

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

All data from November 3, 2025 to April 25, 2026

Baptisms	8 (4 more are being scheduled!)
Deaths	2
New Members	48 Individuals / 27 Family Units
Visitors	94 Individuals / 29 Families
Attended Starting Point Class	46 Individuals

The Nominating Committee Recommends The Following Candidates (Terms to end in 2028)

The Nominating Committee is responsible for presenting a slate of candidates for Personnel and Stewardship Committees. Each selected and approved candidate will serve a three-year term. In making their selections, the committee considered several criteria, including church involvement, diversity in age, experience, and gender, as well as the specific staffing needs of each committee. All candidates were thoroughly discussed by the committee and vetted by church staff before final selection.

Personnel:

Scott Homan
Michelle Rathburn

Stewardship:

Rodney West
Ken Takekawa
Tommy Statham

Treasurer: Mike Bell

Trustee: Tank Smith (2026-2027)

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT

Bylaws Committee Members:

Barney Poole (Chair), Larry Alford, Mike Bell (Treasurer), Lynn Fairley, Doug Barclay, Pastor Joey Rodgers, Pastor Chip Yeager

The report will be given at the Business Meeting

DEACON MINISTRY

Barney Poole
Chair

Matt Burton
Vice-Chair

Our Deacon body remains strong and active. We currently have **57 Active Deacons** serving the church, along with **8 Emeritus Deacons**, whom we continue to value for their wisdom, counsel, and faithful service.

Our Active Deacons work closely with the various ministry leadership teams to support and strengthen the ministries of the church. Over the past year, some changes in church staff have required adjustments to these teams. As a result, Deacon assignments were reshuffled just as some groups were beginning to take shape. Even so, the Deacons have remained flexible and committed, and they continue to serve faithfully as these teams move forward.

You will see in the following few pages a list of the Deacons currently assigned to each ministry leadership team.

Dr. Joey Rodgers

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First Kids Minister

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Rachel Jones

Weekday Director of Education Ministry

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PASTOR CEDRIC	PASTOR MARK	PASTOR JACOB
ASSIGNED DEACONS	ASSIGNED DEACONS	ASSIGNED DEACONS
Steve Rubado	Ken King	Jonathan Robinson
Wade Gaddy	Lynn Fairley	Steve Hanes
Alan Harrelson	Carlton Spaulding	Barney Poole
Lynn Hume	Bob Gilbert	Jason Arp
Doug Barclay	Steve Hanes	Josh Wofford
David Benton	Dan Scharlach	John Hicks
Larry Alford	Doug Jones	
Dan Helander	Ron Baum	
Brandon Conwill		
Chuck Kenny		
Rick Mendenhall		
Bill Degner (BSF)		
David Bearden		
Lee Saxon		
Josh Jennings		

Deacons Continued ...

We are also pleased to share that **14 new Deacons are currently being onboarded**. Their preparation has included intentional leadership development through the course *Lead Like Jesus*, as well as spiritual gifts discovery and service training through *Serving by Grace*. Each of these men is being personally guided by a senior Deacon who has previously served as Chair of the Deacon body. They are progressing well and are moving toward commissioning.

Your Deacons continue to look for ways to improve the serving of the Lord’s Supper. Recently, a change was introduced in which the bread tray was added to the cup tray so that both elements could be served at the same time. This approach is currently being evaluated. A different method will also be tried at the next communion service in May, after which all options will be reviewed. As always, your feedback is welcome and appreciated.

PERSONNEL TEAM

Terry Taylor Chris Gregory
Chair *Vice-Chair*

Members: Tina Strandburg, Ray Malcolm,
Brandon Conwill, Joe Hoyt & Sonya Lewis

Our team is committed to supporting our staff so they can thrive in their calling to serve and advance God's Kingdom. We are deeply grateful for the men and women God has called to serve in staff roles at First Baptist. Each team member brings diverse strengths, faithful service, and spiritual wisdom that are essential to fulfilling the mission and ministry of our church. Together, we strive to steward these gifts with excellence, integrity, and a shared commitment to Christ-centered service.

Key areas of focus over the past six months included:

1. Personnel Budget

Developed and recommended the 2026-2027 personnel budget.

Reviewed all personnel salaries, implemented cost-of-living adjustments, and used market data to make targeted updates that ensure fair and equitable compensation within our local area.

Evaluated the current benefits package (retirement and insurance) to optimize costs, preserve coverage, and improve overall effectiveness for employees. Investment plan enhancements are forthcoming, and insurance plan improvements are in progress.

