

## 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—*Glorious Day (I Ran Out of that Grave)*

Worship Song—*Here I Am to Worship*

Welcome to Guests

Gideon Speaker

Offering

Worship Song—*Son of Suffering*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*



### Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship—*Resurrection Medley*—Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Praise—*O For a Thousand Tongues (#21)*

Welcome to our Guests

Congregational Praise—*Lift Up Your Heads (#758)*

Gideon Speaker

Offertory Hymn—*Make Me a Channel of Blessing*

Piano Offertory

Choral Message—*What the Soldiers Didn’t See*—Ensemble

Soloist: Paige Singleton

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Take My Life, Lead Me Lord (#664)*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*To God Be the Glory (#56)*

Postlude

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#### April 7

Steve Crosthwait	Randy Godwin
Gary Gray	Eddie Hinote
Benny Hyatt	Harv Holley
Van Reid	Gary Weldon

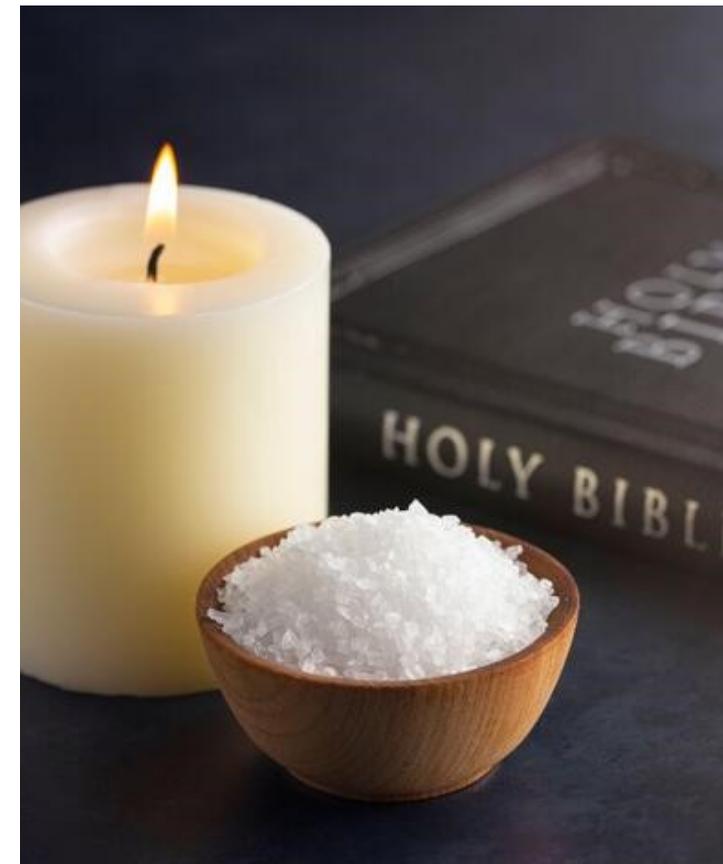
#### April 14

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



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

April 7, 2024



<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth...”<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world....”

—Matthew 15:13 & 14 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?**



**Spring Cleaning**  
 FBC Clean-up Day  
 April 13 from 8-12

**FBC Women**  
First Baptist Guntersville Women's Ministry

FBC Women's Conference  
 Come To The Table  
 April 27 | 10am-2pm  
 Sign up today!

**Book Reviews by Billie**

Cries from the Cross (A Journey Into the Heart of Jesus) by Erin Lutzer

Among Christ's 7 cries from the cross were a cry of pardon "Father forgive them" and a cry of anguish "My God, why have You forsaken Me?". To stand at the foot of the cross is to witness "how God so loved the world". The attributes of love and wrath of God are displayed as well as the contradiction of God's sovereignty versus free will. The cross, previously an instrument of indescribable cruelty, is now often worn as a pendant—a mere symbol of spirituality of every sort. The "offense of the cross" has long since vanished. Many who wear it just as jewelry would be shocked at its true meaning. Unless we see ourselves as deserving the verdict that Pilate gave Jesus, we will never understand the cross.

Cries From the Cross reveals how we can get the world to believe in our Redeemer. A well-known atheist said of Christians, "I might believe in their Redeemer if they were to look more redeemed."

Available in your church library—Check it out

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
 EASTER OFFERING  
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**Our Goal:**  
**\$25,000**

**Received:**  
**\$15,205.00**

**FBC Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship applications are due  
**April 14.**

Applications and requirements are available in the church office.

*Deacons' Meeting Wednesday April 10 @ 6:00pm*

**MATURE ADULT NEWS**

**Spring Celebration Fellowship Dinner  
 April 9, 2024 @ 5:00 PM  
 Fellowship Hall—Meal Provided**

**Ham  
 Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Bread  
 Dessert**

**\*Please note date change\***



**Hospice Speaker**

Thursday morning, April 11, will be a special opportunity to learn about hospice care in our county. We'll meet in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m. and learn of the loving assistance and care provided in our area for family members who need help. Guest speaker is Karen Denton, who will offer information and provide answers to our questions. A light lunch follows the meeting, so come prepare to enjoy not only good food, but special fellowship as well.

**YOUTH NEWS**

- **Senior Recognition Sunday**, May 5 @ 10:30; Luncheon following service. Please let Warren or Heather know how many in your family will attend. Send Ken Patterson 4-5 pictures by April 24.

**SECURITY VOLUNTEERS**

- April 7**— Lance Joyner, Dustin Hornbuckle, Jason Braswell, Connor Troilo  
**April 10**—Rick Moody, Sandra Moody  
**April 14**—K. Hawk, T. Reeves, C. Samuels, D. Samuels, D. Anderson  
**April 17**—Steve Stricklin

YOU BELONG @ FIRST

**this week @ fbc**  
**week of April 7, 2024**

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!

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

**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

**Our people came** 03/31/2024

<b>FBC SS Total</b>	<b>445</b>
<b>Contemporary Service</b>	<b>622</b>
<b>Traditional Service</b>	<b>267</b>

**Our people gave** 03/26-03/31

<b>Undesignated</b>	<b>\$ 43,590.00</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>
<b>Other Designated</b>	<b>\$ 8,435.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 52,235.00</b>



**Visitor QR Code**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU**

**Doors Open at 5:00 pm**

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

**April 10**  
*Salad  
 Chicken Parmesan  
 Corn  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Garlic Bread  
 Cheesecake Bites*

*\*"To go" containers will be available at 6:00 on a limited basis for those with extenuating circumstances.*

**Terrace Lake Bible Study - 10:30 am**  
 April 8—Keith Swisher  
 April 15—Eddie Hinote

