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HEAD OF THE CHURCH AND HOPE OF THE NATIONS

As we near the close of another year, I am reminded that a church's health is measured not simply by what it accomplishes, but by how faithfully it honors Christ in all it does. Two important opportunities before us reflect this conviction: our ongoing bylaw review and rewrite process and the approaching Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Recently, our bylaw review committee held its first meeting, and I was encouraged by the spirit of unity, humility, and commitment around the table. Our first meeting was primarily an opportunity to lay the foundation for the work ahead. In the coming weeks and months, we will open both our Bibles and our bylaws, prayerfully examining how we organize, govern, and operate as a local church.

Our desire is not simply to produce a better governing document, but to ensure that our practices and procedures align with the principles and priorities of Scripture. We want to make certain that our pragmatism never takes precedence over the presence and preeminence of Jesus Christ. After all, the church does not belong to us. It belongs to Him!

Charles Spurgeon once declared, *"Christ alone is the legislator of his church, none but he."*

As we look toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, I am excited about another opportunity to advance the mission of Christ. Each year, Southern Baptists join together to support the work of the International Mission Board (IMB). Through this offering, we have the privilege of helping send and sustain missionaries who carry the good news of Jesus Christ to people and places around the world.

The IMB is an important part of our cooperative efforts as Southern Baptists to advance the kingdom of God, and I am grateful that FBC Tifton gets to participate in this work. What we give here at home can have eternal implications around the world.

As this offering approaches, I want to encourage every family at FBC Tifton to begin praying about how you might give generously and sacrificially. We cannot all go to the ends of the earth, but through our giving, we can help send those whom God has called. I cannot wait to see how our church responds!

In many ways, these two opportunities remind us of the same great truth: A healthy church is faithfully ordered by the Word of God and passionately engaged in the mission of God. We must be as intentional about how we function as we are about where we go, always remembering that Christ is both the Head of the church and the hope of the nations.

In Christ,

TJ



MARK MYERS
Minister of Recreation & Senior Adults

WELCOME TO YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

If you are 55 or older, you have a new name for YOUR ministry! Young at Heart is a ministry for Senior Adults, led by Senior Adults, and all about Senior Adults! We are committed to:

Going – Visiting members and guests.
Praising – Worshiping through our Joyful Sound Choir.
Discipling – Growing through small-group discipleship.
Serving – Serving through ministry, fellowship, food, and missions.

There is always room for another Young at Heart!

Monday
9:30am – Devotion at Legacy Village
1:00pm – Hand & Foot in the FLC Mission Mall
2:00pm – Mahjong in the FLC Cornerstone Café
4:30pm – Game Day with Dinner Out *(twice monthly)*

Tuesday
9:00am – Devotion at Harbor Pointe
10:45am – Joyful Sound Choir & Lunch Out
2:00pm – Outreach Visits
2:30pm – Devotion at Harborview

Wednesday
10:00am – Devotion at Maple Court
11:00am – Devotion at Cypress Pond
4:30pm – War Room in the Prayer Room

Thursday
10:00am – Devotion at Rehab Center of South Georgia
2:00pm – Outreach Visits

Volunteers are welcome to lead devotions! Training and prayer support provided.

EXTENSION LUNCHEON

Join us for our annual Extension Luncheon on Thursday, December 3rd at 11:00am! All Extension Devotional groups, small groups, and Young at Heart Sunday School classes are invited to enjoy a special time of worship, music, food, fellowship, and Christmas spirit. All adults 55 and older are welcome! We hope to see YOU there!

Mark

FIRST FACTS & FIGURES

OCTOBER 2026

BUDGET GIVING

Monthly Offering	$250,195
Offering to Date	$2,627,468
Expenses to Date	$2,742,284
Budget to Date	$2,829,409

SANCTUARY RENOVATION

Contributions to Date	$1,533,120
Total Cost	$2,300,000
Loan Balance Owed	$964,810

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE ***1602*** average

SMALL GROUP ATTENDANCE ***608*** average



SANDY TAYLOR
Director of Finance

ONLINE GIVING CHANGES TO COME IN JANUARY

A Message About Giving and the Heart of Our Church

One of the greatest blessings of our church is the opportunity we have to come together, serve one another, and share God's love with our community. Everything we do is made possible through God's provision and the generosity of people like you.

