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FAITH FAMILY NEWS

Faith family, it's an incredible joy to consider all that God is doing in and around our church and how He continually displays His faithfulness and kindness toward us, leading us to greener and greener pastures. He is surely the Good Shepherd, and we are privileged to follow Him.

As we seek to follow His lead, a few shifts and upcoming opportunities have come up that I want to remind you of.

First, as I mentioned last year during our November family meetings and again during our Q&A night in the Ministry Center, we are beginning the process of undertaking a bylaw rewrite for our beloved church.

We have come to realize that our current bylaws desperately need updating. There is differing language contained within them, and we want to ensure that our governing documents accurately reflect our current polity, remain biblically aligned, and promote the overall health of our church, not only today, but prayerfully for another 120-plus years.

We have contracted with a wonderful organization called Corpus, led by Rob Peters, to help guide us through this process. Rob spent time with our executive staff and deacon officers a few weeks ago, and everyone left encouraged, energized, and grateful to begin this important work.

We are empowering an ad hoc Bylaw Committee to begin working through this process. I truly believe the best is yet to come, and I believe the Lord will use this mightily to bring greater clarity, health, and alignment to our church in the days ahead. You will be hearing much more in the coming months, so please begin praying and preparing your heart as we seek the Lord together for fresh direction and renewed clarity.

Secondly, we are officially launching our search for the next Youth Pastor God desires to bring to First Baptist Tifton to help us reach and disciple the next generation for Jesus.

We are praying for someone who wants to invest their life loving God, loving people, and multiplying disciples right here in Tifton, Georgia. Please pray with us that God would make His direction abundantly clear when the right resume arrives, guide every conversation and decision, and keep the entire process smooth, prayerful, and Christ-centered.

For now, these are the two major items I wanted to make sure were on your radar. There is so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to.

Beyond all of that, please know this: I pray for you, I love you, and by God's grace, I am here to serve you.

I'm incredibly grateful to be your pastor, and I remain convinced that the best is yet to come!



TJ MAULDIN
Lead Pastor

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TJ'.



MARK MYERS
*Minister of Recreation
& Senior Adults*

SENIOR ADULT VBS PRAYER AND PREP

On Monday nights, August 24 and 31, we are meeting with our Senior Adult Leadership Teams to pray for and prepare our hearts and materials for Senior Adult VBS. We'll enjoy time together as we hear from our Devotion, Missions, Crafts, and Hobbies & Collectors leaders, with our morning opening led by Barry Cook at 9:00am and lunch served by noon.

If you have not yet signed up for VBS, please visit fbctifton.org/events to reserve your spot!

SUWANNEE RIVER RETREAT

Preparations are in full swing so sign up NOW! Join us October 12-15 for our 2nd Annual Suwannee River Retreat! This year, we'll focus on LISTENING as the Lord speaks to our hearts and minds. Come enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, and growing in the Lord together!

PICKLEBALL TUESDAYS

Join us for Pickleball every Tuesday from 5:00–8:00pm at the Family Life Center!

DID YOU KNOW?

The FBC Tifton Family Life Center has a weight room, aerobics room, and walking track available for FBC members daily from 9:00am–8:00pm

Age requirements apply. Please remember to sign in at the FLC front desk when you arrive.

Mark



FIRST FACTS & FIGURES
JULY 2026

BUDGET GIVING

Monthly Offering	\$258,319
Offering to Date	\$1,848,368
Expenses to Date	\$1,925,304
Budget to Date	\$1,982,063

SANCTUARY RENOVATION

Contributions to Date	\$1,450,375
Total Cost	\$2,300,000
Loan Balance Owed	\$983,209

**WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE**

1261
average

**SMALL GROUP
ATTENDANCE**

441
average



KENNY MILLER
Executive & Groups
Pastor

FROM RESERVOIRS TO RIVERS

This past Sunday, we talked about the difference between being a reservoir and being a river. A reservoir continually receives and holds, while a river receives and then passes along what it has been given.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be rivers. God never intended for us merely to consume sermons, attend Bible studies, and gather biblical knowledge for ourselves. Everything we have received, including the gospel, God's Word, encouragement, wisdom, and grace, is meant to flow through us into the lives of others. Jesus calls us not only to be disciples, but to make disciples.

