

**INVITING ALL LADIES!**



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF THE NEW SEASON BY CELEBRATING WOMEN AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN MISSIONS.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
5 - 7 PM IN THE FLC**

**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP  
MEET THE  
LEADERS FOR EACH AGE GROUP**

**WMU MISSION PROJECT**

Empty backpacks are available in the Welcome Center Hallway.

Please bring filled backpacks to church by Sunday, October 20.

*What is?* reach week  
September 29-October 5  
Watch for details

Each year at FBC we set aside the week before Church Outside the Walls as a time where we intentionally reach our community with the Gospel and connect people with our church. We encourage Sunday School Classes & other organizations within the church to find creative ways to do this.

**Memorials**

- Barbara Bowers
  - Gloria Cantrell
  - Nancy Conner
  - Margaret Freeman
  - Barbara Mann
- Danny Hankins
  - Nancy Conner
  - Barbara Mann
- Dr. Al Hurt
  - Gloria Cantrell
- Bobby Kitchens
  - Nancy Conner
  - Lillian Kirkley
  - Barbara Mann
- Neita Taylor
  - Gloria Cantrell
- Faye Williams
  - Gloria Cantrell

**Honoraria**

An anonymous gift was given in honor of Elaine Campbell & the Ruth Sunday School Class.

**BACKPACK MINISTRY**  
Wednesday Mornings  
10:00 am  
FLC

We would love to have you help pack backpack food for those students that may not have food for the weekend.

**Weekly Records**

- Worship**
- Attendance..... 211
  - Kids Worship..... 28
  - Total Attendance..... 239
- Sunday School**
- Enrollment..... 400
  - Attendance
  - Members ..... 142
  - Visitors ..... 4
  - Total Attendance ..... 146

**SERVING THE LITTLE ONES**

Tammy Clayton  
Katie Haynie  
Leslie & Brooke Jackson  
Samantha Montes  
Amber Sewell  
Jessica & Cody Whitt

Woodie & Kylie Turner  
Diane Causey  
Joyce Ponder  
Joni Rowland  
Suzie Tucker

**SOUND & TV MINISTRY**

Scott Morgan, Matthew Vance  
Chris Alexander  
Jeff Martin, Kay Moore  
Allen Ray, Ricky Ray

**SECURITY & GREETERS**

Larry Brittain, Paul Hodge  
Terry Clayton, Mark Haller  
Brant Haynie, Cameron White  
Golf Cart- Ragan Lonnergan

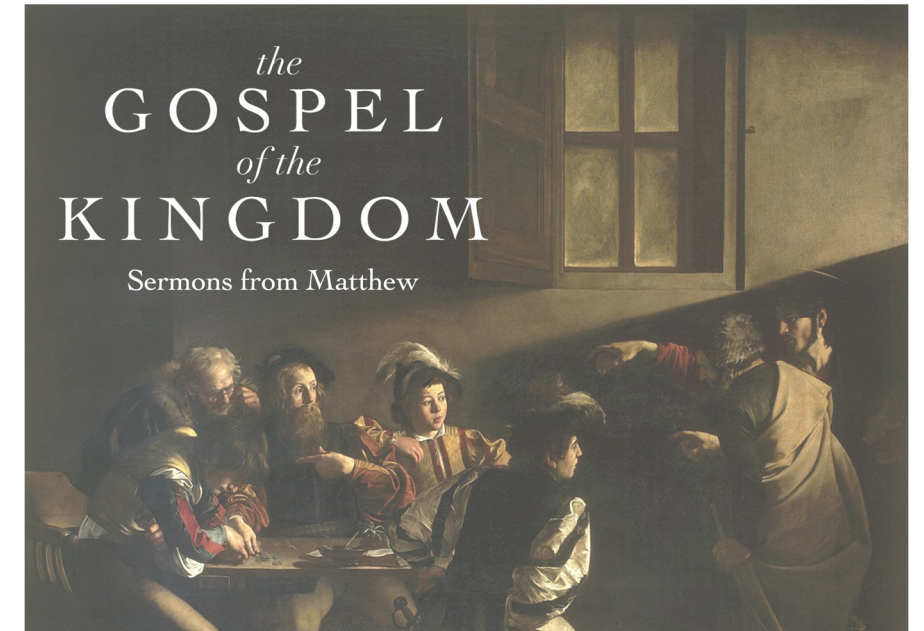
**September 1, 2024**

- Stewardship Records**
- Budget..... \$26,043.83
  - Tithes Received ..... \$12,693.45
  - Designated ..... \$1,580.00
  - Budget to Date ..... \$911,534.05
  - Received to Date ..... \$902,061.20

Monthly Giving Comparison			
	2024	2023	difference
August Budget Receipts	\$113,147.04	\$85,012.81	\$28,134.23
Year to Date	\$889,367.75	\$786,922.11	\$102,445.64

- Rev. Mat Alexander  
Senior Pastor
- Rev. Nathan Edwards  
Associate Pastor for Worship
- Rev. Woodie Turner  
Associate Pastor
- Miss Lydia Sewell  
Minister of Children & Missions
- Rev. Coale Jordan  
Minister of Students & Media
- Mrs. Sharon Reynolds  
Pianist
- Mrs. Lana Cornutt  
Organist

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GADSDEN**  
235 South Fifth Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901



**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

If you work with the children or youth in any capacity (including VBS or Music Camp) please plan to attend.