First, we want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who faithfully supports our church through your giving. Your generosity makes a difference every single day. Whether it's supporting our ministries, reaching families in our community, caring for those in need, or creating opportunities for people to grow in their faith, your contributions help make it all possible.

As part of our ongoing commitment to good stewardship, we are making a change to our online giving platform. One of the reasons for this change is to reduce the processing fees associated with online donations. While these fees may seem like a small part of the giving process, they add up over time. By reducing these expenses, we can keep more of the money given right here at our church, where it can be invested directly back into our ministries and the people we serve.

We also want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone who calls our church home to prayerfully consider becoming a part of our giving family. Giving is not about the amount; it's about the heart behind it. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Consistent giving, even in small amounts, helps provide a foundation that allows our church to plan, grow, and continue the work God has called us to do.

We understand that everyone is in a different season of life, and we never want anyone to feel pressured. Our hope is simply to encourage each of us to consider how we can participate in supporting the church and its ministries. Giving is one of the ways we can put our faith into action and share in the work God is doing through our church.

We are excited about this transition and what it means for the future of our church. Thank you for being part of our church family, for your prayers, your service, your generosity, and your love.

Together, we can continue making an eternal difference!

Stay tuned for more information to come.

Sandy



MICHELLE HAMMOND
Financial Assistant & CR Director

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HOLIDAY SIDE FUNDRAISER!

I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported our Holiday Side Fundraiser! Because of your generosity, we're able to continue our work with the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Ministry.

This December, we'll be serving 75 local children whose parents are currently incarcerated. Through Angel Tree, each child receives a special Christmas gift on behalf of his or her parent, helping them feel loved and remembered during the holiday season.

Also, we'll be hosting a Christmas party for the children and their families, giving them a chance to enjoy a fun and encouraging time together.

Thank you for helping us make Christmas a little brighter for these kids. Your support is making a real difference!

Michelle

WELCOME TO THE TEAM, CALEB & ELLA CUNNINGHAM!

Caleb Cunningham, *Local Outreach Director & Pastor in Training*
Ella Cunningham, *Red Door Administrator & Campus Outreach Coordinator*

• SYMPATHY •

Richard Rockwood in the death of his brother, **Tommy**.

The family of **Mable McMillan**.

Bryce Kennedy in the death of his brother, **Alan**, of Homerville, Georgia.

The family of **Berlin Ferguson**.

Tamara Branch in the passing of her step-dad, **Jim Beyers**.

Earl Henderson in the death of his brother, **Mike**, of Florida.

The family of **Judge Herbert Benson.**

• NEW MEMBERS •

Koen Flowers; Keri Hester; Vince Hester; Ben Ledl; Zechariah Ledl; Courtney Noland; Anna Beth Purvis; Justin Purvis

• APPRECIATION •

From **Kristie Spinks** (Richard Sammons' Niece)

From **Brother Charlie's Rescue**

From **Beverly & Dennis Bloodworth**

• CONGRATULATIONS •

Medford & Jaimie McDonald on the birth of their son, **Wilson**. Proud grandparents are William & Lynn McDonald.

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

NOV 23-29, 2026

MON	10:30am	Staff Meeting *(MSH)*
	1:00pm	Game Day for Senior Adults *(Concourse)*
TUE	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		*Church Office/FLC Closed*
THU		*Church Office/FLC Closed*
	6:30pm	Celebrate Recovery *(Chapel/MSH)*
FRI		*Church Office/FLC Closed*
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

DEC 6	Carol Sing
DEC 13	Family Christmas Night
JAN 15-17	WNTR WKND 2027

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