

Financial Snapshot

As of December 31, 2023, tithes, offerings, and other gifts totaled \$2,924,546 against a budget of **\$2,996,425**. Our expenses through December were well-managed at \$2,902,341 resulting in a net operating surplus of **\$22,205**. Thanks for your faithful support of our ministries!

Please visit us at 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



Weekday Ed 2024-2025 Registration

MONDAY FEB. 5TH | 9:00 AM

Priority registration for the 2024-2025 school year will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, February 5 for all FBC Families. Visit discoverfbc.org/weekdayeducation for tuition rates, class options and to register.



Dear Church,

I preached my first sermon in 2007. One of the things I remember most is how nervous I was to stand up and talk in front of people. It felt like I was preaching for an hour, while my sermon was actually fifteen minutes. There is no question in my mind that my message that day was absolute rubbish. But I've got to tell you, from the very first time I stood on a platform and talked to people about Jesus, I knew that it was the only thing I have ever wanted to do with my life. It was true then and it still rings true today. I want people to connect with Jesus Christ. I dream of people connecting with our church. I am committed to doing whatever it takes to help people in our community know the wonder of the Gospel.

You have been a part of our church long enough to know my heart, so with that in mind I want to mention a few statistics about finances. Our budget at FBC is approximately three million dollars a year. Thirty thousand dollars a month from our budget goes to pay down our debt. Yes, you read that number correctly. Thirty thousand dollars a month is a staggering amount of money. While math was never my strongest subject in school, I do know that if you multiply that amount of money times twelve, you arrive at three hundred and sixty thousand dollars! Friends, this is the amount of money that we spend every year to pay down our debt.

Here is what that means in practice and, more importantly, why you should care. Instead of being able to use three hundred and sixty thousand dollars a year to further the ministry and mission of our church, aka sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are currently in a position where that money is going to finance our debt. It is time for us to pay off our debt. I am committed to helping us achieve this goal over the next three years! Think about what we will accomplish with such an incredible amount of money every year. Our young adult ministry can be properly financed and continue the incredible growth we are already experiencing. We will deepen our investment in children's ministry, so that our church is the best



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that it can be, ensuring our children are growing up with a firm foundation of faith in Jesus. That's just touching the surface of what we will be able to do when we are free of our debt.

All throughout the month of February, you will have opportunities to learn more about our capital campaign, "Moving our Mission Forward"! Over the course of this month, I want to share with you from my heart about why this mission is so critical for the health and vitality of our church. I trust that you will be as excited as I am about eliminating our debt, trusting that God will do incredible things through our church with the resources that he has given to us. I hope you will make plans to be in worship every week.

Grace and Peace
Will Dyer, Senior Pastor



Senior Adult Luncheon SUNDAY, FEB. 25TH | 12:00PM THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come and find out about our Capital Campaign, Moving Our Mission Forward!
Cost: \$12
Please RSVP to Elizabeth Chao at echao@fbcaugusta.org!

Upcoming CONCERTS



Jubalheirs in concert FRIDAY FEB. 9TH | 7:00 PM THE SANCTUARY

Pre-Service music will begin at 6:30pm.
This is a free concert.



Andrew Peterson in concert
FRIDAY MARCH 22ND | 7:00PM
Andrew Peterson will be live in concert at First Baptist Church of Augusta on Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM as part of his Resurrection Letters tour. Andrew and his daughter Skye Peterson will be performing a long line of songs that are filled with joy, sorrow, integrity, and that are part of a real, ongoing, human conversation.

FBC is selling a limited number of tickets at a discounted price of \$23. To purchase your ticket and reserve for pickup at the event, scan the QR code above or visit DiscoverFBC.org/andrewpeterson/

Upcoming EVENTS



Stuffed Animal Sleepover
SATURDAY FEB. 24TH | 5:00-6:30 PM
We would like to invite all families with preschoolers to join us for a Stuffed Animal Sleepover here at the church. Come dressed in your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed friend! We will enjoy dinner and activities in the fellowship hall. Before we leave, we will share a story and tuck our stuffed friends in for a sleepover at the church. Come back on Sunday morning to pick up your stuffed friend after a night of adventure around the church! The cost is \$20 per family to cover dinner and activities. **Register on the app today!**
Contact Martha Kate Hall for more information, mkhall@fbcaugusta.org

Youth Choir
Winter Retreat back to Pigeon Forge
FEBRUARY 16-19
Youth Choir Festival
MARCH 10TH
Youth Choir has always been a part of the Music Ministry here at First Baptist. For the past few years, we've participated in and hosted the local Youth Choir Festival. This year's festival will be March 10th in the afternoon. Please make plans for your youth to attend rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6 in the choir room or if you don't have youth, jot that March date on your calendar to plan and attend. It will be a great evening!



PLAN NOW FOR CBFGA SENIOR ADULT RETREAT!
SUN MAY 5 - WED MAY 8
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. SIMONS ISLAND
Retreat Cost: \$50/Person (includes two lunches and two fellowships) \$78/bus, \$292.50/person hotel cost.
Trip total: \$420.50/person for a double occupancy room. If you prefer to room alone the total cost will be \$713.00.
We have reserved a block of rooms this year at St. Simons Inn by the Light House.
Please register by February 25, 2024 with your nonrefundable deposit of \$100. Final payment due by April 26th. Contact Melissa (mwillis@fbcaugusta.org) for more information



Easter Egg-stravaganza
SATURDAY MARCH 30TH | 9AM-11AM
Breakfast, Story Stations, Crafts, Bounce Houses, and Egg Hunts.
Candy Donations and Volunteer opportunities are available. Please Contact Carla Parker at cparker@fbcaugusta.org