

CHURCH AND STAFF UPDATES

It's always a joy for me to share where we are as a church and as a staff, and to let you know where our hearts have been this season. The sanctuary is back in full swing with our Love Avenue Gathering meeting at 11:00am. The choir is singing again regularly, and we continue to see the Lord stir the baptism waters like never before.

We strive to make much of Jesus and celebrate His gospel in every department. Good things—and most importantly, God things—are happening all around our campus, with the greatest being salvations. This is one of my favorite seasons, for many reasons. I love that what we're witnessing can only be attributed to the Lord.

It's human nature at times to take credit, to feel entitled, or to think that ministry fruit comes from our own power or effort. But I am delighted that it is the power of the Spirit bringing men, women, boys, and girls to repentance. When the Spirit does the work, it is sure, anchored, and will find its completion in Christ Jesus and His perfect timing. What a joy to know these things are happening among our people and within our precious church family.

Recently, our staff gathered for our annual planning meeting. During that time, we focused on three words that I hope will define our staff life and mission efforts: Devoted, Desperate, and Driven. (And yes, I couldn't resist the alliteration!) Let me unpack them as I shared with our team.

1. Devoted

- Christ First
- Calling Second

Our goal is not simply to be devoted to our calling as ministers or directors in the house of God, but to be entirely devoted to Christ Himself—Christ first, above all, and despite anything else. This is a radical, Christ-centered devotion.

Colossians 3:17 — “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

2. Desperate

Many churches and staff are desperate for growth, expansion, or the perfect strategy—and while those things can be good, my desire is for our staff and church to be genuinely desperate for Jesus's presence and power. We must be unwilling to move forward without Christ's precious presence and the perfect power through which He works.

Psalms 42:1-2 — “As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?”

3. Driven

My heart is for FBC to be driven to see converts made and disciples grown. God alone does the work, but we get to partner with Him in evangelizing the world. That is no small thing. If there were an earthly award or a monetary motivation, many would strain themselves to reach it. How much more should we strive with holy urgency, knowing that the reward is eternal and the implications of our obedience are global?



TJ MAULDIN
Lead Pastor

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1 Corinthians 9:22-23 — “To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.”

I'm loving this season, FBC, and I genuinely believe the best is yet to come. Let's be even more devoted, desperate, and driven to see God exalted and people reached.

TJ



**MICHELLE
HAMMOND**
*Accounts Payable
and CR Staff Liaison*

A GLIMPSE INTO CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thank you to our meal teams that serve on Thursday nights. You're doing far more than preparing a meal—you're creating a safe and welcoming space where relationships can grow and discipleship can begin. This time together gives our leaders a valuable opportunity to connect with newcomers and others we might not usually fellowship with. Your support makes a real difference.

We currently have a few open spots in our meal rotation if you'd like to serve with us.

We also want to share what Celebrate Recovery is about and why it matters.

Every Thursday night, we gather for what might be the most authentic church service you can imagine. People of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life come together in a safe place to share their struggles and love for the Lord.

We begin each night with worship, one of the key elements that sets our meetings apart from other 12-step programs. Another defining feature is that we name our higher power: Jesus Christ. Every lesson and testimony is rooted in biblical truth and Jesus's healing power.

We represent a wide range of recovery areas, and every person and every story is treated with dignity and respect. We would love for you to join us one week. Thank you for being part of this ministry. Your presence, your service, and your prayers are helping change lives.

Michelle



KENNY MILLER
Small Groups Pastor

SMALL GROUP LEADER GATHERING

Calling All Small Group Leaders (and Future Leaders)!

You're invited to our Small Group Leader Gathering in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 3, at 6:00pm!

Whether you're leading a group or exploring the idea, this evening is designed for you. We'll cast vision for the year ahead, share encouragement, and provide practical tools to help you lead confidently and purposefully. You'll also connect with other leaders and celebrate what God is doing through groups across our church.

Finger foods will be provided—come ready to be refreshed, inspired, and equipped for the year ahead!

Please RSVP online at www.fbctifton.org/events.

Kenny



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BARRY COOK
Minister of
Music/Worship

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL DATE UPDATE

The dates for our "Footsteps of Paul" trip next summer have changed. Our new dates are July 9th-19th, due to recommendations from our hosts, Celebration Concert Tours. If you were not considering this trip due to calendar conflicts, please let me know if you would like more information now.

