



CELEBRATION WORSHIP
SANCTUARY
9:00 A.M.

Childcare is available for children ages birth through 3 years in our Nursery. Ask a greeter for assistance if you would like childcare during service.

✝ When you see this symbol, we ask for those who are able to stand.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Ukulele Ensemble

When We All Get to Heaven

Call to Worship Seth Brown

✝ Hymn 617 SUNLIGHT

Heavenly Sunlight

Welcome Steven Norris

Prayer for Illumination

**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path. As we read it together,
give us wisdom to understand your Truth,
grace to receive your abundant Life,
and courage to follow Jesus on the Way.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

✝ Scripture Reading Kate Craig

Colossians 3:1-4

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Ellee Hilley

The Lord’s Prayer

At the conclusion of the prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

✝ Hymn 553 ROLL CALL

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Offertory Prayer James Williamson

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir & Ukulele Ensemble

Medley: Soon and Very Soon, In the Sweet By and By

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King (x3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Refrain:
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more-
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. [Refrain]

To our bountiful Father above
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days. [Refrain]

✝ Presentation of the Offering: The Doxology OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time for Children Lori Welborn

Message Colossians: Held Together in Christ Ron Murray
Live with the End in Mind

✝ Hymn 561 Shall We Gather at the River HANSON PLACE

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Lori Tucker

Ministers

Steven Norris
SENIOR PASTOR

Seth Brown
MINISTER OF STUDENTS
& COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Erin Clarke
MINISTER OF MUSIC

Ellee Hilley
MINISTER OF WORSHIP ARTS

Ron Murray
MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

Lori Welborn
MINISTER TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SERMON NOTES

Focus Your Life on the Risen Christ
Colossians 3:1-4

- 1. To focus your life, you must remember who you are in Christ.
 - A. You have _____ to the old life. (verse 3)
 - B. You have been _____ with Christ. (verse 1)
 - C. Your life is _____ with Christ in God. (verse 3)
- 2. To focus your life, you must set your heart and mind on things above.
 - A. Set your _____ on things above. (verse 1) Your “heart” is the source of your hopes and values and desires.
 - B. Set your _____ on things above. (verse 2) Your “mind” is the source of your thoughts and your plans.
 - C. Practical ways to keep your focus on things above:
 - Daily _____ and _____
 - Regular worship and _____ with God’s people at church.
- 3. To focus your life, you must live with the hope of appearing with Christ in glory. (verse 4)
 - A. Christ is your _____.
 - B. One day, Christ will _____ in glory.
 - C. As a Christian, you will one day _____ with Him in glory.
 - D. That glorious destination gives direction and meaning to your life’s _____.

Application

So how can you keep your life focused on the risen Christ? Consider these practical suggestions:

Live with a resurrection mindset. Each morning remind yourself: “I have died with Christ, and I have been raised with Him. My life today is hidden with Christ in God.” This re-centers your identity before the day’s distractions begin.

Examine your affections. Ask: What do I love most? What excites me, worries me, drives me? If your heart is captured by earthly things more than by Christ, it’s time to reset.

Discipline your thoughts. Choose to meditate on God’s truth, His promises, His character. Philippians 4:8 gives a great filter: “whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—think on these things”.

Stay eternity-focused. Let the reality of Christ’s return shape your daily decisions. Would this choice matter in light of His coming? Would this pursuit hold value in eternity?

Walk in daily obedience to God’s will. He has revealed His will in His Word: love Him with all your heart, love your neighbor, live holy and godly lives.

NEWS AND EVENTS

One Church
We gather again as One Church on Sunday, October 5 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary to celebrate World Communion Day. Sunday School classes are welcome to meet prior to this time. Please check in with your teacher to find out your class plan.

September is for State Missions
September is the month during which we emphasize state missions. Our church's support of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia helps this collaborative make an impact in the lives of Georgians living in areas of persistent poverty. State Mission Offerings will benefit partner ministries like the Together for Hope Initiative and the Fuller Center for Housing. Learn more throughout the month at our website (fbcgriffin.org/state-missions-offering) or by visiting CBFGA.org

Breezeway / Richardson Gallery
We are excited to share the news that Richardson Gallery will be available for use today We will hold a formal dedication of this space later this fall. With the reopening of this space, restricted foot traffic will resume according to our safety protocols in the Weekday Education building. Only Children’s Ministry workers, FBC staff, and children with their parents should be in the Weekday hall as of September 21.

Called Church Conference
We will hold a brief church conference following each worship service on October 12th to vote on the panel of Deacon nominees.

Fall Festival
That crispness we feel in the air reminds us that it’s almost time for our annual Fall Festival at Tobesofkee Farm in Barnesville! Mark your calendar for the fun to be held on Wednesday, October 29th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. when we come together as a church family for a chili cookoff, games, S’Mores, hay rides, Bingo, and so much more!

Wednesday Night Activities
We hope you will join us at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday for a Chicken Fettucine Alfredo meal in Morgan Hall. For more information about our small group offerings and music groups, and to RSVP for the meal, please visit us online at fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights.

Floral Arrangements
If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary or Morgan Hall in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Brenda Goolsby or call the church office.

YOU make our ministries great!
We invite you to fill out the Nominating Committee’s Interest Survey as soon as possible to help our committee prepare for the upcoming year. When they receive your information, they will share it with ministry team leaders who are gearing up for serving in 2026. We hope you will take this opportunity to align your gifts and talents with our ministry work in the coming year.

Giving
Your giving to the regular budget at FBC supports a wide range of ministries. If you would like to give, you may text “fbcgriffin” to 833-245-5264, scan the QR code to the right, place your donation in the offering plate, or mail your donation to FBC Griffin, P.O. Box 908, Griffin, GA 30223.



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