For some, your next step may be discipling someone one-on-one, meeting regularly to study Scripture, pray, share life, and encourage one another to follow Jesus. For others, it may be stepping out in faith to lead or help lead a small group. You may not feel completely prepared, but you do not have to know everything before God can use you. You simply need to be willing, faithful, and one step ahead of someone else. God is not looking only for experts; He is looking for available people who will trust Him and invest in others.

If you sense God calling you to move from simply consuming to helping others grow, I would love to help you take that step of faith. Whether you are interested in discipling someone one-on-one, leading a small group, or simply exploring your next step, please reach out to me. Don't settle for being a reservoir. Allow what God has poured into you to flow into someone else. Let's become a church filled with disciples who make disciples, helping others find biblical community through intentional relational environments.

Kenny



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

GENEROUSLY SUPPORT CELEBRATE RECOVERY

God continues to do incredible things through Celebrate Recovery Tifton, and we are grateful for the faithful support of our church. As our ministry grows, so do the opportunities to reach more people with hope, healing, and the love of Christ.

We are asking for your support as we prepare for several fundraising efforts. Your generosity will help us:

- Send our leadership team to the National Celebrate Recovery Training Conference in Atlanta next year, equipping them to better serve our community.
- Host RecoveryFest, our annual outreach event that connects individuals and families with life-changing recovery resources.
- Provide weekly meals for the 50+ people we serve every Thursday night, many of whom rely on this meal as part of their recovery journey.

Every gift—large or small—helps us continue offering a safe place for healing and a pathway toward freedom. Thank you for praying, giving, and standing with us as we share the hope of Jesus with our community.

Thanks so much,
Michelle



**MISSION
GEORGIA**

\$20,000
OUR CHURCH
GOAL

**Begins
September 1st**

• SYMPATHY •

The family of Jason Upshaw in the death of his mother,
Diane Upshaw.

The family of **Wayne Richards.**

The family of Bobby "Roho" Bennett in the death of his dad,
Bobbie Bennett.

Dontavious Bell in the death of **his grandmother.**

The family of **Frank Matulich.**

Willie Dean in the death of his wife, **Shekanah Dean.**

Barbara Johnson in the death of her brother, **Billy Sandifer.**

• NEW MEMBERS •

Andrew Estella
Richie Johnson
Shanna Johnson
Jordon Klingbeil
Nikki Klingbeil

• BAPTISMS •

Charlie Gay
Emma Humphrey
Rebecca Wren Domingue
Riley Cox
Erin Porter
Rylie Atkinson
Tray Stapleton

• APPRECIATION •

From **The Family of Tommy Smallwood.**

CONNECT
WITH US!



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR
BEACON VIA EMAIL ONLY?**

Let us know by calling the church office at 229-382-6063
or emailing Ansley Griner at agriner@fbctifton.org

THIS WEEK AT FBC

AUG 31-SEP 6, 2026

MON	10:30am	Staff Meeting (MSH)
	1:00pm	Game Day for Senior Adults (Concourse)
TUE		Mission Georgia Offering Begins!
	9:00am	Facilities Team Meeting (Conference Room)
	10:45am	Joyful Sound Choir (Choir Room)
	6:00pm	PAL - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (S.S. Annex)
WED	4:30pm	War Room (C105)
		1st-5th Grade Choirs
	5:30pm	WNK - Wednesday Night Kids (Gym, Craft Room)
	5:45pm	3 year, 4 year & Kindergarten Choirs
	6:00pm	Middle School Gathering (Gathering Room/Sanctuary)
	6:45pm	Adult Choir (Choir Room)
	7:00pm	High School Gathering (Gathering Room/Sanctuary)
THU	6:30pm	Celebrate Recovery (Chapel/MSH)
FRI		Church Office/FLC Closed
SAT	12:00pm	RecoveryFest 2026 (Fulwood Park)
SUN	8:30am	Connection Worship I Service (Ministry Center)
	9:50am	Small Groups for all ages
	11:00am	Cornerstone Service (Sanctuary)
		Connection Worship II Service (Ministry Center)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 13&20 Starting Point - New Member Class

SEP 14-18 Senior Adult VBS

OCT 12-15 Suwannee River Retreat for Senior Adults

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS,
MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER, VISIT
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