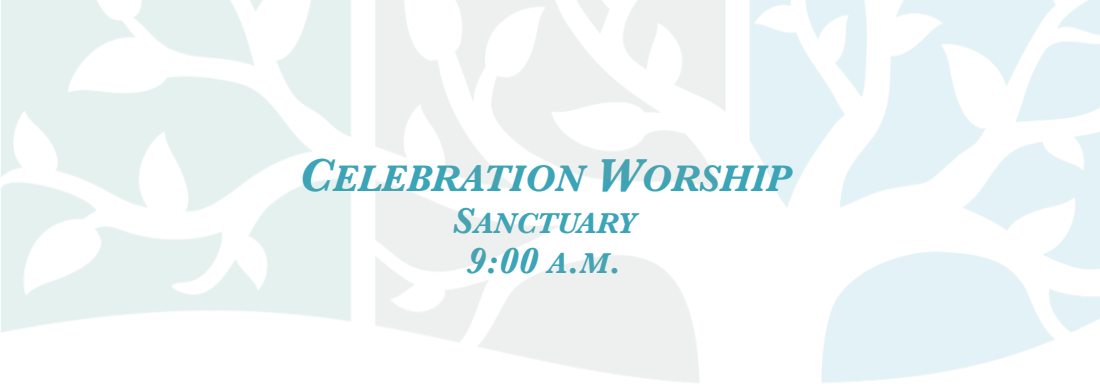




CELEBRATION WORSHIP
SANCTUARY
9:00 A.M.

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 Ellee Hilley

Prelude Becky Mozo-Adams
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, arr. Brent Edstrom

Baptism Jessie Foster, Sterling Foster, & Foster Gover

He is Lord, He is Lord
He is risen from the dead and
He is Lord
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Call to Worship Seth Brown

✝ Hymn 215 Rejoice, the Lord is King DARWALL

Welcome

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 Vivi Benefield
Philippians 4:4-9 (pew Bible page 955)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have

learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Pastoral Prayer Ellee Hilley

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 640 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms SHOWALTER

Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering Grace Alone Sanctuary Choir
Karissa Rushton-Thompson, flute; Ellee Hilley, cello;
Leila Wells Rogers, clarinet

Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we can make
Is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind
Is only by His grace.

Grace alone which God supplies;
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us, our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace.

✝ 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.

Parent-Child Dedication Orry Bowling & Maddie Foster

Message Cultivating Conditions of Generosity: Steven Norris

How Can I Prepare My Heart?

✝ Hymn 409 What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Becky Mozo-Adams

Floral Arrangements

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julie McLean Smith for the anniversary of her birthday, August 12, by her family. 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.

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

God did not create us with unlimited emotional capacity. Honoring our emotional limitations is not selfishness, weakness, or a failure of faith. It is faithful stewardship of the life God has given us. When anxiety and exhaustion drive us into survival mode, we protect whatever energy and resources remain. But when we receive God's peace, attend to what nourishes our souls, and practice life-giving habits, space opens within us for gentleness, service, and generosity.

I. _____ Creates Scarcity

Philippians 4:4-6

II. _____ Creates Survival Mode

Philippians 4:6-7

III. _____ Creates Capacity for Generosity

Philippians 4:8-9

As you apply this week's message to your own life, consider doing the following:

- **One withdrawal to reduce.** *What is unnecessarily draining your emotional energy?*
- **One deposit to receive.** *What life-giving practice, relationship, or rhythm do you need to welcome?*
- **One act of generosity appropriate to your present capacity.** *Not the generosity you think you should be capable of, but the generosity God is making possible today.*

NEWS AND EVENTS

Wednesday Night Activities

Bring your best Italian accent along to enjoy the Wednesday night meal this week (August 12th) starting at 5:00 p.m. While you are welcome to pay in person, it helps us tremendously if you RSVP. You can do so either on our website (fbcgriffin.org/wednesdays) or on the FBC app. Stick around after supper to study God's Word with friends in one of our many small groups. Here's what you will find available for the adults:

- Pastor's Bible Study with Steven Norris: "Invitations to Abundance: How the Feasts of the Bible Nourish Us Today" (Steven Norris) - Hardee Hospitality Room
- Adult Topical Study with Quimby and Louisa Melton: "Beyond Good Intentions: Embodying Generosity with Wisdom" in Bramblett Chapel
- Women's Small Group with Sandra Long: *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund in Education Building 106 (Cheatham Room)
- Man to Man with Chase Hassey: Study in the Book of James located in Education Building 107
- Parents' Group with Michelle Norris and Scott Welborn: Book study entitled *Woven* in Education Building Room 311
- ReCreation with Justin and Becky Keiser: Devotion in the Gym/Weight Room prior to working out
- Griefshare with Jackie Lee, Cindi Leedy, and Hope Wood: Grief Support Group in Education Building Room 301

All children are invited to play in the gym at 5:45 p.m. before our Wednesday groups begin. Childcare is available beginning in the Weekday Education Hall at 6:00 p.m. for little ones ages birth through 3 years old. Pre-K4 and Kindergarten students begin their Music and Missions in the Weekday Education Hall, as well. Students in grades 1-5 begin Music and Missions on the 2nd floor on the Education Building. Reach out to Lori Welborn if you have questions.

Students in 6th through 12th grades are invited to join in the games, worship time, and small group study from 6:30 until about 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center (located in the basement. Reach out to Seth Brown if you have questions.

Musicians also have a place on Wednesdays. From 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. the Handbells Ensemble rehearses in the Handbell Room. From 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. the Instrumental Ensemble rehearses in the Instrumental Room, followed by a brief devotional. From 6:30 until about 8:00 p.m. the Connexion Praise Team rehearses in Morgan Hall. From 7:00 until 8:15 p.m. the Sanctuary Choir rehearses in the Choir Room. If you would like to participate in our ensembles, please reach out to Ellee Hilley or Erin Clarke with questions.

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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