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CELEBRATING 2025



TJ, Taylor, Cameron & Lizzie Claire

FROM THE PASTOR

Psalm 40:5, "You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told."

It would be a futile attempt to count the blessings that the Lord has given to FBC this year. He has multiplied, transformed lives, resurrected souls, restored marriages, set the captive free, and continually done what only He can do! He really is the greatest of all time. However futile it may be, I would like to take a moment to thank the Lord for some of His many blessings.

First, I am thankful for a loving and growing church. It's a blessing to serve a body of believers who are so easy to love and so willing to undertake great things for God. After my obedience to the Lord and His kindness, you are a primary motivator in my ministry. I don't take it lightly that I am responsible for shepherding your souls, and I am so glad you allow me. I am THANKFUL for you, FBC.

Second, I am thankful for answered prayers regarding evangelism. Our team began seeking the Lord a few years ago about our need for greater efforts in evangelism and the Lord's hand in it. We really wanted to see the baptism waters stirred, with adults being won to Christ, and we began to pray for adult baptisms with particular focus. We are seeing the fruit of those prayers, and I am ever thankful.

Third, I am thankful for the staff who serve our church. I know and love every one of them. I am grateful for Ms. Lovert's hugs, Linley's excellence, Ashley's boldness, Jan's silliness, Daniel's passion, Barry's obedience, Mark's kindness, Kenny's willingness, Marcia's brilliance, Tulah's tender spirit, Donald's smile, Edsel's effort and management of all things properties, Johnny's peacefulness, Terry's prayers, Johnathan's humor, Ansley's creativity, Matt's devotion, Mac's heart, Katelyn's Christo-centric originality, Joann's diligence, Sandy's spiritual wisdom, Michelle's compassion, Melanie's careful calculations, Jenn's meekness, Chris' work ethic and comic relief, Ryan's perspective, Carter's steadfastness, and Jose's holy preoccupation with the gospel. We truly have the best staff in the world, and I couldn't be convinced otherwise. I am incredibly thankful for who they are and the gifts they leverage for Jesus and His kingdom.

Lastly and most importantly, I am thankful that Jesus saved me at 16 years old, gave me a wife who is far above rubies, and blessed me with children whom I get to love.

Faith-family, it's Thanksgiving, and we have so many reasons to bring praise. This was just a little note to thank you and thank the Lord.

Your VERY Thankful Pastor,



TJ Mauldin

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY



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SALVATION
(BUT FEELS LIKE
A MILLION)

7

BAPTISMS

750

PEOPLE
ATTENDED
RECOVERYFEST
*Delivering hope and resources
to the community*

14

STEP STUDIES
(Men-5, Women 9)

...AND COUNTLESS
SEEDS PLANTED!

It's difficult to measure "wins" in Celebrate Recovery because of the ministry's nature. We're often the **first step** in someone's journey toward Jesus. CR is sometimes referred to as the emergency room of the church—a place where people come broken, hurting, and searching for hope.

Here's a glimpse into one story from this year's growth:

I first met Sally (name changed for privacy) while taking CR into the local jail. After her release, she began attending Celebrate Recovery regularly. She was quiet and reserved, but when we announced the start of a step study, she signed up immediately.

The CR step study is a 9–12 month deep dive into working the 12 steps of

recovery. It's not easy—it requires honesty, vulnerability, and commitment. A few months in, we reached the lesson titled "Turn: Turn your lives and wills over to the care of God." I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me to go off script and ask the group if anyone hadn't yet surrendered their life to Christ.

Sally spoke up. She said she didn't feel ready to ask the Lord for salvation because she wasn't "cleaned up" yet. That night, we reminded her that God loves us in our brokenness—it's in that space He begins His work. Surrounded by a group of loving women, Sally surrendered her life to Jesus. It was one of the most beautiful moments I've ever witnessed. It wasn't forced. It wasn't scripted. It was Holy Spirit-led and God-driven.

Since that night, Sally has blossomed. The Lord is working in her life in ways she couldn't have imagined a year ago. She's now living in a safer environment with one of her sons and is working with DFACS to regain custody of her other children. She holds a full-time job and has secured a home she can afford. Her words and actions reflect Jesus, and the glow on her face is undeniable.

