

# Financial Snapshot



As of July 31, 2023, tithes, offerings, and other gifts totaled **\$1,546,170** against a budget of \$1,747,915. Our expenses through July were well-managed at \$1,662,777 resulting in a net operating loss of **\$116,607**. Thanks for your faithful support of our ministries!

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



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## Sunday

MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00AM—Contemporary Worship

10:00AM—Bible Study

11:00AM—Traditional Worship

## TAILGATE FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND | 5:00-7:00PM

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM COLORS, BRING A FAVORITE TAILGATING SIDE DISH TO SHARE, AND JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND GAMES!



## Upcoming SENIOR ADULTS EVENTS

### Senior Adult Lunch

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, REGISTER BY SEPT. 18**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, REGISTER BY OCT. 9**

**12:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

\$12.00 per person

### Senior Adult Lunch and Learn

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, REGISTER BY OCTOBER 30**

**11:30AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

*Special Guest, Millicent Flake from FBC Dalton.*

\$15.00 per person

### Brunch Bunch w/ Melissa

**SEPT. 14 | PANERA 10:30 A.M.**

**OCT. 26 | FIRST WATCH 10:30 A.M.**

Come and have brunch with Melissa for a time of fellowship and fun. Dutch Treat.

Contact **Melissa** ([mwillis@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:mwillis@fbcaugusta.org)) to let her know you are coming.

### Day Trips

#### Yellow Daisy Festival

**SEPT. 7 | 8:30 AM - 5:00PM**

**STONE MOUNTAIN**

\$10.00 for bus seat.

Bring either your money to buy lunch or a packed lunch from home.

#### “Canopied Sanctuary” Farm in Statesboro

**OCT. 19TH**

**STATESBORO**

Trip to Statesboro to visit the farm Carrie Welter writes about in her book “Canopied Sanctuary” with a BBQ Lunch on the Farm. Cost \$15.00.

#### NarroWay Productions

**“The Real Christmas Story”**

**NOV. 30 | 3:00 PM - 11:00PM**

**FORT MILL, S.C.**

Depart from Church at 3:00 pm.

Return to church by 11:00 pm.

\$70.00 per person includes Dinner, Show, and Bus Seat. Limited availability register soon!





## Dear Church,

August was quite a month for the First Baptist Church. I knew that things were going to be busy when I returned from sabbatical, but I don't think I was prepared for just how much was happening in the life of our church! Our Wednesday night programming kicked off with stellar participation and a number of excellent studies to choose from this fall. Sunday morning worship has been excellent. It has been so good to see our sanctuary filled with people throughout the month. There have been countless moments where I have paused and thought about just how lucky I am to be the Pastor of such an amazing community of people.

While all of the things I mentioned above are moments to highlight, there was one significant event in the month of August that deserves a little more attention. On Sunday, August 27th, we celebrated as our friends from the First Baptist Church of Evans officially merged into the life of FBC Augusta. It was a beautiful Sunday, as we prayed, sang, and celebrated all that God has done through the good people of FBC Evans. We also dreamed about what God was going to continue doing in the days that are to come. From the moment I walked into the sanctuary until the time I left our lunch, I felt the goodness of God all throughout our campus.

When Philip (the pastor at FBC Evans) and I first met in the fall of 2018, we began to think about what the future might look like for our two churches. Ideas were thrown around. Some of them were rubbish. Others seemed to be plausible. But everything we talked about that day was rooted in how we might continue the work of the Kingdom of God in Evans and all throughout the Columbia County. Now the day has arrived when we are one family, and as we move into the future, now being one community of faith at FBC Augusta, I am excited for us to continue the journey of asking those same questions and pursuing those same dreams. I know that God is going to do an incredible work in Evans because of this merger. I can't wait to see what lies ahead for us!

For many of our new friends from Evans, this might be the first edition of the Discovery that you receive in the mail. While I hope I am not the first person to say this, I want to welcome you into our shared life! As I tell others who join our church, we are better because you are a part of our community! Get

plugged in with a Sunday School class. Make it a priority to attend worship. Find your place to plug in and serve! I look forward to meeting you and getting to know each of your stories. I am so glad that you are a part of our church.

Whether you are new to our church or you have been here for decades, I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

*Grace and Peace,*  
Will Dyer, Senior Pastor

## Supporting MINISTRY AND MISSION

Last Sunday, I walked into the Young Adult Community to promote our Re/Engage Marriage Seminar. I was pleasantly surprised to walk into a full room! Literally! Chairs were being brought into expand their gathering circle, and a couple of people were standing in the back of the room. What a joy to see so many 20- and 30-year-olds.

A little more than two years ago, we recognized the need to focus on young adults. To do that, we felt like we needed someone on staff to help guide the ministry. Without room in the general ministry budget, we asked the Mission Development Council for help. They provided enough funding to hire a Director of Young Adults for two years. And their support and vision for this mission have truly made a difference. We now have a vibrant and growing group of young adults.

Our next goal is to establish the position for the Director of Young Adults in the general ministry budget. As we look to 2024, that means an increase in a ministry area that is vital for us. To do that, we need your support. Your regular contributions to the budget support these types of goals in our ministry and mission. Does it excite you to hear of growth in our young adult ministry? Then join with us in these efforts. We need to finish the 2023 fiscal year strong so that we can look forward to and fund all that we hope to do in ministry in 2024.

**Jim Walls,**  
Associate Pastor



## Mission Trip RECAP

A few weeks ago, we took a team of nine high school juniors and seniors along with four adult chaperones on a mission trip to Jamaica. This part of Jamaica is not typically what most of us would think of when we envision Jamaica. Rather than beautiful beaches with crystal clear water, we found ourselves perched up in the vegetated mountains (equally as beautiful I might add) in a small region called Catadupa. It was there that we had the privilege of partnering with a local church, Christian Fellowship Church.

Throughout the week, we shoveled mounds of dirt and rocks, hauled bricks and buckets up and down hills, mixed concrete, and much more! It was some serious work! Perhaps the greatest sight for me was seeing our team work together with our new Jamaican friends. It's easy to let moments like this pass by without ever recognizing God at work, especially when it's hot and you're working hard. As I watched all of us working together, I was reminded of Paul's words in a few of his letters when he describes that we are all of members of the body of Christ but have different gifts and talents to share with the world.

This teaching came to life as we witnessed a team of people come together from different countries, with different skills, different personalities, and different approaches and join in God's kingdom work in Jamaica. What a beautiful reminder that what it makes us different from one another is not something to fear but rather to celebrate. It's in those differences that we get a glimpse of God's goodness and majesty, and I'm grateful I got to witness it.



It's hard to believe, but Fall Retreat is right around the corner! If you are unfamiliar with Fall Retreat, this is a weekend for our students to retreat from the busyness of school life and find rest in God's presence along with their peers in the youth group. This is always a special time for them to unwind, spend time with God, have some fun, and get some rest.

**When?: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Where?: BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER (500 PINE DR, FLAT ROCK, NC 28731) OFFICE PHONE: (828) 692-2223**

**Cost: \$150 PER PERSON**

**Theme: "ONE OF A KIND"**

**Register Now:**  
[DISCOVERFBC.ORG/YOUTH-FALL-RETREAT/](https://discoverfbc.org/youth-fall-retreat/)

Our theme for this year's retreat is "One of a Kind." We will be learning about how God has created each of us with purpose and with unique gifts and talents that can be used by God for his kingdom. We'll spend time reflecting on what our gifts are and how we can then use those gifts to change the world.

