00pm Men's Book Study – Simon Peter

Wednesday, January 8

5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner – Baked Potato/Salad Bar

6:00pm Prayer Gathering

6:30pm Adult Bible Studies

7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Party

Thursday, January 9

3:00pm Hope Lodge Dinner Preparation

6:00pm Hope Lodge Dinner Served

Sunday, January 12

8:30am Early Worship

9:30am Bible Study for All Ages

11:00am Morning Worship

Afterwards – Special Called Business Meeting

5:00pm Committee Orientation

Deacons of the Week:

Randy Jarmon:
352-258-8679

Bill Smith:
352-222-4614

Connection Opportunities Ahead

FAMILY PROMISE – Jan. 5 -12 Contact the church office to help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & ACTIVITIES Resume – Jan. 8th

HOPE LODGE – Thursday, January 9, 3:00pm Prep; 6:00pm Serve
Prepare dinner at FBCG and serve dinner at Hope Lodge to cancer patients and families.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING—There will be a special called business meeting Sunday, January 12, 2020 immediately following the 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship service for the purpose of voting on the recommendation from the Youth & Children Search Committee and the Personnel Committee to call Brandon Warf as our part time Youth Pastor.

COMMITTEE ORIENTATION—Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 pm. This is for all the Standing Committees of the church (Committee on Committees, Finance, Stewardship, Personnel, Missions and Building & Grounds). A meal will be served.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Starts Thursday, Jan.16, 9:30am

NEW MEN'S BOOK STUDY - Starts Monday, Jan. 20, 7:00pm

MASTER'S MISSION MEETING – Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10:00am
Jeremy & Christina Graves speaking

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES—*Our 2020 Offering Envelopes will not arrive until the end of January. The company sent blank envelopes that can be used, and can be found at the rear of the sanctuary and the information desk.*
Elizabeth Byrd

FIRST CONNECTIONS Dinner — Sunday, January 26th at 5:00 pm.
This is the dinner for all our guests interested in learning more about FBC.