We have many stories like Sally's. Sometimes we get to witness the harvest, but often we're simply planting seeds. We are merely seed slingers in the bigger picture of God's work. And we trust that the Lord is placing people in their lives to continue the growth when they leave Tifton.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Growth and Retention of Our Worship Team:

Over the past year, we have had 118 different members lead Sunday morning worship in our Connection Service: 54 through our team and 64 through our Connection Choir. Our team has grown in size and strength, demonstrating both commitment and stability during a year of significant transition.

Largest Percentage of Discipleship Engagement Ever:

We are proud to share that over 80% of our worship team members are now actively engaged in one-on-one discipleship and/or small group communities. This percentage has steadily increased over the past 3 years resulting in a deeper spiritual growth and maturity among our team.

Navigating the Sanctuary Rebuild Successfully:

Despite the challenges presented by the sanctuary rebuild, our worship ministry adapted and even thrived. As a team, we stretched ourselves in worship and continued to participate in vibrant, heartfelt worship throughout the construction process.

Community Partnerships and Worship Influence:

Over the past year, we have expanded our reach by partnering with multiple local churches for Worship Nights, musical collaborations, technical support, and spiritual mentoring, fostering unity and elevating the worship culture within our broader community.

New Membership from Worship Participation:

We saw a meaningful spiritual impact as multiple families from our Sunday morning worship community chose to unite with our church as members. This affirms that our worship environment remains a fertile ground for spiritual connection and growth.

Cornerstone Worship:

Cornerstone Worship is back in our renovated sanctuary, and it is terrific! What a blessing to worship in such a beautiful room that inspires us to love God, love people and multiply disciples! All of our choirs are back and busy. Adult Choir, Preschool Choir, Connection Choir, and Joyful Sound choirs are all growing and active!

Connection Choir:

Connection Choir had our largest participation ever in August!

118

Church members who participated in leading Sunday morning worship

80%

of the worship team are actively participating in one-on-one discipleship

40

preschoolers are attending Preschool Choir each week

12

Joyful Sound Choir again sang off-campus 12 times this year and is growing



KIDS MINISTRY

It was a great year to learn about Jesus at FBC Kids. God was **unmistakably at work** in the lives of kids, parents, and volunteers through our Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Ministries. Sundays serve as our opportunity to Love God. Kids are introduced to the foundational truth of scripture and experience worship together. Our Preteen Ministry, Fuse, meets on Tuesday after school and is our opportunity to Multiply Disciples. Students **forge relationships and dive deeper**, intentionally, into scripture. Wednesday serves as our opportunity to Love People. It has become the outreach arm of the Kids Ministry as we **welcome and invite** many new families into the church's doors. It is a joy to be a small part of all God is doing here at FBC as we seek to love and lead kids to the cross.

28

KIDS PROFESSED JESUS

21

KIDS WERE BAPTIZED

12

NEW ADULTS HAVE JOINED THE KIDS MINISTRY WEEKLY SERVING TEAM AS SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS OR WNK LEADERS

352

KIDS LEARNED ABOUT JESUS AT VBS 2025

60

KIDS AND LEADERS ATTENDED CENTRIKID CAMP

31%

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS HAS INCREASED CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE BY 31% FROM LAST YEAR

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This year in the Student Ministry, we saw God move in incredible ways as we continued helping **students know Jesus, grow in Him, and go live out their faith.** Every number represents a story of life change for the gospel.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- **21** students were baptized- publicly declaring their faith in Christ.
- **372** students attended and/or engaged in small group discipleship at The Gathering.
- **WNTR WKND:** Our winter event hosted 130 students who heard the gospel and were challenged to love their city through service and mission.
- **Summer Camps:** The summer of 2025 marked our first year hosting two camps- one for Middle School and one for High School- allowing each age group to experience intentional, age-specific discipleship and community.
- **Leadership Development:** We launched two leadership camps through *Student Leadership University 101 and 201*, where students traveled to Orlando and Washington, D.C., to grow as gospel-centered leaders.

Volunteer Celebration — The Real Heroes

- **Internship Growth:**
 - Gracie White and Chloe Pate (former Red Door College Students and small group leaders) served as FBC Student Ministry Summer Interns in 2025.
 - Mac Raley and Katelyn Murray (current Red Door College Students) served throughout the summer and continue to serve as full-time interns.
- **Student Leadership Expansion:** Several high school students have begun serving as small group leaders and mentors in the Middle School Ministry, while others are faithfully serving in the Kids Ministry.

