



Forerunner

First Baptist Church
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Happy New Year Prayer

Jesus~
I dedicate this year
to You Jesus. I
surrender my will
and plans to You!
I ask that You
will lead and guide
and bring me to
what You would
have me to do!

Jesus
Be all the glory!

I CAN HEAR THE
SOUND OF RAIN



Sundays

9:45 am—Sunday School
(Classes for all ages)
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on FBC Website & 98.1 FM Radio)
6:00 pm Kids & Youth Meetings

Mondays

Bible Study—5:30 pm

Wednesdays

6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1—Happy New Year
Church Office Will Be Closed
January 1, 2 & 3

January 6—Soup Kitchen -
Please have bread and desserts to the
church by 1:00 pm

January 1, 15, & 29
Kingdom Kids @ 5:30 pm

January 14—11 am
Women on Mission

January 16—11:30 am
Loss Support Group

January 19th—Winter Place Resort
Snow Tubing Kid & Youth Activity

January 28 & 29—
FBC Volunteering At Elisha's House

**The intentions of My heart will remain steadfast
forever.**

*The counsel of Yahweh stands fast forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11*

In today's promise, we are reminded that God is steadfast in
what He has purposed. The New Living Translation Bible
says [Psalm 33:11](#) this way...

*But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never
be shaken. (NLT)*



When God determines to do something, His plans will stand firm forever. He is not fickle or temperamental and will not be swayed by public opinion or the winds of change. He has fixed His eyes upon us and has purposed in His heart to love us with an everlasting love ([Jeremiah 31:3](#)). ...

And He won't change His mind!

What our Heavenly Father started in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 1, He will see to completion at the end of the book of Revelation. No force in heaven or on earth will be able to prevent His purposes from being fulfilled. We can rest in God's plan for our lives, for the intentions of His heart will remain steadfast forever!

Happy New Year!

In Christ's Love,

Kevin



Christmas 2024 is now a fond memory, and as we reflect on this past year, we are grateful for all that God led the Music Ministry to accomplish. We thank each one who shared their time and talents with our church family, and we celebrate all of our new members! **"JOY, JOY, JOY"** was a wonderful Christmas worship experience, and we extend a huge **"thank you"** to all of those involved, from the Live Nativity to the Choir, Orchestra, Narrators, Drama, Tech Team, and those folks working behind the scenes to make it all possible. We also thank the Fellowship Team and appreciate their help with our get-together following the Christmas program.

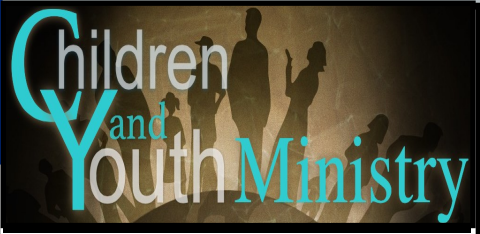
As the new year begins, don't forget to put choir on your list of resolutions. **No experience is needed - just a love of singing!!** We are always looking for new members, and we meet **every Wednesday** in the choir room at **6:30 p.m.** It's a great time of fun and fellowship as we prepare for Sunday morning worship. And...the Easter season is right around the corner, so we will begin our preparations in the very near future. We hope to see you soon

*Another year is dawning:
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning:
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee.*

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As you can tell, the children and youth had a very busy December. Hopefully the Christmas activities will be something they can reflect on for many years to come. I know participating in my church activities as a child are some of my most fond memories of celebrating Christmas!

The youth leaders are making great headway in the youth room renovation and the project should be complete in the next couple of months. The youth would like to thank everyone for your generous donations and would love for you to take a tour when the renovation is complete.

We are looking forward to a new year and are praying for our Children & Youth Ministry. Please pray as we continue the search for a Children & Youth Pastor. The Pastor Search Team will be looking at new ways to assist with the search process. We pray and trust that God will place the right person in this position.

Our Children & Youth program is so very important. According to the Barna Group, only 6% of adult Christians make their decision to follow God over the age of 18. That means 94% make the decision as children and teens to follow Jesus. This proves that there is no time like the present to be shepherding our kids!



