

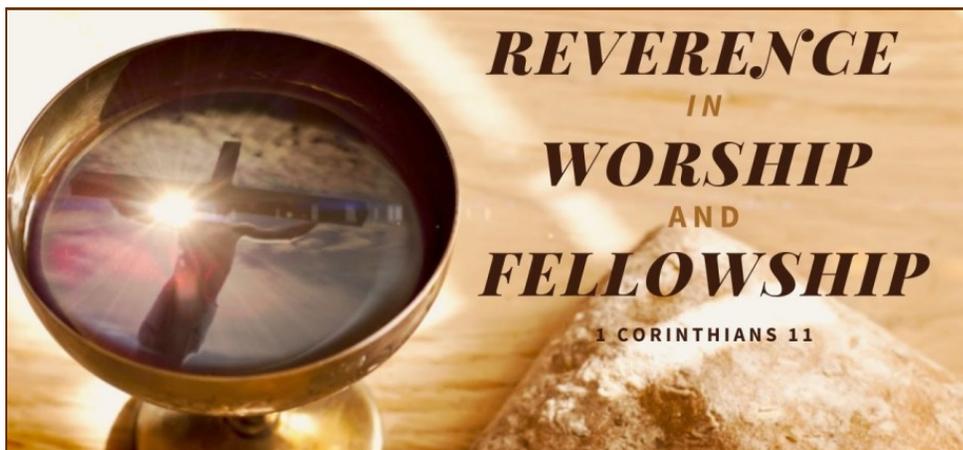
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - FLORALA, AL

THE BEACON

Encouraging Words from Pastor Chris

During the last week in February, our pastoral staff attended the “Multiply Conference” at Long Hollow Church in Hendersonville, TN. This was a tremendous time for our staff as we grew in the area of discipleship. While we were there though we were also able to see a tremendous facility. While there were many aspects of their campus that caught my eye, there was one thing that really stood out. From the main lobby there were at least four sets of double doors that led into the very large worship center. These doors were closed and on the outside of the doors facing the lobby were very large signs that read, “Quiet Please, Service in Progress.” This got my attention because it was clear that they wanted to set the standard for their people to do everything in their power to not interrupt the worship service. The time that we come together for worship is important. We gather each week to hear from the Lord and be transformed by his Word. We gather each week to magnify the name of Jesus and to encourage one another to walk faithfully with him. Disruptions during this time can greatly hinder the process of these things happening. I want to ask each of you to make a commitment to do everything you can to limit any disruptions during our services. How can you do this you ask? Plan to be here 15 minutes early. Doing so also allows time to fellowship with others in the church. Try to use the restroom and get water before the service begins. Turn off your phone and put it away so you won’t be tempted to use it. Most of all I would say that the time of invitation is simply not the time to move around. Try to be very still and very quiet. God very well could be ministering to the person next to you and any distraction could be used by the enemy to hinder that. I understand that there will be times that we simply have to get up or when our small children will need attention and that is okay. For the sake of everyone around us though, let’s strive to be considerate of each other’s worship experience to the best of our ability. Our time spent together is valuable and it is sacred.

Blessings, Bro. Chris



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*Opportunities
For Worship*

SUNDAY

Sunday School 8:45am
Worship 10:00am

WEDNESDAY

Dinner 5:30pm
Requested Donation
is \$5 for Adult Meals
Bible Study for ALL
6:15-7:15pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pray for your Sunday school teacher by asking for divine wisdom, patience, and strength in their teaching ministry. Focus on praying for their spiritual growth, health, protection, and that they feel encouraged and appreciated in their role. Intercede for them to have insight into student needs, enabling them to teach biblical truths effectively.

Key Focus Areas for Prayer

Wisdom and Preparation: Pray that God grants them clarity and insight to prepare lessons that are engaging and doctrinally sound, and that they can connect Scripture to the students' lives.

Heart and Attitude: Ask that they teach with patience, love, and compassion, acting as a godly role model, even during times of stress.

Strength and Encouragement: Pray for renewed energy and strength, especially when they feel weary, overwhelmed, or discouraged.

Protection and Health: Ask for God's protection over their physical and mental health, as well as their personal family life.

Impact and Guidance: Pray that their teaching makes a lasting, positive impact, leading students toward a closer walk with Jesus.