STUDENT MINISTRY



21

student baptisms in 2025

372

students who attended and/or engaged in small group discipleship at The Gathering

130

WNTR WKND: we hosted 130 students who heard the gospel and were challenged to love their city through service and mission

38

Small group leaders who are committed to lead and invest in students

RED DOOR COLLEGE MINISTRY

Over this year, we have seen continual growth in our Red Door College Ministry meeting every Tuesday night, numerically and spiritually. Many students have **walked through the baptism waters this year, joined a small group, and are involved in one-on-one discipleship.** Thank you for your prayers and continued support in our Red Door College Ministry at FBC!



20

STUDENTS SIGNED UP TO GO TO JAMAICA FOR
OUR COLLEGE MISSION TRIP IN MARCH

60

STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP

425

IS OUR LARGEST NUMBER OF COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO
SHOWED UP ON A TUESDAY NIGHT

10

ARE PLUGGED INTO ONE-ON-ONE DISCIPLESHIP WITH
LEADERS WHO SERVE IN RED DOOR



WORTHY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

This has been an exciting year of growth, community and discipleship for the women at FBC.

400

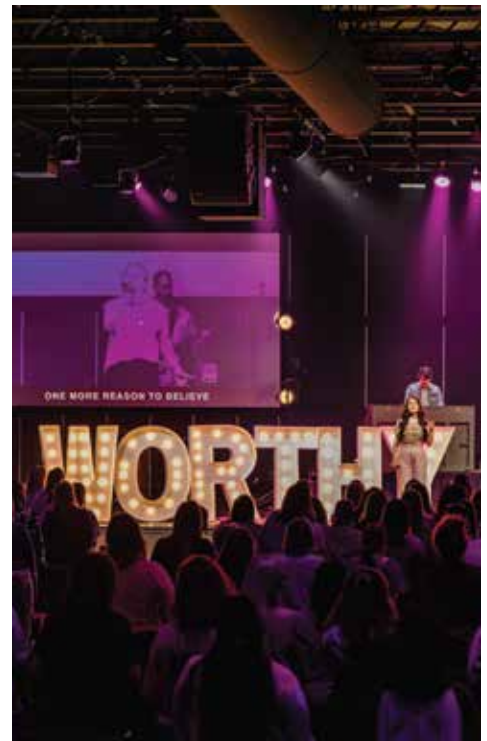
OVER 400 WOMEN ATTENDED OUR ANNUAL WORTHY WOMEN'S NIGHT IN MAY

200

WE LAUNCHED WORTHY GROUPS IN SEPTEMBER WITH 200 WOMEN COMMITTED TO A GROUP

12

WORTHY ON MISSION CREATED 12 MONTHLY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



CARE MINISTRY

Because of the generosity of our FBC Family, we have been invited and able to **step into the lives of people in their moment of need so they can see the love of Jesus Christ**, feel and experience His Love, and hear His Gospel of love and forgiveness! It may have been expressed in Camp Grace Scholarships, assistance for rent or utilities, or even in death and bereavement, but lives are being changed for the Glory of God!

1584

DISTRIBUTED 1,584 BOXES OF FOOD TO NEEDY BY WAY OF DELIVERY

300

GAVE OUT AN ADDITIONAL 300 TO THOSE COMING TO CHURCH IN NEED



MEDIA MINISTRY

Over the last year, The Media Ministry has continued its mission to **spread the Good News of the gospel outside the four walls of our church.** We have been blessed to have grown, both in viewership and in amazing volunteers!



NEW TEAM
MEMBERS

- Sanctuary renovation
- Broadcast Suite renovation
- Construction of Recording Studio to enable us to record original music

FACEBOOK STATS

+1,300
NEW FOLLOWERS

COUNTRIES
USA, NIGERIA

47,100
TOTAL VIEWS

YOUTUBE STATS

+282
NEW SUBSCRIBERS

COUNTRIES
USA, GERMANY

30,700
TOTAL VIEWS

7,900
HOURS OF WATCH TIME



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

90

SENIOR ADULTS ATTENDED
SENIOR ADULT VBS

50+

50+ PARTICIPANTS IN WEEKLY
EXTENSION SMALL GROUPS



- Senior Adult Vacation Bible School – enlisted and encouraged 15 sessions of devotion, crafts and missions leaders. Raised over \$1,000 for Missions, and enjoyed around 90 people who were involved with one small group that meet in October.
- Weekly visitation and outreach activities with small group of faithful Senior Adults.
- Fellowship and worship weekly with Senior Adults on Mondays with Hand and Foot and Thursdays with Joyful Sound lunches and once a month services for Extension small groups.

