

September 21, 2025

# Offering

At FBC Griffin, we recognize that offerings come in many shapes and sizes. We believe that God has entrusted each of us with resources that are to be used for God's glory and the bringing of God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven." Therefore, we encourage you to be good stewards of those resources.

Feel free to use the space below to share offerings that you would like to present back to God during worship through our online giving feature or by mail. *These gifts may include time, talents, presence, service, prayer, or resources.*

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### Giving Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the back of Morgan Hall for tithes and offerings. We invite you to pick one up or ask an usher for help if you need a giving envelope.

Text "fbcgriffin" to  
833-245-5264 (OR)  
Scan the QR Code to Give



What does an offering of service look like?

Did you know we have a team of individuals who are willing to read scripture for us on Sunday mornings? Some of our students are part of this group, as you see pictured below when Eli read scripture on September 7. If you would like to be part of this group of readers, please contact Leila (leilawellsrogers@fbcgriffin.org).



# Sermon Notes

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

### 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.

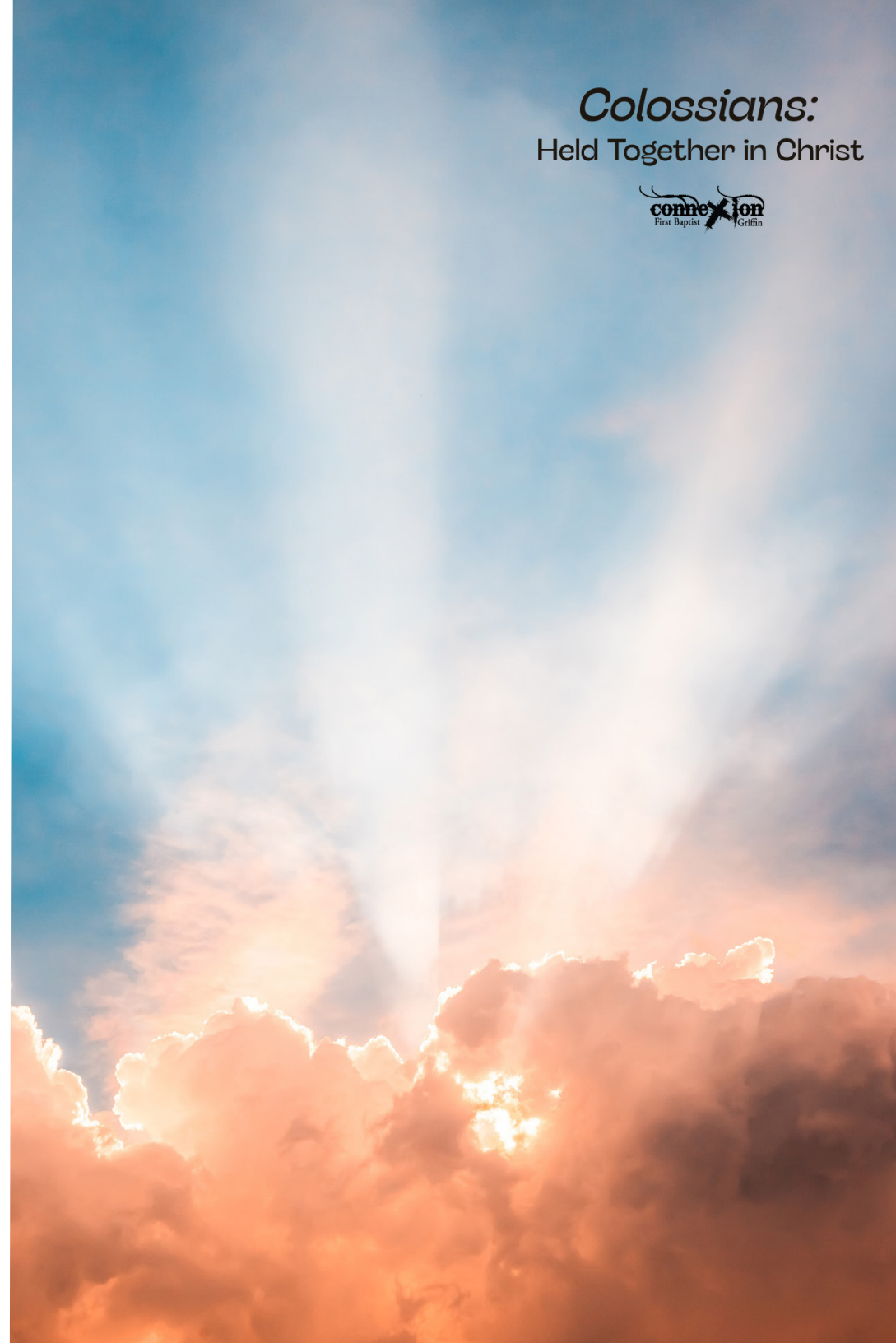
**Examine your affections.** Ask: What do I love most? What excites me, worries me, drives me? If your heart is captured by earthly things more than by Christ, it's time to reset.

**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.

# Colossians: Held Together in Christ



# Connexion Worship

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Same God  
What He's Done  
Song of the Saints  
Christ Is Enough  
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Adam Pugh  
Orietta Russom & Kristin Jones  
Adam Pugh  
Kristin Jones  
Ellee Hilley

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

*Colossians 3:1-4*

TJ Varnadoe

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Childcare

Childcare for babies through age 3 is available on the preschool hall. Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the Time for Children. Following this part of the service, children may follow the Children's Leader to Education Room 207 for a time of Children's Worship, featuring activities tailored to their age. Parents should pick their children up from Room 207 immediately following the worship service.

## 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.

# What's Happening @ FBC

## 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.

### Interest Survey

We invite you to fill out the Nominating Committee's Interest Survey before October 6 (online with the QR code to the right, or on paper with the insert in your bulletin). This survey lets us know the ministry areas in which you would be willing to serve in our church in the upcoming year. Once we receive your survey, the Nominating Committee will inform the ministry teams of your interest, and those team leaders will reach out to you in the upcoming year. We hope you will take this opportunity to align your gifts and talents with our ministry work in the coming year.



### 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 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](http://fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights).

### 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](http://fbcgriffin.org/state-missions-offering)) or by visiting [CBFGA.org](http://CBFGA.org)

### Breezeway / Richardson Gallery

We are excited to share the news that Richardson Gallery is available for use. 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 today.

# Welcome

If you are a guest, please fill out the information below and drop it in the offering basket.

Name

How can we contact you? (email or phone)

# Prayer Request

How can we pray for you?

Would you like for us to share this request with the congregation?

Yes No



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