TRUST IN THE LORD
BRO BRENT, Proverbs 3:5-6



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

This month at **COFFEE and CHRIST** (25) of us looked at our Connecticut partnership with **ON THE ROCK COMMUNITY CHURCH** in New London, Connecticut. We discussed how the senior adults at FBC, Florala could pray and encourage Pastor Rocco Gammone and his members.

Rhonda Geoghagan was our guest speaker from Southern Independent Bank here in Florala. She gave us some valuable information on how we can keep our money safe from fraud.

Next month on Thursday, April 9, we will have as our special guest, Michelle Jones from the Florala Health and Rehab here in Florala to discuss the ins and outs of aging and needing assistive care.

Please save this date and join us for **CHRIST and COFFEE** next time. (Always the second Thursday.)

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NEXTGEN PASTOR UPDATES

There is no other way for the NextGen Pastor to begin an article other than to say thank you! It is such an honor and privilege to serve a church that supports ministry to the next generation. FBC Florala gave above and beyond to support our students going to summer camp at the Valentine’s Banquet. You all donated another \$1,007 during our spaghetti lunch on Sunday. The students committed to going with us owe less than \$100 for their summer camp fee! Summer camp is one of the most foundational events for teenage believers. I highly encourage you to make sure your student(s) doesn’t miss out on summer camp. There is still room!!!

As we move into spring, there are some great opportunities for kids to enjoy some fellowship with their friends. As always, parents are welcome to go with us on any trip as long as we prepare ahead of time.

Another thing to put on the calendar is our trip to Pennsylvania and Southern Railroad in Mossy Head. This will be a fun mid-day activity to spend riding on a 1.5 mile miniature train. I went a few months ago and was blown away by how much fun it is to see, and ride, a fully functioning miniature railway system. We’ll have lunch and a short devotion at the track!



Mark Your Calendar:

March 25 – Summer Camp Parent Meeting

March 28 – P&S Railroad

March 29 – Risen & Ready Easter Celebration

April 25 – VBS Decoration Building

Bro. Brad



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TRI-CITIES CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

During the months of November and December, our local Piggly Wiggly gives their shoppers the opportunity to donate \$5 toward groceries given to the CSC. The outstanding generosity of **YOU**, our community, has blessed us greatly in our efforts to feed those who need our help.



After picking up the groceries donated from the Piggly Wiggly, they were transferred to our building by several volunteers.

Every month 6-8 volunteers meet to bag the groceries up for our giveaway day. Typically we need about 220 10# and 300 15# bags so this process is not a quick one.

Many volunteers also work in our store keeping it fresh and new for our shoppers. Your donations are sorted, tagged, hung, or placed on shelves. This is an ongoing job and it takes many hands.

The days we are open, several volunteers are needed again to man the store, assist customers and process the sales!

As you can see, running this center takes a great many people who give of themselves and of their time so freely. We want to **THANK EVERY SINGLE PERSON** who helps in any way at all.

Cindy Phillips

FBC LADIES MINISTRY

From Max Lucado’s book, The Final Week of Jesus: “All of us have a donkey. You and I each have something in our lives, which if given back to God, could, like the donkey, move Jesus further down the road.”

With this as our charge, 23 women (as well as precious Millie and Kurtis), met on the morning of Saturday, March 14th, to make bunny treats for the Community Easter Celebration. Special thanks to Jennifer Bradley and Tabitha Coverstone for organizing all the materials we needed and providing a special snack.

While the food was delicious, I think Jennifer put it best: “What a blessing that we were able to listen to a Godly message, pray together, fellowship with each other and make 325 Easter candy bags in an hour! God is good!”

We pray that the bunny bags will be just like the donkey lent to Jesus for his Triumphal Entry. May we see Jesus moved a little further down the road.



COMING SOON...