RECREATION MINISTRY

4

HIRED NEW COLLEGE
STUDENTS FOR DESK
WORKER OPPORTUNITIES

- Renovated the weight room in the Family Life Center (TJ and Barry made this happen!)
- Started Men's Basketball small group.
- Scheduled Men's Basketball, Chess Basketball, and Pickleball events.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

6

NEW SMALL GROUPS

131

COMPLETED STARTING POINT CLASS

Our strategy focuses on **equipping believers to make disciples who, in turn, make more disciples**. We envision developing disciples through intentional relational environments. Witnessing this vision come to life as people embrace it and actively participate is encouraging. Through groups and discipleship efforts, we see individuals come to believe in Jesus, find a sense of belonging in biblical community, and grow into the individuals Christ has called them to be.



BAPTISMS AND NEW MEMBERS



84

BAPTISMS

86

NEW MEMBERS



Baptisms

I GOT Baptized!

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VIDA ABUNDANTE

This year, we once again carried out the **"One More for Christ"** campaign, which promotes, disciples, and carries out intentional evangelism. Our goal was to share the Gospel with **100 people** during Lent. The strategy is simple: we have **20 families** who, each week during Lent, can invite a person or family to their home to share a cup of coffee and, in a friendly way, present the Gospel of the Kingdom. By the end of the campaign, the church met and surpassed the goal, and all the glory belongs to God. We shared the Gospel with **137 people**. **Hallelujah!**



137

GOSPEL
CONVERSATIONS
DURING LENT

12

TRAVELED TO
PUERTO RICO ON
A MISSION TRIP

3

NEW
SMALL
GROUPS

SANCTUARY RENOVATION

We are so grateful to the Lord that by renovating our beautiful, sanctuary we were gifted the opportunity to honor the past, serve the present, and hope for the future.



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RENOVATED
SANCTUARY



MINISTRY BUDGET

Missions & Benevolences

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2 0 2 6

MISSIONS

Cooperative Program	\$321,916.36	\$252,718.11
Georgia Baptist Convention	35,771.75	31,589.76
Mell Association	19,200.00	15,000.00
Tiftarea Min Association	1,200.00	1,200.00
Brother Charlie's Center	3,600.00	3,600.00
Benevolence	24,000.00	24,000.00
Counseling Ministry	2,000.00	4,000.00
Vida Abundante (Hispanic Mission)	25,000.00	20,000.00
Vietnamese Mission	4,800.00	4,800.00
Missionary Support	11,000.00	11,000.00
Missions Ministry	45,000.00	45,000.00
Celebrate Recovery	15,000.00	11,000.00
Pregnancy Care Center	6,000.00	6,000.00
Christian Women's Job Corp	1,700.00	1,700.00
Called to Care Ministry	2,000.00	2,000.00
House of Hope of Tiftarea	6,000.00	6,000.00
Camp Grace	1,200.00	1,200.00
Local Mission Organizations	15,900.00	15,900.00
Worthy on Mission	4,200.00	2,000.00
Worthy		10,000.00
Revivals & Special Events	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Missions & Benevolence	\$560,488.11	\$483,707.87

Salaries & Allowances

Total Salaries & Allowances	\$1,950,723.23	\$1,905,965.37
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Education & Worship

FBC Kids Ministry	60,000.00	53,000.00
FBC Student Ministry	54,000.00	43,200.00
Red Door (College)	20,000.00	15,000.00
Senior Adults, Rec and Activities	44,000.00	27,000.00
Music Ministry	44,000.00	35,200.00
Sunday School, Discipleship	51,500.00	41,500.00
Special Ministries, Deacon, Mens, etc.	26,250.00	34,000.00
Administration, Church Insurance	174,000.00	168,000.00
Operating & Maintenance	493,500.00	544,700.00
Media & Public Relations	71,197.00	57,511.00
Hospitality	41,500.00	34,500.00

TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET

\$3,591,158.34

\$3,443,284.24

FINANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF

Sandy Taylor

Michelle Hammond

Melanie Raines

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Harold Abbott - *Vice Chair*

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