

# 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—*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Worship Song—*Only Jesus*

Welcome to Guests

Special Music—*Same God*—Youth Choir

Offering

Worship Song—*Sunday is Coming*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Lord, I Need You*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*The Jesus Way*



## Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Processional—*Pomp and Circumstance*

Call to Worship—*He’s Alive*—Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Praise—*Crown Him With Many Crowns* (#45)

Welcome to Our Guests

Special Music—*Same God*—Youth Choir

Graduate Recognition—*Class of 2025*—Warren Jones

Offertory Hymn—*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (#139)

Piano Offertory

Choral Message—*Easter Song*—Sanctuary Choir

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Trust and Obey* (#571)

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Victory in Jesus* (#353)

Postlude

## -USHERS-

### May 4

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

### May 11

Tony Cornelius	Randy Godwin
Eddie Hinote	Sam Lewis
David McPeters	Phillip Robinson



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

May 4, 2025



““For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’”

—Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

### Women on Mission Speakers!!

We have a rare treat this coming May 8. Two leaders of Alabama Baptist Children's Home will be our guests. David George and Michael Gentry will share the latest news on this vital ministry in our state. FBC has been active many years in supporting children through the homes. We'll meet at 10 a.m. Thursday May 8, and a light lunch and special time of fellowship will follow.



### MATURE ADULT NEWS

#### Low Country Boil

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:00pm

Fellowship Hall

*\*Please sign up\**

### YOUTH NEWS

-May 9<sup>th</sup>—Top Golf for Graduates

-May 14<sup>th</sup>—Worship on the Water, 5:30pm, RSVP Building

-May 29<sup>th</sup>—Six Flags. Transportation spots limited. Please see Warren or Heather if you can help drive.

-The youth group will be having a yard sale in the coming months. Please save items for us to collect at a later date as you spring clean. Thanks!

-Needed: Youth volunteers on Wednesday nights!

*\*Check the Youth FB Page or see Warren or Heather to sign up\**

Deacons' Meeting May 7 @ 6:00pm



We need your help with an outreach opportunity  
Vacation Bible School  
June 1-4 5:30-8:15pm  
Contact Micah Gilmore or sign up in the lobby to volunteer

### Book Reviews by Billie

When I Don't Desire God: How to Fight for Joy

by John Piper

The author offers much food for thought such as: By nature we get more pleasure from God's gifts than from Himself

\*We have an inborn desire for joy

\*Our quest for joy and our duty to glorify God do not have to conflict

\*God shines most brightly in the soul that finds deepest satisfaction in Him

C.S. Lewis once said, "I have tried...to make every pleasure into a channel of adoration."

A few of the topics discussed by Piper are:

- Joy in God is a gift of God
- How to wield the word in the light for joy
- The focus of prayer in the fight for joy
- Doing what we can while we wait for God—and joy

The author poses the question, "Can a sizzling steak produce satisfaction in Jesus?" Read his book to find out.



Available in your church library—Check it out



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

Goal: \$26,000

Received: \$22,236.25



## this week @ fbc

### week of May 4, 2025

#### 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
Library Opens	6:00 pm
Children's Activities	6:00 pm
Youth Worship	6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting	6:00 pm
Ensemble Rehearsal	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

#### Doors Open at 5:00 pm

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

#### May 7 Menu

Salad  
Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas and Carrots  
Bread Pudding

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

#### Our people came 04/27/2025

8:15 Service	425
8:15 Nursery/Children	44
10:30 Service	271
Worship Total	740
FBC SS Total	373

#### Our people gave 04/22-04/30

Undesignated	\$ 30,557.00
Savings/SPOTS	\$ 2,560.00
Other Designated	\$ 13,522.07
TOTAL	\$ 46,639.07



Visitor QR Code



Terrace Lake Bible Study -

10:30 am

May 5—Rick Moody

May 12—Mary Hinote

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