2nd Thursday Senior Adults
 Christ & Coffee 10am
 Fellowship Hall

Lord's Supper
 APRIL 19TH

CHRISTIANS ON THE GO

THE HUB
 APRIL 23 DUTCH TREAT
 Bus leaves FBC @ 10:30am

Nursing Home Ministry

- WHERE: FLORALA HEALTH AND REHABILITATION
- WHAT: BIBLE STUDY, SINGING AND ROOM VISITS
- WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY MORNING 9:45- 11:00 am
- WHO: IF YOU INTERSETED IN HELPING IN THIS MINISTRY PLEASE SEE BRO BRENT

FBC MENS MINISTRY

On Friday, February 2nd, twelve FBC men attended the WILD GAME MEN'S CONFERENCE at INO Baptist Church. Granger Smith, author, speaker, musician, husband, and father was the main orator. Granger shared a powerful message of how GOD changed his life in the back of a country music tour bus late one night. Granger discussed how he was playing church and faking be a Christian. That night GOD changed his life and now is an authentic follower of JESUS CHRIST. He challenged us the be a disciple of JESUS and the make disciples according to Matthew 28:18-20.

Micheal Smith, Chris Vaughn, Brent Zessin, Roy Rhodes, Richard Reeves, Jonathan Majors, Keith Free, Greg Barley, Rod Williams, (Not Pictured) Jason, Troy, and Colton Klawitter were all in attendance representing FBC, Florida.

TRUST IN THE LORD!

BRO BRENT, PROVERBS 3:5-6



VOLUNTEER ROTATION LIST

Date	Little Lights (Birth-2 yrs)	Little Lambs (2-3 yrs)	Children Worship	Flowers
Apr 5	Jennifer B./Cassidy B.	Chloe R., Graci V.	Connor and Paiyton V.	Arhcie & Lisa McNeill
Apr 12	Missy Z., Judy M.	Cindy P., McKenzie D.	Kaleb & Camryn C.	John & Tabitha Coverstone
Apr 19	Lewis & Lori Thorn	Kim T., Alissa W.	Lynn P.	Richard & Debbie Reeves
Apr 26	Buddy & Bridget N.	Cristalin and Casidy N.	Katy D., Kim G.	Gene & Jean Lingley

Thank you volunteers for making yourselves available! Without you, this ministry would not happen!

Wednesday Night Teachers:	
Apr 1	Connie H., Kim T.
Apr 8	Katy D., Alecia C.
Apr 15	Bridget N., Teahsa D.
Apr 22	Connie H., Kim T.
Apr 29	Katy D./Alecia C.

GREETERS:

Apr. 5 - Darrell & Jeanie F., Traci V., Greg T.
 Apr. 12 - Donald & Rhonda V., Jennifer B., Jean L.
 Apr. 19 - Brent & Missy Z., Rod & Michele Williams
 Apr. 26 - Myron & Sheila A., Terri M., Lisa M.

PASTOR:
BRO. CHRIS DAVENPORT

NEXTGEN PASTOR:
BRO. BRAD ELMORE

ASSOC. PASTOR:
BRO. BRENT ZESSIN

MUSIC DIRECTOR:
DALE COLE

ACTIVE DEACONS:

- AL BENNETT
- JOHN COVERSTONE
- CARLTON DUKES
- WADE FARMER
- DARRELL FOLEY
- BOBBY PHILLIPS
- JAMES PICKRON
- JEREMY RADNEY
- RICHARD REEVES (CH)
- GREG TAYLOR



**IT'S ABOUT
THE CROSS
MEN'S CONFERENCE**
AUGUST 7, 2026

*Save
the
Date*

There's plenty of time to make plans to attend this men's conference. See me if you would like to plan to go!

Brent Zessin

5:00 PM - DOORS OPEN

5:00 PM - MEAL

6:00 PM - CONFERENCE BEGINS

Join men from Crenshaw County and surrounding areas for a powerful, purpose-filled night of connection and spiritual growth. Come expecting an encounter with God through fellowship, dynamic speakers, worship & prayer.



