

October 12, 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.

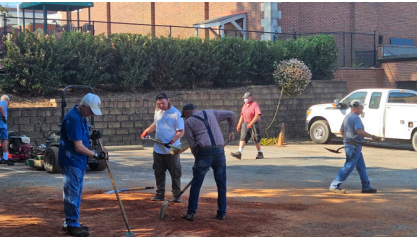
Feel free to use the space below to share offerings that you would like to present back to God during worship through our online giving feature or by mail. *These gifts may include time, talents, presence, service, prayer, or resources.*

**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?  
Work in the children’s playground area has been extensive so far — from cutting trees to moving dirt to spreading straw. Even the parking lot needed cleaning after the tree and dirt removal! Most of this labor has been handled by our church members.



Colossians: Held Together in Christ:  
“Putting on the New”  
Steven Norris preaching

## Your Giving in Action

What Exactly Is “Extra Years of Zest”?

Have you got a zest for life? Whether you find it in the friendships you nurture or the adventures on your bucket list, research shows that staying active and engaged with a social network as you age can make a real difference in the quality of your life<sup>1</sup>. FBC seniors who participate in the adult ministry called XYZ, short for Extra Years of Zest, know the value of gathering regularly to learn, laugh, and share a meal together. They have been meeting for this purpose on the 2nd Tuesday of each month since 1974. When they meet, they are kept informed about upcoming events, ministry activities, and even the developments in their friends’ lives. Guest speakers and performers provide programs at these meetings, and participants have the opportunity to acquire meaningful tips, to be inspired, and to learn more about their community — as in the time Katty Strong (at 103), Gail Hammock, and Andrew Blake shared their experiences growing up in Griffin. These friends enjoy one another so much that they take day trips together to get apples or peaches, or even to go to special events out of town. Gail Hammock fondly recalls XYZ trips to Myrtle Beach, Alaska, and New England. She says the comraderie and friendships found in this group are important to her life. She is grateful the church supports the XYZ ministry as a way to care for the senior adult population. This ministry meets a need in our congregation, and your giving to the regular budget of the church is an integral part of the support of this ministry. Thank you for contributing to the church regularly and for valuing the care of our senior adults. If you would like to become involved in XYZ, we invite you to join us for the next meeting on October 14th at 11:30 a.m. in Morgan Hall.

<sup>1</sup>Mueller, K.E., Thomas, A. Successful aging and older adults’ health outcomes through outdoor-based interventions like adventure therapy: A scoping review. *Journal of Outdoor and Environmental Education* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42322-024-00177-1>

## Vital Signs

Each month, we provide a brief overview of our church’s “vital signs” based on the Finance Committee report and data from Church Community Builder (CCB). If you have questions about the information provided here, please reach out to our church office.

Annual Budget as of August 31: \$956,000	Attendance Averages for August
Revenue: \$961,043.63	Celebration Worship: 153
Expenses: \$940,420.54	Connexion Worship: 115
Difference: \$20,623.09	Sunday School: 197



Colossians:  
Held Together in Christ

# Connexion Worship

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Walk with Me  
I Speak Jesus  
The Jesus Way  
Simple Kingdom  
Send Me

Leigh Ann Williams  
Kristin Jones & Leigh Ann Williams  
Leigh Ann Williams  
Leigh Ann & Ryan Williams  
Kristin Jones

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 3:12-17*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon Notes

## What's Happening @ FBC

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Called Church Conference

We will hold a brief church conference following the worship service today 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, Spookulele, and so much more! If you can help in any capacity (including competing for one of the Chili Cook Off medals), then please sign up online at [fbcgriffin.org/fall-festival](http://fbcgriffin.org/fall-festival).

#### Wednesday Night Activities: Fall Break

Please note that this week is fall break for our local schools, so we will not be holding regular Wednesday night activities. For more information about our small group offerings and music groups, and the meal, please visit us online at [fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights](http://fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights).

#### Advent by Candlelight

All ladies are warmly invited to celebrate the coming Christmas season by participating in the annual Advent by Candlelight — an evening of fellowship, reflection, and worship in anticipation of the Christmas season — to be held on Monday evening, December 1 in Morgan Hall. “Heavenly hors d'oeuvres” will be served between 6:00 and 6:40 p.m. prior to the event, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Reservations can be made online at [fbcgriffin.org/advent-by-candlelight](http://fbcgriffin.org/advent-by-candlelight).

#### Piano Ensemble Concert: The Holly & The Ivories

On December 7th we will host 10 gifted pianists at 5 grand pianos for an evening of Christmas music you won't want to miss. The Holly & The Ivories is free for the community. Families are welcome, but please note that we will not have childcare. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., so come early to get a good seat in the Sanctuary.

#### 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

The flowers in the Sanctuary and Morgan Hall are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 49th wedding anniversary of Janet and Chuck Prothro and the 10th wedding anniversary of Sallianne and Curtis Hardwick. 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.

## 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



Seth Brown, Minister of Students  
& Community Engagement  
Erin Clarke, Minister of Music  
Ellee Hilley, Minister of Worship Arts  
Ron Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care  
Steven Norris, Senior Pastor  
Lori Welborn, Minister to Children & Families