Sunday, September 8, following Morning Worship  
Lunch is provided.

THIS TRAINING WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON NEW POLICIES & PROCEDURES.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ANY OF THESE AREAS, PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US.

**The Chimes**  
September 8, 2024

**Sunday, September 8, 2024 10:30 am**

Prelude		Mrs. Lana Cornutt
Call to Worship 531	"Redeemed"	ADA
Welcome		Rev. Woodie Turner, Associate Pastor
Hymn 231	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" <i>Accompanied by First Kids Handbells</i>	MADRID
Choral Worship	"O Sing a New Song to the Lord" <i>First Kids Choir</i>	Ray
Reading from the Scripture		Rev. Nathan Edwards, Associate Pastor for Worship
Hymn 483	"Footsteps of Jesus" <i>Stanzas 1, 2, &amp; 3</i>	FOOTSTEPS
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Coale Jordan, Minister of Students & Media
Choral Worship	"Follow Me" <i>Sanctuary Choir</i>	Goeller
Hymn 486	"Lord, Here Am I" <i>On the final stanza, the children are invited to FirstKids Worship.</i>	BECK
Message	"A Light Has Dawned" Matthew 4:12-25 Page 809 in pew Bible	Rev. Mat Alexander, Senior Pastor
Time of Response		Mrs. Sharon Reynolds
Congregational Benediction 483	"Footsteps of Jesus" <i>Stanza 4</i>	FOOTSTEPS

*Then at last when on high He sees us, our journey done,  
We will rest where the steps of Jesus end at His throne.*

*Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;  
We will follow the steps of Jesus where're they go!*

Postlude Mrs. Lana Cornutt

*Follow Me*  
*From Luke 9*

If anyone desires to follow Me, let him deny himself.  
Anyone who does not take up his cross,  
Cannot be My disciple.

Deny himself. Take up his cross and follow Me.

If anyone desires to save his life, he will lose it.  
But anyone who loses his life for My sake, he will find it.

Deny himself. Take up his cross and follow Me.

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world;  
Gains the whole world yet forfeits his soul?  
What will a man give in exchange for his soul?

He who love his life will lose it.

And he who hates his life in this world will keep it for life eternal.

Deny himself. Take up his cross and follow Me.



**This Week at FBC**

**Sunday, September 8**  
**9:15 am** Sunday School  
**10:30 am** Morning Worship  
**12:00 pm** FS & FK Volunteer Training  
**8:00 pm** Rebroadcast  
 Comcast Channel 5

**Monday, September 9**  
**8:30 am** Ladies Exercise  
**10:00 am/6:00 pm** Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday, September 10**  
**6:30 am** Men's Prayer Group  
**10:00 am** Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**8:30 am** Ladies Exercise  
**10:00 am** Backpack Ministry  
**5:00 pm** Nominating Committee  
 Supper

**Menu: Baked Chicken  
 Mac & Cheese, Field Peas**  
**5:30 pm** Prayer Time  
**5:40 pm** First Students Choir  
**5:45 pm** Music & Missions for  
 Preschool & Children  
**6:00 pm** Training U Fall Semester  
**6:20 pm** First Students Midweek  
**7:00 pm** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, September 13**  
**8:30 am** Ladies Exercise  
**3:00 pm** FS Middle School Retreat

**Sunday, September 15**  
 FBC Coffee House  
**Friday, September 20**  
 Dental Clinic  
**Sunday, September 22**  
 WMU Kick-off  
**Thursday, September 26**  
 SA/Friends Tailgate Party  
**Sunday, September 29**  
 Lord's Supper  
 Family Worship  
 Beginning of Reach Week  
**Monday, September 30**  
 Linen Savers  
 Sanctuary Choir Christmas Kick-off

Upcoming Events

**Thank you for being our guest today!**

Please fill out the information card and place in the Offering Box as you leave the service. If you prefer, please scan this code.



**GUEST INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact Info \_\_\_\_\_

**Myers-Mallory**  
State Missions Offering

**Church Goal**  
**\$6,000**

YOUR GIFTS HELP SUPPORT THESE GREAT COMMISSION MINISTRIES:

- ALABAMA WMU
- DISASTER RELIEF
- CHURCH PLANTING
- PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS
- CHURCH REVITALIZATION

Given to date  
**\$550**