Weekday Education

Director Rachel Jones

Ministry through our FBC Weekday program has continued to thrive this year. We have had the privilege of serving 156 children and their families, as well as 33 teachers and staff members. Each teacher has a heart for children and shares the love of Jesus with them daily.

A favorite of the children is our Chapel program with Ms Peggy. Once a week she shares an age appropriate Bible lesson with each class. She captures their attention with songs, crafts and dramatic presentations of each story. We treasure the opportunity to share these truths with our students.

We also strive to set our students up for educational success at each level. We follow the GELDS (Georgia Early Learning Development Standards) when choosing curriculum and creating lesson plans for our students ages 1-Kindergarten to ensure a strong foundation in educational milestones.

The goal of FBC Weekday is to help children to grow in Christian ideals as well as allowing them to develop their social, emotional and physical bodies as well.

We look forward to seeing God work through the seeds planted here at FBC Weekday.

Children's Continued ...

Our team is now preparing, planning and praying for all things VBS! Registrations for both participants and volunteers are going very well and we are looking forward to an amazing week in June! Our theme this year is "Rainforest Falls - exploring the nature of God." Kids will learn each day about the character of our amazing God!

We are thankful for God's faithfulness in all things!

In His Name,

Lisa Sims, Mandy Bowen and Leslie Cornwall

Personnel Continued ...

2. Staff Updates

Our staff structure has been adjusted to enhance effectiveness and efficiency while maximizing the allocated personnel budget. We now have four senior leadership roles: Operations, Worship Arts, Family Life, and Missions/Care.

New positions hired: Adult Ministries Pastor, Guest Services Director, Missions/Care Assistant & Family Life Associate.

Student Pastor: active interview process in progress.

Assistant/Associate Vacancies: Operations, Worship Arts, Family Life, Maintenance.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Derek Myers Josh Colwell Mike Bell
Chair *Vice-Chair* *Treasurer*

Members: Phil Whitmer, Dale Rinkenberger,
Natalie Thompson, Terri Allison & Glenda Hix

God continues to bless the ministry of First Baptist Church Peachtree City. We are grateful for your faithful generosity as we pursue our mission to influence all people into intimate fellowship with Jesus.

Through the end of March, we have received **\$2.68M** in offerings toward our **\$3.51M** Stewardship Plan for the 2025–26 fiscal year (ending July 31). This places us **\$207,690 ahead of plan** for the year. On the expense side, we have spent **\$2.26M**, which is **\$138,208 under budget**. As a result, we have a **net surplus of \$345,898** through the first eight months of the fiscal year.

As we enter the summer months—when giving often slows due to travel and holidays—we encourage our church family to remain faithful in generosity so that, together, we can exceed our \$3.51M budget goal.

Additionally, we have given **\$262,000** above and beyond our budgeted giving to support Great Commission work both locally and around the world.

Our campus continues to serve as a hub for a wide range of ministries, and we are making strategic investments to support that work for years to come. Current and upcoming capital projects include:

Rock Church Property: We are currently under contract and in due diligence with a buyer for \$1.1M. Upon sale, proceeds will first reimburse acquisition and carrying costs, with the remaining balance placed into a designated fund exclusively supporting missions and church planting efforts.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Lisa Sims, First Kids Minister

With our First Kids Ministry verse as our guide, “Tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and His might and the wonders He has done; so that they should set their HOPE in God” Psalm 78:4,7, we continue to pray for our kids to know and love the Lord and to set their hope and trust in Him all the days of their lives!

Since the last update, we have had lots of ministry opportunities with our families! Sunday mornings are going well and are busy. We consistently have new families visiting and connecting with our church family. In January and February we introduced two new discipleship events that will be an annual opportunity for our families. In January, we had a great K5 Weekend for Kindergarten to 5th grades for a Dnow type weekend full of worship, small group time, food and fun. With our theme, “Built by God”, we learned Jesus is the firm foundation that we should build our lives on and we need to follow God’s instructions in His Word, the Bible! In February, we shared a Saturday morning with our preschool families for PreK Big Day. With our theme this year, “This Little Light”, we explored light and shadows and worshipped together as families. If you ask some of our preschoolers, you will probably hear - “PreK Big Day - Jesus is the Light!” We learned that Jesus is our Light and we need to shine for Him!

