



Crossroads Grill in Lincoln  
 Thursday, Feb. 22  
 Leave church at 10:00 am  
**Sign up by Sunday, February 18.**

Etowah Baptist Missions Center  
 First Monday of the month  
 March 4 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
 Meet at Missions Center

Hot Dogs & Games in FLC  
 Tuesday, March 19  
 11:30 am

Salvation Army Meals  
 Tuesday, April 9  
 Meet at FBC at 3:00 pm

Please watch The Chimes for all  
 event announcements  
 and sign-up information.

Please call the church office  
 to sign up, or contact  
 Margarete Fuhrman

**Christian Sympathy**

Is extended to the family and  
 friends of Linda Watts.

**Honorarium**

Noah Meredith  
 Brian & Gina Harbison

**Training U Spring Semester**

February 21- May 8

Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm

Books are available in church office  
 and the classroom.

Mat Alexander Chapel

**READING & INTERPRETING THE BIBLE**

Book: \$20

"40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible"  
 by R. Plummer

Craig Carlisle Room C201

**LONGING FOR GOD IN AN AGE OF  
 DISCOURAGEMENT: THE GOSPEL  
 ACCORDING TO ZECHARIAH**

Zechariah Scripture Journal \$5

Kylie Turner Room C103

**EVERYDAY FAITHFULNESS**

Book: \$12

"Everyday Faithfulness: The Beauty of Ordinary  
 Perseverance in a Demanding World"  
 by Glenna Marshall

Woodie Turner Room C108

**A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT PSALM 23**

Book: \$5

"A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by Phillip Keller



**Weekly Records for February 11, 2024**

**Worship**

Attendance ..... 261  
 Kids Worship..... 51  
 Total Attendance ..... 312

**Sunday School**

Enrollment ..... 393  
 Attendance  
 Members ..... 187  
 Visitors ..... 8  
 Total Attendance ..... 195

**Stewardship Records**

Budget ..... \$26,043.83  
 Tithes Received..... \$29,509.50  
 Designated..... \$400.00  
 Budget to Date ..... \$156,262.98  
 Received to Date ..... \$130,269.95

Offering Boxes  
 are available at  
 the exits and in  
 the office.



Online giving is  
 available by  
 scanning the QR  
 code.

**SERVING THE LITTLE ONES**



Wattsie Alexander  
 Luke & Stephanie Arnett  
 Cathy Ellis, Jan Flowers  
 Saratha Grigsby  
 Kelly Richards  
 Stephanie Simmons  
 Vanessa Walker



Misty Walker  
 Eugenia Cunningham  
 Amy & PR Hill  
 Judi Beard, Hollis Gilmer  
 Lydia Sewell

**SOUND & TV MINISTRY**

Scott Morgan, Matthew Vance  
 Matt Jackson, Jeff Martin  
 Kay Moore, Carey Tucker  
 Ricky Ray

**SECURITY & GREETERS**

Larry Brittain, Paul Hodge  
 Ronnie Lee, Ricky Vann  
 Ray Grigsby, Noah Miller  
 Bill Stone, Allen Back  
 Golf Cart - Mark Harris

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**

**"I WILL NOT BE AFRAID OF MANY  
 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE"**

2 SAMUEL 17



February 18, 2024

**Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:30 am**

Prelude	Mrs. Lana Cornutt
Call to Worship 525	“Come, We That Love the Lord” <i>FESTAL SONG</i>
Welcome	Rev. Mat Alexander, Senior Pastor
Hymn 16	“O Worship the King” <i>LYONS</i>
Reading from the Scriptures	Psalm 46 Miss Lydia Sewell, Minister of Children & Missions
Hymn	“He Will Hold Me Fast” <i>Habershon/Merker</i> <i>See following page</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Coale Jordan, Minister of Students & Media
Choral Worship	“Like a River in My Soul” <i>Osiek</i> <i>Sanctuary Choir</i>
Hymn 476	“Be Strong in the Lord” <i>STRENGTH</i> <i>On the final stanza, children are invited to FirstKids Worship.</i>
Message	Senior Pastor “I Will Not Be Afraid of Many Thousands of People” <i>2 Samuel 17 Page 268 in pew Bible</i>
Hymn of Response 317	“Only Trust Him” <i>STOCKTON</i>
Congregational Benediction 524	“We’re Marching to Zion” <i>MARCHING TO ZION</i> <i>stanza 4</i>
<p>Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;          We’re marching thro’ Immanuel’s ground,          We’re marching thro’ Immanuel’s ground,          To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high!          We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;          We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.</p>	
Postlude	Mrs. Lana Cornutt

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

Words and Music by  
Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied, He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast.

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. \_\_\_\_\_  
 till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PLAYED SUCH A HUGE PART IN THE  
SUCCESS OF THE ANNUAL AUCTION FOR FBC MISSIONS.

THE TOTAL RAISED WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

**This Week at FBC**

<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
9:15 am	<b>Morning Worship</b>
10:30 am	<b>Rebroadcast</b>
8:00 pm	<b>Comcast Channel 5</b>
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	<b>Ladies Exercise</b>
8:00 am	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
6:30 am	<b>Ladies Exercise</b>
10:00 am	<b>Backpack Ministry</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	<b>Supper</b>
8:00 am	<b>Menu: Baked Pork Chop,</b>
10:00 am	<b>Mac &amp; Cheese, Black-Eyed Peas</b>
5:00 pm	<b>Prayer Time</b>
5:30 pm	<b>First Students Choir</b>
5:45 pm	<b>Preschool &amp; Children Activities</b>
6:00 pm	<b>Training U</b>
6:45 pm	<b>First Students</b>
7:00 pm	<b>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	<b>SA/Friends leave for</b>
10:00 am	<b>Crossroads Grill in Lincoln</b>
<b>Friday, February 23</b>	<b>Dental Clinic</b>
7:00 am	<b>Ladies Exercise</b>
8:00 am	<b>4th &amp; 5th Grade Retreat</b>
3:00 pm	
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>	
<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	<b>Lord's Supper in AM Worship</b>
<b>Monday, March 4</b>	<b>SA/Friends - EBA Missions Center</b>
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>Men's Wild Game Supper in PM</b>
<b>Monday, March 11</b>	<b>SA/Friends - EBA Missions Center</b>
	<b>WMU</b>

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**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Like a River in My Soul**

I've got peace like a river,  
Like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
Soothing river, calmly flow.  
When the world closes in,  
Find the stillness within.  
I've got peace like a river,  
Like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,  
Like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
Endless ocean, deep and full.  
When you're lost and alone,  
Let the waves bring you home.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
Like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,  
Like a fountain in my soul.  
When your hope nearly dies,  
Just remember, once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain,  
Love like an ocean,  
Peace like a river in my soul.