

Financial Snapshot

As of January 31, 2024, tithes, offerings, and other gifts totaled \$253,521 against a budget of \$249,702. Our expenses through January were well-managed at \$237,946 resulting in a net operating surplus of \$15,575. 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

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!



Dear Church,

There is a day in March where we will celebrate with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is a day on the calendar that is unlike any other we experience! Friends, this year Easter Sunday falls on March 31st. I hope that we understand one simple fact about this day. The Great Day of Resurrection is so much more than just another day on the calendar. Easter Sunday is not just a day where we dress up in our finest clothes and have a feast after worship. Instead, as followers of Jesus Christ, we believe that Easter is the most significant day in the whole of history.

Easter is the reason we follow Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul, one of the earliest followers of Jesus, says we that if Jesus is not resurrected from the dead then have wasted our time in devoting our life to his way. Make no mistake about this fact, Easter changes everything! When God raised Jesus from the dead, He began the work of establishing his Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Easter is the bold announcement that life conquers death, love triumphs over hate, and God's grace will ultimately win the day! If there is ever a day where we are called to pull out all the stops for our celebration, it is Easter Sunday.

In this edition of the Discovery, you can read all about the different events that take place during Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday, we will share a meal together in our Fellowship Hall to remember the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Good Friday we will have a self-guided prayer experience in the Storey Chapel. On Saturday, we will invite the community to join us for our annual Eggstravaganza! Then, in what is my favorite service of the entire year, we celebrate Resurrection at 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday morning. I have this strange feeling that the rooms are going to be filled in both of our worship spaces this year, so go ahead and make plans to arrive a little earlier than usual that morning!

Friends, it is an amazing time to be at the First Baptist Church. As always, I am proud to be your pastor. I can't wait to see you soon.

Grace and Peace
Will Dyer, Senior Pastor



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF AUGUSTA

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED




SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH - Palm Sunday
11:00AM | SANCTUARY - Combined Service
12:00PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL - Celebration Picnic

THURSDAY MARCH 28TH | 5:00 PM
Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
Join us at FBC Augusta on Thursday March 28th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our Agape Meal. The church will provide baked chicken and beverages, we ask that you bring a side to share. There is no cost to you. We do ask that you make your reservation in the church office by Friday March 22nd. You may go to our App or online to register as well. We will eat between 5 and 6 pm. Childcare for infants through 4 years will open at 5:45 pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
Good Friday - The church offices will be closed.
9:00 - 1:00PM | STOREY CHAPEL - Self guided prayer experience



SATURDAY MARCH 30TH | 9:00AM-11:00AM
Time for Easter Egg-stravaganza!!!
Join us for Breakfast, Story Stations, Crafts, Bounce Houses, and Egg Hunts.



We need your help! Candy Donations and Volunteers are needed. Please sign-up using the QR code here or Contact Carla Parker at cparker@fbcaugusta.org to volunteer. Candy may be dropped off in the church office.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST
Easter Sunday
9:00AM | MAC - Contemporary Service
11:00AM | SANCTUARY - Traditional Service

Save THE DATE

Connect to Serve Day
APRIL 27TH | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1ST

Come and live out our mission, "To connect people with Jesus and to our community of faith" through an intentional, intergenerational day of service in the CSRA. We will begin with a continental breakfast and prayer time at 8 am in the fellowship hall. We will then depart to serve in our surrounding community. Projects will range from family friendly to skilled labor. You will have the opportunity to serve in partner ministry settings like Project Refresh, Golden Harvest, Druid Hills Medical Clinic, Men on Mission, Visiting/Singing at our Assisted Living Facilities around the CSRA, Handy-man and yardwork projects for our homebound members, Copeland Elementary, and other on campus mission opportunities (packing Refresh Bags, making cards, etc.) There will be childcare during the hours of 8:30 am-12 pm for children ages birth-4 years. We do have one project that will be available on Sunday afternoon, for a few individuals who cannot participate on Saturday. We will partner with Augusta Dream Center from 3pm-7pm in the Meal Service and Clothes Closet.

We will open registration on April 1, 2024. This is an excellent opportunity for families, friends, and Sunday morning Small Groups to serve together as we live into being the Salt and Light to our community. Circle this date on your calendar and plan to be a part of this important ministry day for FBC Augusta as we reach out to make a difference with our neighbors.

With Joy,
Melissa Willis,
Minister to Senior Adults & Missions



On Sunday, February 4 approximately five hundred people filled our fellowship hall for our annual Chili Cookoff Youth Ministry fundraiser. Whether it was bidding against friends on gifts baskets and cakes or tasting thirty different chili recipes, the night was filled with fun and excitement. However, what made the evening special was the fellowship amongst our community of faith. To look around the room at any point and see people enjoying time together was the real success of the evening.

The money raised throughout the evening supports our student ministry in a significant way. The cost to serve on mission trips, attend retreats, and participate in ministry opportunities continues to increase each year. This increase in cost (especially post-Covid) can burden families who desire for their students to participate in youth ministry activities. The money raised helps offset the cost of these activities so that parents can provide their students with invaluable experiences that influence their spirituality and faith in God. Your contributions help alleviate the stress and burden for our families, and it is greatly appreciated.



The total amount raised for the event was \$18,207! That is incredible! Every year, I continue to be blown away by your generosity and support. "Thank you" does not seem to capture my gratitude fully, but I'm truly grateful for all the ways this church supports our students and their families. Your generosity makes it possible for us to live into our mission and vision to which we feel God has called us as a student ministry. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event! The money we raise is great, but what is even greater is the time we share together as a family of faith. I'm thankful to be a part of this church, and I look forward to many more gatherings in the future.

Blessings,
Matt Hester,
Minister of Students



ANDREW PETERSON
IN CONCERT
FRIDAY MARCH 22ND
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AUGUSTA
TICKET PRICE \$23
FOR TICKET INFORMATION VISIT
[DISCOVERFBC.ORG/ANDREWPETERSON/](https://DiscoverFBC.org/andrewpeterson/)
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/



APPRECIATION PICNIC
Celebration
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024 AT 12 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
RSVP by Wednesday, March 20th to S.Jones@fbcaugusta.org.