Footsteps of Paul is a journey through the lands that Paul walked during his ministry. We will venture into the lands of Bible times for fellowship and refreshment. We will be embarking on a once-in-a-lifetime trip together, and we would love for you to join us as we traverse the world together.

I hope you can join us!

Barry



MARCIA STAUB
Kids Ministry Director

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The holiday season is upon us! It is the perfect time to engage with our Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. These boxes are used to present the Gospel to children worldwide. You can pick up your box any Sunday or Wednesday at the church. You can take some time to shop and fill the box. The mailing label has an opportunity to mark which gender and age child the box is for, and to pay for shipping.

We will offer a "free shop for the box" in the Atrium on Sunday, November 9, and Wednesday, November 12. Stop by and pick out some items to include in your box for free.

Boxes are due at the church **on Sunday, November 23.**

FUSE & WNK

Fuse Preteen Ministry for 4th and 5th graders is an excellent opportunity for any 4th or 5th grader who wants to engage in intentional relationships and focused Bible time. It is a fantastic opportunity for your child to dive deeper into what it means to follow Jesus. Fuse meets on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00pm at The Red Door Building. We hope to see your child there.

WNK stands for Wednesday Night Kids. Wednesdays are a blast around FBC. We love and lead kids through recreation, art, missions, and Bible activities every Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm. The Elementary Choir meets from 4:30-5:30pm each week. We would love for your child to join us for WNK!

Marcia

FIRST FACTS & FIGURES

SEPTEMBER 2025

BUDGET GIVING

Monthly Offering	\$215,255.18
Offering to Date	\$2,290,462.52
Expenses to Date	\$2,493,855.44
Budget to Date	\$2,614,994.10
State Missions Offering	\$12,630.00

SANCTUARY RENOVATION

Contributions to Date	\$1,271,949
Total Cost	\$2,300,000
Loan Balance Owed	\$1,025,000

**WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE**

2399
average

**SMALL GROUP
ATTENDANCE**

850
average

• SYMPATHY •

Jennifer Herrin in the loss of her father, **John Merritt**.

Jackie Spradley, in the loss of her husband, **Paul Spradley**.

Jonathan & Mallory Garvey and family in the loss of
Mallory's father, **Cliff Gibbs**. Wife is Sheila Gibbs.

Justin & Kim Roberts, Janna & Dillon Hendrix, in the loss of
their grandfather, **Hugh Roberts**, of Ocilla, Georgia.

Ronnie Martinez in the passing of his dad,
Ronnie Martinez, Sr., of Gainesville, Georgia.

Karen Cummings in the passing of her father, **Bobby Hicks**.

The family of **Larry Underwood**.

Friends and family of **Richard Sammons**.

• CONGRATULATIONS •

Davis & Emily Williamson on the birth of their daughter on 10/20.

• APPRECIATION •

From Susan Sheffield, Jackie Spradley, Joe, Susan,
Joe William, and Samuel Sheffield.

• NEW MEMBERS •

Sydney Walker; Luke Millican; Kacee McMillan; Kirsten Lord;
Cory Lord; Beth Kight; Allen Kight; Rafe Halstead; Austin Collins

• BAPTISMS •

Hunter Normandeau; Kacee McMillan; Luke Millican;
Beckett McCorvey; John David Marchant

LOVE GOD.

LOVE PEOPLE.

MULTIPLY DISCIPLES.

THIS WEEK AT FBC
NOV 3-9, 2025

MON	10:30am	Staff Meeting (MSH)
	1:00pm	Game Day for Senior Adults (Concourse)
TUE	10:00am	Facilities Team Meeting (Room 117)
	3:00pm	FUSE Preteen Ministry (Red Door)
	6:30pm	PAL - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (S.S. Annex)
	7:15pm	Red Door College Ministry (Ministry Center)
WED	4:30pm	Elementary Choirs
		War Room (C105)
	5:30pm	Kids Open Gym
	5:45pm	Kids Recreation or Art
	6:00pm	Middle School Gathering (Gathering Room)
	6:15pm	Kids Mission Classes
	6:45pm	Adult Choir (Choir Room)
THU	7:00pm	High School Gathering (Gathering Room)
	6:30pm	Celebrate Recovery (MSH/Chapel)
FRI	12:00pm	Church Office Closed
SAT	9:30am	Worthy on Mission (MSH)
SUN	8:30am	Connection Worship I Service (Ministry Center)
	9:45am	Small Groups for all ages
	11:00am	Cornerstone Service (Sanctuary)
		Connection Worship II Service (Ministry Center)

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