**Tickets
\$45**

Scan the QR to purchase tickets.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Justin Martin "Martin"
Duck Dynasty TV Show



Timmy Dyke
Pastor/Grill Master



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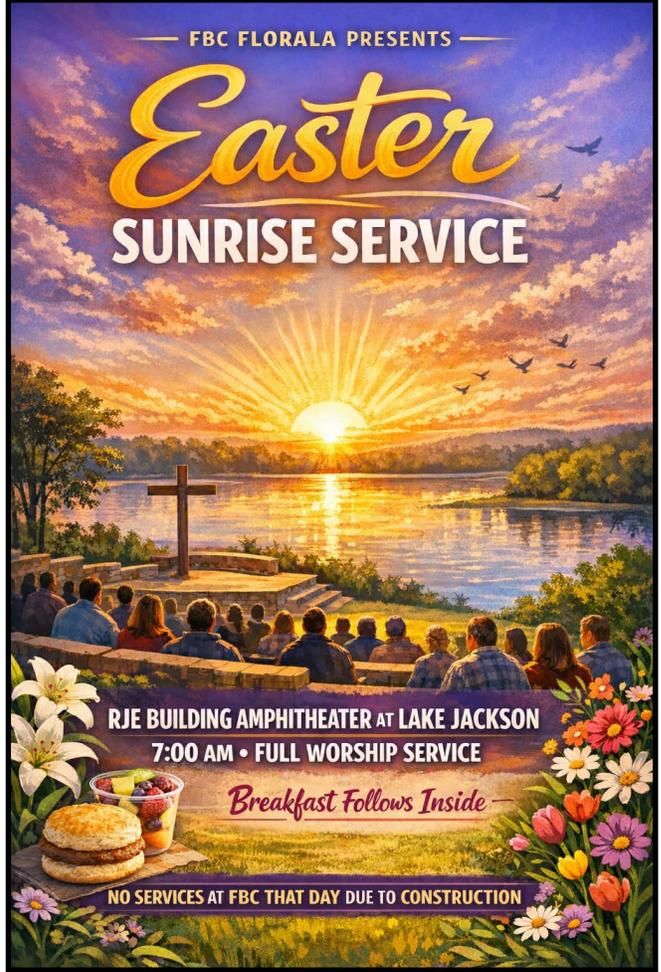


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Risen & Ready
Easter Celebration.
Games • Egg Hunts • Food • Fun for All Ages!
Sunday, March 29th | 11:30 - 1:30
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLORALA
*Everyone Welcome!
Celebrate the Joy of Easter!*



— FBC FLORALA PRESENTS —
Easter
SUNRISE SERVICE
RJE BUILDING AMPHITHEATER AT LAKE JACKSON
7:00 AM • FULL WORSHIP SERVICE
Breakfast Follows Inside
NO SERVICES AT FBC THAT DAY DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

April 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>29 Egg Hunt & Lunch after Morning Worship</p>		<p>Men's Prayer Time 8:00am Each Tuesday</p> 	<p>1 <u>DINNER</u> Taco Salad</p>	2	3	4
<p>5 <i>Happy Easter</i></p> 	<p>6 Council Meeting 6pm</p>	7	<p>8 <u>DINNER</u> Pancakes, Sausage</p>	<p>9 Senior Adult <i>Christ & Coffee</i> 10am in the Fellowship Hall</p>	10	11
12	13	14	<p>15 <u>DINNER</u> BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad/Chips</p>	16	<p>17 CSC Food Distribution 9am-1pm</p>	18
<p>19 Lord's Supper</p>	<p>20 Beacon Articles Due <u>TODAY</u></p>	21	<p>22 <u>DINNER</u> Hot Dogs, Sausage Dogs, Chips</p>	<p>23 COG to The Hub in Crestview Leave FBC @ 10:30pm</p>	24	25
26	27	28	<p>29 <u>DINNER</u> Pizza & Salad Served by YOUTH</p>	30		

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WHERE THINGS ARE HAPPENING
ONLY GOD CAN DO!

Easter Sunrise Service
R.J. EVANS BLDG
AMPHITHEATER
April 5th @ 7:00am
BREAKFAST FOLLOWS SERVICE
COME ONE
COME ALL
NO SERVICE
TODAY AT FBC
DUE TO
CONSTRUCTION
HOSTED BY FBC FLORALA

The graphic features a background image of a wooden pier extending into a lake at sunrise. Text is overlaid in various colors and fonts, including a yellow banner for "COME ONE" and a blue banner for "COME ALL". A white cloud-shaped box contains the text "NO SERVICE TODAY AT FBC DUE TO CONSTRUCTION".

There will be NO service at FBC on this day due to construction. * No SS, No Worship, No D-Groups *



EVERY SUNDAY
AT 10:00 AM



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