

## Welcome to First Baptist Church

Whatever your need, whatever your reason, **welcome** to First Baptist Church of Guntersville. We know that God has a purpose for bringing you on this special day, to this special place. We hope you feel a genuine (**welcome**) as you share with us in this worship experience. As a church family, we have a clear vision of what God wants this fellowship to do: **“to know Christ and to make Him known.”** True worship is our spiritual priority and loving people is our spiritual privilege.

» Please complete the **guest information card**, located in the front of your pew, and place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the offering time. We will respect the personal nature of the information that you share.

» **CDs** are available of this morning’s message. You may obtain a copy by contacting the Church Office.

» If you have made a **personal commitment** to God regarding your relationship with Him and/or this church, we encourage you to come forward during the **invitation** following the message to share this decision with our church family.

» Our **offering** time is an extension of our worship. As our guest, you are welcome to worship with an offering, but please do not feel obligated.

» Should you **need help**, please see one of our ushers. They’re ready to help you or get whatever help you may need.

» **Wednesday evening** activities begin with Family Supper at 5:00 p.m. and Bible Study/prayer service for adults at 6:30. A variety of activities are provided for children & students as well.

### HOW TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**By Baptism:** For one who has accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and desires to obey Christ by being baptized by immersion.

**By Letter:** For one who is saved, has been baptized by immersion after being saved and is a member in good standing of another Baptist church.

**By Statement:** For one who has been saved and baptized by immersion after being saved, but is not a member of another Baptist church.

*Come forward during the invitation at the end of the worship service and tell the pastor that you want to become a member of FBCG, and we will take care of the rest.*

### Contemporary Worship – 8:15 a.m.

Worship Song—*House of the Lord*

Worship Song—*I’ve Witnessed It*

Welcome and Fellowship

Worship Song—*Rise Up (Lazarus)*

Offering

Worship Song—*Evidence*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*God So Loved*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Shout to the Lord*



### Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship—*Boundless Love*—Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Praise—*Praise Him! Praise Him!* (#12)

Welcome and Fellowship

Congregational Praise—*Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (#391)

Congregational Praise—*He Lifted Me* (#509)

Offertory Hymn—*Love Lifted Me* (#508)

Piano Offertory

Choral Message—*We Serve a Mighty God*—Sanctuary Choir

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (#342)

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Love Lifted Me* (#508)

### -USHERS-

#### July 16

Adam Bunch	Bill Cain
Tony Cornelius	Gary Gray
Eddie Hinote	David McPeters
Tom Parsley	Don Watson

#### July 23

Buddy Bunch	Gideon Ewing
Ronnie Opolka	Bruce Snider
Charles Spann	Matt Taylor
Mike Thigpen	Don Watson



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

July 16, 2023

FIRST BAPTIST



*“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.”*

*-Luke 15:20 NLT*



At FBC, we are on a journey to LOVE GUNTERSVILLE! Our goal is to share the love of Jesus throughout our community both through word and deed. We hope you will join with us as we seek to make the gospel known.  
How can you LOVE GUNTERSVILLE today?

Next Outreach Opportunity:

Sunday, July 30 @ 2pm

Walk through our schools and cover them with prayer for the upcoming school year.



**FIRST Kids**

The Place

GFBC Foster Child Ministry  
Quarterly Report

	Birthday Gifts*	Bags of Clothes
April	12	8
May	3	11
June	18	2

\* If you would be willing to provide a birthday gift for a foster child, please provide your contact information on the sign-up sheet located on the Lord's Supper Table outside of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Sympathy

FBC expresses deepest sympathy to David and Theresa Haegele in the passing of Theresa's father, Ben Edmondson, on July 11, 2023.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards with the sweet messages you send, especially your prayers. It means a lot to me to know I am remembered. I miss being with you.  
Love, Mary Phillips

MATURE ADULT NEWS

August 15 @ 5:00pm; Salad and Ice Cream in the Fellowship Hall



Do you have a heart for older adults? Are you looking for a place to serve? We are currently seeking volunteers to lead Bible Study at Terrace Lake Village on Mondays at 10:30. This is done on a rotating basis, so the more volunteers, the less the frequency. Please contact the church office with questions, for more information, or to volunteer to be blessed!



*Women's Mission*

Don't forget beans and rice for Ghana.  
Collection bins located in the hallway outside the library.

**YOUTH NEWS**

- July 25th: Trash Pandas Game—6th-12th
- July 29th: You're Worth It Conference—All Ages
- September 2nd: Six Flags—All Ages
- September 10th: Mission Trip Interest Meeting—10th-College
- Early November: Camping Trip—All Ages
- January 3-5, 2024: Passion Conference—10th-College

Check the youth Facebook page for event sign ups

Do you have a heart for youth? Are you looking for a place to serve? We are currently seeking volunteers to serve in the youth ministry during the upcoming school year. Please contact Warren Jones with questions, for more information, or to volunteer to be blessed!



SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

- July 16— Kelly Stricklin, Clifton Martin, Patrick Roberts, Elliot Rowe
- July 19 — Sally Campbell, Blake Campbell
- July 23—Torrey Whitaker, Gary Weldon, Bruce Haase, Kelly Haase
- July 26—Tim Couch, Kevin Lee

YOU BELONG @ FIRST

this week @ fbc  
week of July 16, 2023

Sunday

Contemporary Worship	8:15 am
Preschool Service	8:15 am
Kids Church	8:15 am
Sunday School	9:15 am
Traditional Worship	10:30 am

Wednesday

Fellowship before Discipleship (August—May)	5:00 pm
Ensemble Rehearsal	5:45 pm
Library Opens	6:00 pm
Children's Activities	6:00 pm
Youth Worship	6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:00 pm

The staff is ready to help you in any way possible. If you would like prayer, an answer to a question, or personal ministry, please give one of these caring Christian leaders a call. They're ready to make a difference in your life!

CHURCH OFFICE: 582-5141

Joel Samuels, Pastor	ext 102
Paul Murphy, Associate Pastor	ext 107
Micah Gilmore, Children's Minister	ext 110
Ken Patterson, Minister of Music	ext 108
Amy Fondren, Financial Secretary	ext 101
Karen Fancher, Secretary	ext 100



Will resume in August!

Our people came – 07/09/23

<b>FBC SS Total</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>Contemporary Service</b>	<b>246</b>
<b>Traditional Service</b>	<b>104</b>

Our people gave -07/04-07/10

Undesignated	\$	22,497.10
Savings	\$	2,420.00
<b>Other Designated</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,045.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25,962.10</b>



Terrace Lake Bible Study -  
10:30 am

July 17—Duck Williams  
July 24—Gary Gray



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