



The Discovery

NOVEMBER 2021

Financial Snapshot



As of September 30, 2021, tithes, offerings, and other income for the year totaled \$1,951,738 towards our revised 2021 budget of \$2,866,127. Our expenses through the end of September totaled \$1,968,089 leaving a negative balance of \$16,352 of expenses over income.

Please visit us at [DiscoverFBC.org/give](https://www.discoverfbc.org/give) to learn about the various ways to financially support the on-going ministries and mission activities of the church.



Sunday

MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00AM—Contemporary Worship

10:00AM—Bible Study

11:00AM—Traditional Worship

Our Next Big Trip is to Huntsville Alabama on January 14 - 16 for The Winter Youth Summit! This amazing experience will be based out of FBC Huntsville, AL and will involve youth grades 6 - 12 from all over the Southeast! Worship times will be highlighted with great speakers and musicians. Down time will feature wonderful times of fellowship and the opportunity to explore a beautiful city. To see more about the weekend's events and register go to www.discoverfbc.org/students, but please don't delay! The deadline to register is **November 15th!**



Dear Church,

All throughout the month of November, there is a giant stuffed Turkey that sits prominently in our girls' playroom. It begins the month in an entirely naked state, with no feathers to be seen. Each day before we eat dinner, Miriam, Evie, and Naomi have to tell us one thing that they have been thankful for throughout the day. Sometimes they are thankful for something that happened to them at school, while other times they are grateful for having the "best mom and dad in the whole world"! After each of them gives us their response for the day, we write it down on a colored "feather" and attach it to the Turkey. Over the course of the month, the Turkey goes from bare to brimming with gratitude. It's a small exercise that helps us to remember all of the things that we have to be grateful for in our lives.

I cannot believe that Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away! Outside of Easter and Christmas, the fourth Thursday in November is my favorite holiday! I can say that for a variety of reasons. One thing I love about Thanksgiving is that I am able to spend an entire day enjoying my family and closest friends. There is no agenda other than eating great food and watching a full slate of NFL games. Also, I am huge fan of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade! The television is on at 9:00 sharp and my crew watches each and every float head down towards 34th Street! But more than anything else, Thanksgiving is the one day a year that our culture unashamedly embraces a spirit of gratitude. There is something beautiful about a day where we express thanksgiving and joy, even in a culture that so often seems the opposite.

But you know, as followers of Jesus, we are called to do more than just give thanks once a year. Really, we are invited by Jesus to be people of gratitude and thanksgiving every single day of the year! I love what Paul says in his letter to the church at Thessalonica, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (5:16-18). I hope we can all hear Paul's words echoing in our own lives. I pray that you will be a person of Thanksgiving, not just during the month of November, but in every single moment of your life.

I can't wait to celebrate this season with you each Sunday morning during this month. I am incredibly grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,
Will Dyer, Senior Pastor



November 28:

Elizabeth: The View from Outside (Hope)

December 5:

Joseph: The View from Below (Peace)

December 12:

Herod: The View from Above (Joy)

December 19:

Mary: The View from Inside (Love)

FBC WEEKDAY EDUCATION by the Numbers

41 STAFF MEMBERS

291 STUDENTS ENROLLED

130 STUDENTS IN MOTHER'S DAY OUT

70 STUDENTS IN K3

67 STUDENTS IN K4

24 STUDENTS IN K5

The Weekday Program of FBC Augusta has experienced a multitude of change since beginning its ministry to the larger Augusta community in 1977. After a year of decline in 2020, these numbers are an exciting pattern of regrowth, hope and possibility for the future.

The Weekday Program of First Baptist Church is a ministry of the church that exists to care for and educate children as the love of Christ is shared. Each week students hear Bible lessons and sing songs of faith as a part of the standard curriculum. Teachers share scripture verses and reinforce Christian character within the classroom daily. However, most families who attend the program are not connected with FBC Augusta. In fact, 20% of families attending the weekday program have no local church affiliation at all. What an incredible opportunity to reach the unchurched right here on our campus each week!

FBC Weekday families were personally invited to attend Christmas Eve services by our ministerial staff, have been invited to numerous family ministry events over the past year and have even participated in benevolence ministry opportunities alongside the larger FBC family. May we continue to see ministry opportunities within the FBC Weekday Program as the church continues to look toward the future.

Advent Calendar of Events

- Nov 11:** Young Adult Friendsgiving (evening)
- Nov 14:** Remembrance Service (evening)
- Nov 28:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec 5:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Dec 10:** Jingle Jam (Family Christmas Event)
- Dec 12:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Dec 12:** Children's Choir Presentation
- Dec 19:** 4th Sunday of Advent
- Dec 19:** Sanctuary Choir Presentation
- Dec 24:** Family Christmas Eve (3:30pm)
- Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service (5:00pm)
- Dec 26:** Ernie & Alison Sizemore (11:00am Worship)



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING EXCITING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO DO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

Take a break from all the baking, the shopping, the endless rolls of wrapping paper, and join us for an unforgettable Christmas experience complete with fun, games, music, and lights!

Invite ALL of your friends and neighbors to this fun Christmas event for all ages.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10TH • 6:30-8:30 PM

First Baptist Church of Augusta in the MAC



For the past 10 years, First Baptist Church of Augusta has been a major partner with The Bridge Ministry of the CSRA by providing volunteers, hot meals, and financial support. The Bridge Ministry is a faith-based 501(c)(3) that was started in 2007 by Pastor Roger Gardner and his wife, Kimmie, to serve the inner city poor and homeless in Augusta. Since the ministry's inception, we have seen countless lives changed, social and racial barriers removed, families restored, and physical and mental health improved. Over these years, we have also helped the unemployed find jobs and housing.

Every other Saturday, The Bridge Ministry provides a hot meal and provides basic life supplies while holding a church service for children and adults under the Calhoun Expressway Bridge at 15th street. This outreach has helped to open the door to restore people's lives with love, hope, and dignity.

We also operate our Benevolence Ministry and Food Pantry out of our office on S. Old Belair Rd where we provides food, prayer, counseling, clothing and financial assistance to those in need.

How can you help?

1) You can volunteer to serve with us as FBC has responsibility for providing food and volunteers one Saturday per month. Our next FBC Bridge Saturday is Nov. 6th which is also our FBC Service Day. Volunteers are also needed for our Thanksgiving service on Nov. 20th where we will serve 400 meals and provide a new coat to all present.

2) We need financial support to operate this ministry and to provide the hot meals and new coats at Thanksgiving. We are planning to give out 400 new children's coats which cost \$20 each. With the hot meal included, your \$30 donation could make a difference in the life of one special child this year. Donations can be made online at www.bridgecsra.org or mailed to our office at **715 S. Old Belair Rd, Grovetown, GA 30813**. Of course, you can give to FBC by designating it to The Bridge Ministry.

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this life changing ministry. For more information, please contact Hugh Hollar at hugh.hollar@colonybank.com or **706-294-4682**.



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