

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 Erin Clarke

Prelude Instrumental Ensemble
Beyond My Fault

Call to Worship Erin Clarke

✦ Hymn 163 WORDS OF LIFE
Wonderful Words of Life

Welcome Seth Brown

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God,
 As we read your word,
 give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
 to receive what you reveal
 and do what you command.
 From your abundance, teach us generosity
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ Scripture Reading Marian Sorensen
Mark 2: 1-12

A few days later, when Jesus entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Lori Welborn

**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 409 CONVERSE
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Offertory Prayer Chuck Prothro

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir
He Looked Beyond My Fault with Grace Greater

*Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise
 For it was grace that brought my liberty.
 I do not know just why He came to love me so,
 He looked beyond my faults and saw my need.*

*I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary,
 To view the cross where Jesus died for me.
 How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul
 He looked beyond my faults and saw my deepest need.*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
 Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
 Grace, grace, God's grace,
 Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

✦ 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.*

Message Ellee Hilley
Tear Off the Roof

✦ Hymn 583 ALL TO CHRIST
Jesus Paid It All

Opportunities for Continued Service

Choral Benediction Sanctuary Choir

Postlude Becky Mozo-Adams

SERMON NOTES

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

YOUR GIVING IN ACTION

We regularly spotlight ministries that are supported in part (or in full) by your contributions to the regular budget at First Baptist Griffin. If you would like to read more stories like this one, please visit our website: fbcgriffin.org/your-giving-in-action.

Life Song
by Lori Harvey

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs up: do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

A faithful FBC lady used this verse as a devotion during the last week of the spring session of Lifesong. These words certainly hold truth for what is going on within Lifesong Ministries, which meets here at FBC. For those of you who are not aware, Lifesong Ministries is a non-profit Christian Women's Job Corp. This ministry was formed with the purpose of educating, encouraging, and empowering women. It provides no-cost training and life skills to women who desire to change their lives but lack resources.

Lifesong Ministries was begun in 2007 by Nancy Anderson. God gave her a heart and a vision for helping women who wanted to improve their lives. Originally, the classes were held at New Mercy Baptist Church, but since 2021 our church has been the ministry's home. Although many women within our church and others from the community work together, Jenny Flowers is the chairman of the ministry, and she is a certified teacher for the Jobs for Life program. Classes are held twice a year with two eight-week sessions, one in the spring and one in the fall. Our church even has a designated Lifesong classroom and office on the third floor.

During these eight-week sessions, the women in these classes learn about jobs, resources, and opportunities within our community. They are taught computer skills, interview skills, and financial training, as well as much more. Each student takes a personality assessment to help them decide on a career goal. They also develop a resume and get advice, from numerous professionals within the community from healthcare to banking. Most importantly, biblical principles are incorporated into every aspect of training. It is truly amazing to see all that goes on over the course of eight weeks and how much these women grow and change in the process.

VITAL SIGNS

As part of our Your Giving in Action series, at the end of each installment, we report on average attendance and financial information available since the last report.

The Numbers for March 2026
Budget: \$122,500
Budget received: \$108,298.38
Expenses: \$110,352.69
Difference: (\$2,054.51)

Average Attendance for March 2026
Celebration Worship: 161
Connexion Worship: 138
Sunday School: 168

NEWS AND EVENTS

Women's Ministry Annual Women's Retreat at Callaway Gardens

Ladies, registration for the women's event of the year is open! Get away with us to Callaway Gardens from October 23-25, 2026 (with an optional day on October 22). Learn more about the retreat at our website: fbcgriffin.org/womens-retreat.

Graduate Recognition

Is someone in your household (associated with FBC) graduating this year? We want to celebrate with you! Please let us know by completing a brief questionnaire at <https://bit.ly/fbcgraduate26>.

May Mission Offering

Each year during the month of May, we encourage giving to our Church Mission Offering. This offering supports local ministries like the Spalding Samaritans who serve people in our community living on the edge of poverty — particularly senior citizens, those on fixed incomes, those who have lost their job, and those who cannot work. Please pray for the Spalding Samaritans volunteers and for the individuals they serve. You may support them financially either by giving to our Church Mission Offering, or give to the ministry directly by mailing your contribution to Spalding Samaritans, Inc., P.O. Box 2097, Griffin, GA 30224.

VBS Registration

Kingdom Quest Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 8 through 11th from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. Registration is open online at <https://bit.ly/KingdomQuest26>. If you can volunteer to serve during VBS, please let us know at <https://bit.ly/fbcvbsvolunteer26>.

Wednesday Nights

The Wednesday fellowship meal on May 13 — our final gathering for the spring groups — will be fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, and cookies. Join us at 5:00 p.m. in Morgan Hall. Learn more & RSVP at fbcgriffin.org/wednesday-nights.

Sign Up to Help in the Community Garden

The Community Garden is ready for action, and we need your help to tend it through the growing season. You can sign up for a week at this link: <https://bit.ly/fbcgarden26>.

Veterans' Information

Help us celebrate our veterans this year! If you or your loved one affiliated with FBC are a veteran, then we want to recognize your service. Please complete the brief survey found at <https://bit.ly/fbcvets26>.

Floral Arrangements

If you would like to place flowers in the church in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Alice Blake or call the church office.

Giving

When you give to First Baptist Griffin, you positively impact the lives of people throughout your community and around the world. Giving can take many forms in our church — gifts of time, talents, presence, service, prayer, as well as financial resources. If you choose to give a monetary gift, we invite you to leave your gift in the offering plate, mail it to FBC Griffin, P.O. Box 908, Griffin, GA 30224, or consider giving online at our website: fbcgriffin.org/give. You may also text "fbcgriffin" to 833-245-5264 or scan the QR code to give. Thank you for choosing to support the church and its ministries, both here and abroad.



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Tear Off the Roof

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