

**Sign up now!**  
**THURSDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**Cruise the Coosa**  
 Originates at the Fuhrmans **4:00 pm**  
**Little Bridge Marina**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Please call the church office to reserve your spot.**

*Mission Focus*  
**WMU CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS**  
 FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Training U** Fall Semester  
 Wednesdays 6 pm  
 August 23 - November 8

**GOD'S TRUTH FOR ANXIOUS MOMS**  
 "Created to Care" - Sara Wallace  
 Teacher, Kylie Turner  
 C201 (Old Choir Room)

**HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 "Christian History Made Easy"  
 - Timothy Paul Jones  
 Teacher, Mat Alexander  
 Chapel

**Canticle of Hope**

Lord, You are God,  
 perfect in holiness.  
 Lord, You are God  
 of the needy and the poor.  
 A sure defender, You are our refuge.  
 You are the Giver, You are Jehovah.  
 You are the God who restores.

Lord, You are God,  
 reigning in righteousness.  
 Lord, You are God  
 in the time of our distress.  
 We call on You, our sure salvation.  
 Lord, You are faithful.  
 You are the God who restores.

Lord, You are God,  
 ruling in gentleness.  
 Lord, You are God.  
 You wipe away each tear.  
 You hear our every prayer.  
 You give us comfort.  
 You touch our hearts  
 and calm our fears.  
 You are eternal. Alpha, Omega.  
 We place our hope in You alone.

Lord, You are God,  
 perfect in holiness.  
 Lord, You are God. In our darkness  
 You are everlasting light.  
 A sure defender, You are our refuge.  
 You are the Giver, You are Jehovah.  
 You are the God who restores.

Great is Thy Faithfulness!  
 You are the God who restores.  
 Your love restores.

Weekly Records	September 10, 2023
<b>Worship</b>	<b>Stewardship Records</b>
Attendance ..... 207	Budget ..... \$22,336.02
Kids Worship..... 43	Tithes Received..... \$24,496.47
Total Attendance ..... 250	Designated..... \$1,060.00
	Budget to Date .....\$826,432.74
	Received to Date .....\$829,600.08

Sunday School
Enrollment ..... 389
Attendance
Members ..... 171
Visitors..... 1
Total Attendance..... 172

**Myers-Mallory**  
 State Missions Offering

**CHURCH GOAL**  
**\$5,000**

GIVEN TO DATE:  
**\$2,530**

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

<p><b>Serving the little ones</b></p> <p><i>first steps</i>        Luke &amp; Stephanie Arnett        Cathy Ellis, Saratha Grigsby        Kelly Richards        Stephanie Simmons        Marian Stone, Vanessa Walker</p> <p><i>kw</i>        kids' worship        Eugenia Cunningham        Judi Beard        Hollis Gilmer, The Hill Family        Lydia Sewell</p>	<p><b>Sound &amp; TV Ministry</b></p> <p>Scott Morgan, Matthew Vance        Chris Alexander, Matt Jackson        Jeff Martin, Kay Moore        Allen Ray, Jarrod Walker</p> <p><b>Security &amp; Greeters</b></p> <p>Larry Brittain, Danny Hankins        Paul Hodge, Ronnie Lee        Josh Lynch, Noah Miller        Bill Stone</p>
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Rev. Mat Alexander.....	Senior Pastor
Rev. Woodie Turner.....	Associate Pastor
Rev. Nathan Edwards.....	Associate Pastor for Worship
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  
 256-547-6828

