

## 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—*Graves Into Gardens*

Worship Song—*We Believe*

Welcome and Fellowship

Worship Song—*Only a Holy God*

Offering

Worship Song—*King of Kings*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You?*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Shout to the Lord*



### Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship—*No More Night*—Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Praise—*To God Be the Glory* (#56)

Welcome and Fellowship

Congregational Praise—*I Worship You, Almighty God* (#146)

Congregational Praise—*Battle Hymn of the Republic* (#804)

Offertory Hymn—*Crown Him With Many Crowns* (#45)

Piano Offertory—*My Tribute*

Choral Message—*He's Been Faithful*—Sanctuary Choir

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* (#320)

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Battle Hymn of the Republic* (#804)

Postlude

### -USHERS-

#### September 17

Adam Bunch	Tony Cornelius
David Haegle	Eddie Hinote
Sam Lewis	David McPeters
Tom Parsley	Phillip Robinson

#### September 24

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



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

September 17, 2023



*“...And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

*—John 8:32 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?

**FBC Annual Church Picnic**  
**Marshall Baptist Campground**  
**Sunday, September 24, 2023**  
**2pm-8pm (eat @5:30)**  
 Bring sides for burgers/hot dogs  
 Bring desserts



YOU BELONG @ FIRST

**this week @ fbc**  
**week of September 17, 2023**

**YOUTH NEWS**

- September 17th @ 4:30 in the Youth Building: Mission Trip Interest Meeting—Parents and Students—High School Only
- Early November: Camping Trip—All Ages
- January 3-5, 2024: Passion Conference—10th-College

Check the youth Facebook page for event sign ups

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to an overwhelmingly positive response, the Andy Griffith Bible Study will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 6:00 for the next 8 weeks. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting will temporarily relocate to Room 124 (the Asa Dodd SS Classroom). After Thanksgiving, Bible Study/Prayer meeting will be back in the sanctuary.

**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

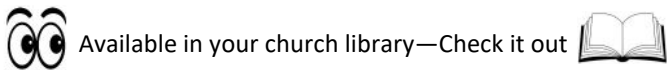
The staff is ready to help you in any way possible. If you would like prayer, an answer to a question, or personal ministry, please give one of these caring Christian leaders a call. They're ready to make a difference in your life!

**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

**Book Reviews by Billie**

Flying Closer to the Flame *A Passion for the Holy Spirit* by Charles Swindoll  
 If you are totally fulfilled in your Christian experience and rarely dissatisfied with your fine self, this book is not for you. But if your soul is hungry for more Flying Closer to the Flame might help. The author suggests that many of us lack the joy and power of the early Church because possibly we are hesitant or afraid to get too close to the Holy Spirit of God. He says rather than just studying about or explaining the Holy Spirit we need to experience the Holy Spirit. Just like a moth drawn to a flame, this book reveals how we can be drawn closer to the third person of the Trinity.



**Myers-Mallory**  
 State Missions Offering

**Goal: \$11,000**  
**Received: \$675.00**

*Women on Mission* A BIG Thank You goes to our First Baptist congregation from your WMU! We delivered over 200 pounds of beans and rice to Creek Path Baptist Church to be packed in Barrels and mailed to Ghana prior to the Mission Group traveling there last week. This group tells me that our gift will go a long way to feeding the children in the Orphanage in Ghana, Africa. Thank you for your help in this Mission Action.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU**

**Doors Open at 5:00 pm**

Adult Meal	\$ 5.00
Kid's Meal (PB&J)	\$ 2.50
Family Cap	\$15.00

**September 20**

- Salad
- Meat
- Vegetable
- Bread
- Dessert

Our people came – 09/10/23

<b>FBC SS Total</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Contemporary Service</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>Traditional Service</b>	<b>133</b>

Our people gave – 09/06-09/11

<b>Undesignated</b>	<b>\$ 26,850.00</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$ —</b>
<b>Other Designated</b>	<b>\$ 2,405.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 29,255.00</b>

**Terrace Lake Bible Study -**  
**10:30 am**  
 September 18—Duck Williams  
 September 25—Gary Gray



Visitor QR Code

**MATURE ADULT NEWS**

**October 17**  
**Scott's Apple Orchard and Posey's Restaurant**  
**Hazel Green, AL**  
**Please sign up**

**SECURITY VOLUNTEERS**

**Sept 17**—Matt Taylor, Fred Bain, Ray Forrester, Chris Stanley  
**Sept 20**—Shawn Manning  
**Sept 24**—Kelly Stricklin, Clifton Martin, Patrick Roberts, Elliot Rowe  
**Sept 27**—Sally Campbell, Blake Campbell