We are growing with new families, but we are also growing with new babies! Between Fall 2025 and Summer of 2026, we will have TEN new babies! This is very exciting and a privilege to love on our families as they welcome each new little one. This growth will facilitate the opportunity to open a new room on Sunday mornings. We will have six preschool classrooms and five elementary classrooms going into the Fall 2026.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Pastor Jordan Bosworth

It has been exciting to see what God has done in Student Ministry over the last several months. Through retreats, mission trips, and a new version of DNOW we have seen God work in amazing ways. Students have given their lives to Jesus, they are being baptized, and there have been several conversations about students feeling called to ministry. It has been a beautiful season of ministry as we look forward to a season of transition.

I want to say thank you for all of the volunteers who have helped make all of these things possible. Without your prayer and support we would not be able to do the things that we do. I also want to say thank you specifically to my team. During this season I have battled sickness, surgery, and a lot of life change. The Student Ministry team has stepped up in a big way to make sure that everything was able to continue.

In this next season our students will need the same level of commitment, support, and prayer from you all. My family is making the transition from ministry at FBCPTC to ministry in Central Europe. We are thankful to have a church that is willing to send us, pray for us, and eventually come and see us. Please be in prayer for our team, our students, our parents, and our church as we make this transition and continue doing what God has asked us to do.

Here are a few things we have coming up:

Graduation Sunday	May 17
VBS	June 8-12
Middle School Camp	June 22-26
High School Camp	July 6-10

Stewardship Continued ...

The Bridge Community Center: Roof replacement is underway, paving the way for a new gym floor installation this fall.

HVAC Upgrades (The Bridge): Replacement of one 20-ton and one 10-ton unit to ensure reliable climate control.

West Entry Deck Project: Replacement of the 500 Hall footbridge entrance with a new outdoor deck, creating an improved west entry point and additional gathering space for Sundays and midweek ministry. *(final square footage TBD)*

First Kids / Office Entry Renovation: Improvements to the main entrance enhance the experience for families and guests, including opening up accessibility to ground-floor restrooms without needing to enter secured areas.

Office Renovations: Ongoing updates and relocations to create space for new staff members joining the team.

Next Gen Security Enhancements: Planned upgrades this summer include additional security cameras to improve visibility across Preschool and K-5 hallways, classrooms, playgrounds, and pick-up/drop-off areas. This project will be funded through surplus operating funds from the FBC Weekday ministry.

Toddler Playground Improvements: Planning is underway to address drainage, install turf to match the main playground, and add privacy screening around nearby HVAC equipment.

The Bridge Community Center

Pastor Jacob Sparks

The Bridge Community Center is coming out of a wonderful season of ministry and preparing for an exciting future! Ministry never stops at the Bridge! We are meeting the needs of our community daily from 6AM until 9PM! We are continuing to look for opportunities to make a wider impact in our community!

This winter, high school boy's and girls' basketball teams from Konos Academy began practices at the Bridge at 6AM. It is not an exaggeration to say that there is almost always something going on at the Bridge! From 9AM until 3PM, we have exercise classes, walking, pickle ball, and men' midday basketball! From 3PM-5PM daily we hosted Konos Academy for more basketball practices. Finally, from 5PM-9PM daily we have our Upward Basketball practices! Even when basketball season ends, we still keep things busy! (We have been offering basketball skill classes for youth in the afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 PM Peachtree City Select and other travel basketball. We have been renting the gym in the evenings from 5: to 9:PM.) We have a lot going on!

Our Upward at the Bridge Basketball League was once again the largest we have ever had! We had 602 participants! We have had families visit our church and even get plugged-in recently from this wonderful ministry. We hosted 62 teams and had almost 100 coaches. Around 75 volunteers from our church helped out as host/ hostess, referees, coaches, and practice coordinators. It was an amazing year!

We are in a season of prayer at the Bridge preparing for greater things in the future! We are currently praying about how expand what we do to better serve our community! The first step in this process is opening up on Thursday afternoons! For the first time since pre-COVID, we will be opening up from 12-3PM on Thursday afternoons! We will host men's mid-day basketball starting on

Family Life Continued ...

Our Women's Ministry, led by Shanna Hester, continues to cultivate a welcoming and spiritually enriching environment for women of all ages. Recently, the women concluded a study on the life of Elijah, drawing powerful lessons of faith, obedience, and trust in God. In addition to their Bible studies, the ministry has hosted a variety of engaging gatherings—including themed potluck dinners, guest speaker events, and worship services that incorporate intentional table-talk time. These quarterly events have created space for authentic connection, encouragement, and meaningful spiritual growth in a relaxed and inviting setting.

