

Good News



July 26, 2020 – August 1, 2020

A Word from Pastor Eric

Our Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ who was and is and is to come.

Through the summer we have experienced God's relentless faithfulness at First Baptist Church. God provided a media minister who upgraded our Living Room worship, guided our Wednesday Night Live Stream, and took the technical duties off our other pastoral staff. God met our financial needs. And God kept us safe as we began to meet in person and serve one another. Thanks be to God. Amen.

August begins our next phase of ministry together. Let me share some details to guide us as we re-open for Sanctuary Worship.

On Sunday, August 2, we will begin a combined Sanctuary and Living Room Worship at 10:00 am (*New time*). Our Sanctuary Worship will utilize the in-person guidelines and procedures we developed this summer for Wednesday Night Live. These guidelines utilize the best-known safety practices for in-person gatherings. You can find these guidelines and a video explaining our procedures on our website.

Our Living Room worship will be a Live Streamed event. The service will be found Live on our website, on Vimeo.com (computer or TV app), and on Facebook. If you worship from your Living Room, let me encourage you to build this Live worship event into the rhythm of your life. Pastor Lynn Williams will be our online pastor engaging our online sacred partners and guests. The video of this live service will remain on our website and Facebook for you to view after it is over.

In a change from our stated Re-opening plans, our 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship will be our ONLY in-person weekly gathering. On July 19, our deacons made this decision based on two key factors: the rise of Covid-19 cases in Florida and the necessity to quarantine staff and congregation if an asymptomatic person with Covid-19 attends an in-person event at the church.

Beginning August 5, our Wednesday Night Live will move to be a Live Streamed event only. We will continue the format we began in July with music, prayer, and the Revelation Bible Study.

Participants from home will still be able to text Pastor Eric prayer needs and respond to the Bible Study.

Our master-teacher video Bible study series will continue online. We will NOT have an in-person Bible study in the fellowship hall as planned.

I am excited about these re-opening plans. We are creating a hybrid ministry model which treats in-person and online experiences equally. We are providing the opportunity for those physically able to return to sanctuary worship to return. We are providing quality online experiences and ministries for those who will remain home. Most importantly, we are abiding by the most up-to-date guidelines, procedures, and sanitizing practices.

As we move forward trusting in God's relentless faithfulness, let us remain flexible, patient, and gracious as a community of faith as we worship, serve and care for one another.

I look forward to seeing you in person or online on August 2nd.

Remember, you are loved.



Dr. Eric Spivey,
Senior Pastor



Vacation Bible School

Starts Tomorrow,
July 27 at 1:00 pm.

Drive through for "Train Bags" is
11:30 - 12:30 Monday through Thursday.

Climb aboard for mountains of fun all week long at Rocky Railway. Each day of VBS we will have a video available that will include our Rocky Express opening with songs and Bible verses, skits, Bible story, mission moment. You will also drive by to pick up a bag full of fun activities, Bible buddies, games, craft, and a snack that day to go with your video time. Each family will also receive a music CD of all the songs we will be learning that week!

Register your child now at www.fbcgainesville.net.

[This Week in Living Room Worship](#)

In worship, we will lift up Jesus Christ, the eternal shepherd, as Revelation 7 guides us. Donn Wisdom will lead us with hymns and praise songs. Eve Lipoff will share a beautiful solo. Brenda Cohen, FBC Mission Pastor, will share a mission faith story concerning Family Promise. Pastor Eric will preach from Revelation 7:9-19 in a sermon called *Forever Shepherd*.

Here is this week's Order of Worship: <https://fbcgainesville.net/download/?????>

[Remember to find our Living Room Worship ONLINE:](#)

- FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-of-Gainesville-FL-224911824189421/>
- Website: <https://fbcgainesville.net>
- Vimeo.com: <https://vimeo.com/fbcgainesvillefl>
- Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_Ogqg5UQI4OkCjR7_HDVEw?view_as=subscriber
- Email: sign up to receive the link here: www.fbcgainesville.net/newsletter-sign-up
- Roku TV: If you own a smart TV or use ROKU for streaming, you will find a Youtube app on these devices. Simply search for our FBC Gainesville FL page 1 and find the videos you want to watch.

[Operations Updates](#)

[And the People Gave](#)

Thank you for everyone who generously gave to FBC this week when no literal offering plate was passed.

July 19, 2020

Offerings: **\$8,680.00**

[Ongoing Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities](#)

- Sunday morning Video Bible studies are released each Sunday morning at 8:00 am. The Bible Study for 07/26/2020 will be led by Tim Swain.
- Join our Men's Bible Study each Monday night at in the Meadowbrook Golf Club Clubhouse. Contact Eddie Baker for more information.
- Join our Women's Bible Study each Thursday morning at 9:30 via Zoom. Contact Susan Balloon at susanballoon@gmail.com.
- Several Bible Study Groups are meeting via Zoom each week. Contact Pastor Lynn to see if your class is meeting online.