  
**DOMINION & DYNASTY**

**SERMONS FROM SAMUEL**

**"ROUGH EDGES"**

**2 SAMUEL 2-3**



**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

**Sunday, September 17**  
 (during Sunday School hour)  
 We will meet in the Chapel.

 **The Chimes**  
 September 17, 2023

Sunday, September 17, 2023 10:30 am

Prelude		Mrs. Sharon Reynolds
Call to Worship 575	"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" <i>stanzas 1, 2 and 3</i>	MY REDEEMER
Welcome		Rev. Nathan Edwards, Associate Pastor for Worship
Hymn 16	"O Worship the King" <i>accompanied by Children's Handbells</i>	LYONS
Missions Moment	<i>Reach Week</i>	Miss Lydia Sewell, Minister of Children & Missions
Choral Worship	"I'm Gonna Sing" <i>First Kids Choir</i>	Nix
Reading from the Scriptures and Pastoral Prayer	2 Samuel 2:1-11	Rev. Coale Jordan, Minister of Students & Media
Choral Worship	"Canticle of Hope" <i>Sanctuary Choir</i>	Martin
Hymn 538	"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" <i>On the final stanza, the children are invited to FirstKids Worship.</i>	HENDON
Message	"Rough Edges" 2 Samuel 2-3 <i>Pages 351-354 in pew Bible</i>	Rev. Mat Alexander, Senior Pastor
Hymn of Response 294	"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	ADELAIDE
Congregational Benediction	"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" <i>stanza 4</i>	MY REDEEMER
	<i>I will sing of my Redeemer, and His heav'nly love to me; He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.</i>	
	<i>Sing, oh sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me; On the cross He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt and made me free!</i>	
Postlude		Mrs. Sharon Reynolds



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.

**Project Ideas**

- Provide quarters and laundry supplies to customers at a laundromat
- Take a meal
- Canvas a neighborhood with church fliers
- Host a neighborhood block party
- Provide refreshments for a sports team
- Provide an extra treat to the families in our Backpack Blessings Ministry
- Host a neighborhood free lemonade stand and pass out Church Outside the Walls fliers

*Contact the church office if you need any additional help or resources for your project*

**Church-Wide Projects**

**September 25** Baking Day at FBC

Beginning at 10:00 am we will spend the day baking items to be packaged and distributed to our neighbors. Packaged items will be available for church members to pick-up and distribute after 3:00 pm.

**September 28** Park Day 5:00-6:30 at Moragne Park

Pass out water and snacks to people and invite them to join us at the park on Sunday for Church Outside the Walls.

**All Week**

Pick up a neighborhood packet from the church with a map and doorhangers to pass out.



*Ladies Bible Study*

Mondays at  
10:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
Beginning October 2

*Meeting in  
Kids Worship Room*

Study Book \$18

**This Week at FBC**

**Sunday, September 17**  
9:15 am **Sunday School**  
**New Member Class**  
10:30 am **Morning Worship**  
8:00 pm **Rebroadcast**  
**Comcast Channel 5**

**Monday, September 18**  
8:00 am **Ladies Exercise**

**Tuesday, September 19**  
6:30 am **Men's Prayer Group**  
10:00 am **Staff Meeting**  
5:30 pm **Sanctuary Choir Christmas Read-Thru**

**Wednesday, September 20**  
8:00 am **Ladies Exercise**  
10:00 am **Backpack Ministry**  
5:00 pm **Supper**  
**Menu: Lasagna & Salad**

5:30 pm **Prayer Time**  
5:45 pm **First Students Choir**  
**Preschool & Children Activities**  
6:00 pm **Training U**  
6:45 pm **First Students**  
7:00 pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, September 21**  
4:00 pm **SA/Friends Coosa Cruise**

**Friday, September 22**  
7:00 am **Dental Clinic**  
8:00 am **Ladies Exercise**

**Samuel Sermon Journals**

Sermon Journals for Pastor Mat's current sermon series are available for \$8. They are in the church office as well as entrances to the sanctuary and the welcome area.

**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**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Thursday, September 21**  
Cruise on the Coosa

**Friday, September 22**  
Dental Clinic

**Sunday, September 24**  
Lord's Supper

**September 24 - 30**  
REACH WEEK

**Sunday, October 1**  
Church Outside the Walls

**Thursday, October 5**  
Finance Committee

**Wednesday, October 11**  
No Wednesday Night Activities due to Fall Break

**Friday, October 20**  
Dental Clinic

**Sunday, October 22**  
EBA Annual Meeting - Southside BC

**Sunday, October 29**  
Lord's Supper & Family Worship

**Monday, October 30**  
Linen Savers