We are deeply thankful for the leadership of Larry and Shanna, and for the many men and women who are actively participating in these ministries. Please continue to pray that God would deepen relationships, grow disciples, and use these gatherings to strengthen our church as a whole.

Thank you for being a church family that is committed to growing in Christ and investing in one another.

Family Life Continued ...

As Pastor Jordan and his family prepare to transition to the mission field, we ask that you join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's guidance in identifying our next Student Pastor. We trust that God will faithfully provide the right person for this important role.

As always, the summer season will be full and exciting—with camps, Vacation Bible School, special events, mission trips, and Promotion Sunday. We are grateful for the many ways you continue to support this ministry through your service, your prayers, and your faithful presence in the life of our church.

Men's & Women's Ministries

We are also thankful for the continued growth and engagement within both our Men's and Women's Ministries, which serve as vital spaces for connection, encouragement, and spiritual formation.

Our Men's Ministry, led by Larry Alford, has recently launched a new Wednesday night focus titled "*Christians and the Poor.*" This study is centered on examining Scripture that shapes how we, as followers of Christ, are called to engage with and care for those who are vulnerable—whether in areas of financial need, relationships, opportunity, or beyond. In the coming weeks, the men will also hear from guest speakers representing organizations serving on the front lines of these needs, helping us better understand and respond to needs within our local community.

The Bridge Community Center Continued ...

4/16/2026. We are currently working towards the goal of having our gym floor replaced in October of 2026. This will include making the sound booth mobile to give us a more flexible space and having a new upgraded rubber surface from wall to wall. The existing surface is worn out and needs to be replaced quickly!

This is just the start of great things to come! We will be reviewing our sports offerings, fitness classes, hobbies, support ministries, café, and everything else to find out how we can serve our community better! We are looking forward to seeing what God does at the Bridge for many years to come!

MISSIONS & CARE

Pastor Mark Matson

MISSIONS

We are shifting our focus "back home" this year as we prepare for our annual *ENGAGE Weekend* on August 22–23, 2026.

SERVE Saturday (Aug 22): A day dedicated to local action! LifeGroups and individuals will mobilize to complete ministry projects hosted by our local partners.

Celebration Sunday (Aug 23): We will celebrate our global and local entities with a special "Parade of Partners." We will also debut the 2027 Missions Vision Plan (MVP) Passport for next year's short-term mission opportunities.

Global Updates: In February and March we celebrated the safe return of our teams from Honduras, Peru, and the Dominican Republic. Look for more opportunities to serve in these locations and many others as we head into a busy summer and fall of short-term mission trips.

Widowed Ministry Update: We are still smiling after the laughter and fellowship shared during our March 21 luncheon with special guest, Elvis Pressley. A huge thank you to the Widowed Ministry Team for their tireless work in keeping this incredible group connected.

Shower the Tree: Coming on August 2, 2026 we will have a special service welcoming our City Leaders, First Responders, school Principals and all school staff as we dedicate and pray over the new school year.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Pastor Cedric Beckles

Church Family,

We are grateful for all that God is doing in and through the life of our church. Across our ministries, we are seeing growth, transition, and meaningful opportunities to deepen discipleship and strengthen community. We want to take a moment to share an update on a few key areas of ministry.

Family Discipleship Ministry

The Family Discipleship team is currently in a season of transition, with the addition of new staff members and adjustments to roles. Even in the midst of these changes, we are actively working together to identify our strengths and build greater unity as we seek to follow God's direction for our ministry here in Peachtree City.

As the Lord continues to faithfully bring families into our Preschool, Weekday Education, Children's, and Student Ministries, we are committed to understanding both the spiritual and practical needs of those we serve. Our desire is to intentionally bridge the gap between church and home—equipping families to live out their faith in everyday life.

Beginning May 1, our newest team member, Jeremy Robbins, will step into leadership of our LIFE Group Ministry. In this role, he will focus on developing and caring for our current teachers and leaders, while also identifying and equipping new leaders to help expand and strengthen our LIFE Groups.

Additionally, Jake Linder, a recent theology graduate, will lead our curriculum writing team as we continue to create in-house resources to better serve our teachers and groups.

Congregational Life Continued ...