Grand REOPENING

In Person and Live Streamed

Worship Service Only

10:00 a.m. August 2, 2020

Bible Study will be available online

TOGETHER AGAIN!

In an effort to follow recommended safety guidelines, we ask the following:

- Masks are required unless there is a medical reason not to wear one. Children two and under are not required to have a mask.
- If you are running a fever, have a cough, or feel sick, please stay home.
- Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet from others at all times.
- Please have all members of your family sit together and maintain 6 feet from other families.
- Please do not move around the sanctuary once you have been seated.
- A host/hostess will direct you to your seat. Seating is designed for every other pew.
- Please refrain from physical contact (hugs, shaking hands, etc.).
- Please use the provided hand sanitizer as you enter the sanctuary and throughout your time at church.
- Please complete the Participant Contact Card provided and return it to the designated basket as you depart.
- There are NO nursery, children or youth activities in the building.
- Rather than passing offering plates in worship, offering plates are available at the back door as you leave.
- Our Sanctuary Worship is Livestreamed on Sundays. An “Order of Worship” is available on our website.

Wednesday Night

LIVE

Each Wednesday Night at 7:00 pm

Live Streamed Only starting August 5th

We are using Vimeo Live as our platform for Live Streaming. Follow the Link below to watch the Bible Study. After the live event, a recording of the service will live on our Vimeo page (FBC Gainesville) and soon on our website.

Follow this link to watch us LIVE at 7:00 pm Eastern.
LIVE STREAM LINK: <https://vimeo.com/event/156159>

WNL Order and Handouts

Each Wednesday Night, we will send a link out via our e-news with that night's Handouts. These usually include an Order, a Prayer List, and Pastor Eric's Bible Study Notes.

TEXT PROMPTS

All participants – both in-person and online – are invited to participate in the LIVE service. You will find TEXT Prompts and a number to text in the Order of Service. Send Pastor Eric your prayer needs via text, send answers to questions in the Bible study, and ask your own questions LIVE as he teaches. All of us are invited to participate – both in-person and online.

Wednesday Night Live Bible Study

Tales of the End: A Study of the Book of Revelation

Description: The Book of Revelation reveals Jesus the Christ. With its symbolism, imaginative language and focus on the end of things, the book both captivates and scares us. This summer and fall, Pastor Eric will dive deep into Revelation as a powerful narrative telling the story of Jesus for each generation. He will also invest time in the different end time theologies giving each of us the opportunity to trust in God's victory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Grounds Team – would you be willing to come help us once a month trim all the hedges around the church property? If so, please contact Mike Smith at mike.smith@fbcgainesville.net or call (352) 376-4681.

Welcome Team – we are looking for people who would be willing to help with our re-opening of the church. People who would help serve as Greeters, Host/Hostess, Registration table, etc. If you are able to help, please contact Dick Brodbeck at dgbrodbeck@gmail.com or (601) 954-0271.

Media Team – have a desire to learn how to operate the cameras, run the projection system and work in the sound booth? Then we need YOU. No experience necessary, Michael Justice will train all volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Pastor Eric at eric.spivey@fbcgainesville.net or (706) 499-9999 or (352) 376-4681.



This week, July 27 through July 31, is Family Promise week at FBC. Rather than host families at the church, there are five families housed in different locations with all services coordinated by Family Promise staff and volunteers. We will provide meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and we will also purchase \$25 gas and \$25 grocery gift cards for each of the families. Thank you to all who have already volunteered your time and have contributed to the cost of the gift cards.

Family Promise will return to normal operations no sooner than January 2020, one year since we last hosted families at our church. Until then, contribution of funds to cover housing, meals and transportation are always appreciated. Family Promise donations may be made to the church (please designate for Family Promise) or you may go directly to their website <https://familypromise.org/donate>. Contact Brenda Cohen at (352) 538-2884 or brenda.cohen@fbcgainesville.net to learn more.

Deacons of the Week

July 19 – July 25

Liz Piazza: 352-665-2275

Ben Mather: 352-256-8540

July 26 – August 1

Sandra Sharron: 352-665-3249

Josie Brooker: 352-316-3718

Birthdays

July 26 – August 1

27 Stephen Schnell

Dani Heiser

28 Bill Smith

29 Harriet Spangler

Giving to First Baptist



- Send your offering via **US Mail** to the church office. Lots of folks use this one! Our mailing address is: 14105 NW 39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32606

- **Automatic Draft** from your bank (usually free service.)

Online Giving



- Give through our **website** www.fbcgainesville.net You can set up a regular donation charged to your bank account, credit or debit card.

- **Text to Give.** Use your smartphone to give your offering.

Here's how:



- Text... **FBCGAINESVILLE \$(amount you want to tithe)... to 73256** to give to Vanco Tithes & Offerings using your text messaging (*Tithes \$25 – suggested location and amount*). *Standard text message rates do apply.* First time, you'll get a registration link · After that, it's automatic!



Questions? Call Elizabeth at [376-4681](tel:376-4681)