Our ministry remains committed to reflecting the heart of Christ in every interaction. Welcoming guests is more than a first impression – it is an opportunity for connection and ministry. We are continuing to work diligently to create a welcoming, organized, and Spirit-filled first impression for every person who walks through our doors.

We are prayerfully evaluating current systems and areas of improvement, particularly within our Welcome desk area (Gathering Room) and Connections Café spaces. These areas serve as central hubs for connection and fellowship, and we recognize the opportunity to make them more warm, inviting, and reflective of hospitality that honors God. We are working to revamp these areas, with the vision of creating spaces that are not only functional, but also comfortable and engaging for members and guests alike. To be spaces where fellowship begins, relationships are formed, and connection happens.

Looking ahead, our prayer is to continue cultivating a culture of spiritually led hospitality. We believe that as we faithfully serve and create welcoming spaces, we are helping to prepare hearts to receive God's word and experience His presence in a deeper way. If you would like to be part of a Guest Services team, please contact Erin Hicks or Mike Phillips – we would love to have you!

Missions Continued ...

PASTORAL CARE

Our goal is to ensure no member of our church family walks through a difficult season alone. To help us stay informed: Please contact Pastor Mark or the mission's office regarding any new or ongoing care needs. Please include Pastor Mark in all LifeGroup email lists. This allows him to better monitor the needs of the congregation and offer support where it is needed most.

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LEGACY BUILDERS

We will finish out this year of Joy Luncheon on May 7 with our annual Bingo games. This day is always such a fun day and a good start for our summer break. We will resume the Joy Luncheon on September 3rd with a guarantee of a good time as we kick off the new season with renewed focus and new ideas. Our Joy Luncheon is the first Thursday of each month, September-May. This is a covered dish event each month with great fellowship and a special focus.

Upcoming Events for our Legacy Builders is our May 13, Strawberry Pickin' trip and then on August 6 we will have our Peach Pickin' trip.

The Legacy Lunch will also be taking a summer break after their planned May 21st lunch at McAlister's. We will pick this back up and start meeting again in the fall. This is held on the third Thursday of each month. Always a great time to gather for food and fellowship.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Pastor Rob LaLiberte

Spring Highlights

This spring was marked by several impactful moments in the life of our church. On **Palm Sunday**, we were honored to welcome special guest **Jared Anderson**, leading us in a meaningful time of worship as we prepared our hearts for Holy Week. This was followed by a powerful and celebratory **Easter 2026 service**, where our worship ministry had the privilege of helping proclaim the hope and victory of the resurrection.

Looking Ahead to Summer

The worship ministry is excited to be actively involved in **Vacation Bible School (June 8–12)**, where we will be leading music and worship breakout sessions for our children. This is always a special opportunity to invest in the next generation and help them engage with God through music and worship.

We are also preparing for a very significant moment in our nation's history as we celebrate **America's 250th birthday** with our **Patriotic Celebration on June 28**. This service will be a meaningful time of reflection, gratitude, and worship as we acknowledge God's faithfulness over our country.

Looking Ahead to Fall and Winter

Planning is already underway for our annual **Christmas Kickoff on December 6**, which will once again bring together our worship ministry for a special celebration as we enter the Christmas season.

In Closing

We are thankful for the continued dedication of our volunteers, musicians, and tech team, and for the support of our church family. It is a joy to serve together as we seek to lead our congregation into authentic and Christ-centered worship.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Guest Services Director, Erin Hicks

Congregational Life serves the church family through the Guest Services Teams, Starting Point Ministry, and Serving by Grace. Below is a report for Congregational Life Ministries. Please continue to pray for our church's health and growth as we press forward into the remainder of 2026.

Starting Point

Since November 2025, we have held 4 Starting Point classes (November 2025 and January, February, and March 2026). Throughout these classes, we welcomed 46 attendees, resulting in 36 new members joining our church family (plus 12 children)! It's such a blessing to see our church growing and we are excited for all that God is doing through our church.

Serving by Grace

Serving by Grace, a course designed to help members discover their spiritual gifts and where they can serve, is being reimaged for a relaunch some time in 2026. Our goal is to have broader participation among all age groups within the church family and help our members become more spiritually led as they serve within our church.

Guest Services

In February, Erin Hicks became our Guest Services Director. She is excited to build upon the strong foundation already in place and is committed to fostering an environment where every guest feels seen, valued, and encouraged, from the moment they arrive.

Guest Services consist of our Ushers, Greeters, Guest Connections, Information/Welcome Desk, Parking, and Connections Café.