PASTOR MANUEL

ANOTHER YEAR HAS COME AND GONE AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS THERE ARE SO MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF WHEN OUR CONGREGATION FIRST STARTED WITH PASTOR ALVARADO. MANY NEW FACES HAVE PASSED THROUGH SINCE THAT TIME BUT MOST OF THE ORIGINAL FEW STILL REMAIN. WE HAVE HAD MANY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE OLD OVER THE YEARS, SOME HAPPY TIMES AND SOME SAD TIMES. IT IS ALWAYS A BLESSING TO SEE MANY OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN FROM 20+ YEARS AGO COME BACK WITH THEIR OWN FAMILIES. WE ALSO LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH OUR NEW PEOPLE AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER WITH OUR INTERIM, PASTOR MANUEL.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU AND MAY EACH DAY OF THE NEW YEAR BE BLESSED.

**PSALM 118:24
THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE
LORD HATH MADE;
WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD
IN IT.**

The Women on Mission hopes that everyone had a Merry Christmas with family and friends and would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

If you want to start something new this year and to learn more about what women on mission stands for, come join us for our monthly meeting on January 14, 2025 at 11 am for good fellowship and ways to impact our community around us locally and internationally.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. One-hundred percent of the money goes directly to sustain international missionaries. The donations go to missionaries to help spread the good news to ones that may have never heard the gospel.

Let the joy of worship at Christmas continue all through the year, every month, and every day. Christmas is all about Jesus Christ. The Christian life is all about Christ Jesus. How can you worship Christ Jesus? You can sing like the angels did, you can give like the wise men did, and you can “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30.

“I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart. I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High.” Psalm 9

The children and youth enjoyed a wonderful Christmas meal of fellowship and worship. Revelation 4:11 says, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being.”

December 2024
Attendance Records

	12/01/2024
Sunday School	96
11 am Worship	169
Evening Attendance	0
Hispanic Worship	45
	310

	12/08/2024
Sunday School	83
11 am Worship	172
Evening Attendance	300
Hispanic Worship	42
	597

	12/15/2024
Sunday School	74
11 am Worship	128
Evening Attendance	55
Hispanic Worship	45
	302

	12/22/2024
Sunday School	87
11 am Worship	179
Evening Attendance	180
Hispanic Worship	45
	491

	12/29/24
Sunday School	78
11 am Worship	141
Evening Attendance	0
Hispanic Worship	43
	262



Max Brown, Mike Coleman,
Shirley & Benny White,
John Garner, Amy Russell,
Johnny Dillon, Rose Houk,
Barry Newman, Nancy Blair,
Frank & Eula Merrill,
Doris Bedwell, Mimi Banks,
Charlie Whalen,
Joe & Sara Lindsey,
Cheryl Harris, Steve Conley, & Joe Sizemore.

Forest & Virginia Newman—Waddell Nursing & Rehab
Betty Parks—Waddell Nursing & Rehab
Iona Adams—Galax Health & Rehab—Room B17
Dolores Dove—Waddell Nursing & Rehab
Pray for all those in the Nursing Home & Rehab Centers
Pray for our country & the U.S. Military & other coalition forces.

In Loving Memory

Donation by Phil & MaryEllen Lemons
To The Lottie Moon Offering &
The Annie Armstrong Offering
In Loving Memory of
Thomasine & Johnny Lemons

Donation by MaryAnn Dickerson
To the Preschool
In Loving Memory of Judy Hennis

Donation by Bill Brannon
To The Music Fund
In Loving Memory of Bill Waddell
To the Beautification Fund
In Loving Memory of Betty H. Bowman
To The Fran Creggar Fund
In Loving Memory of Gardner & Mary Ella Brannon

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld.....Senior Pastor

Mrs. Wendi Pemberton.....Minister of Music

Ms. Barbara Bourne.....Administrative Secretary
Mrs. Marie Combs..... Financial Secretary
Mrs. Nancy Hazelwood..... Organist
Mrs. Patty Davis..... Pianist
Ms. Lynn Frank..... Weekday Preschool Director
Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld.....Preschool/Extended Session
Pastor Kevin Rosenfeld.....Sunday School Director
Mrs. Penny Adams..... Bus Ministry Director
Mrs. Martha Easter, RN..... Volunteer Health Nurse
Rod Hale..... Sexton

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Church Office Hours:
Monday—Friday 8:30—5:00 Friday—8:30—1:00

JANUARY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

January 5 Noelle Edwards
January 12 Sally Hill
January 19 Erica Testerman
January 26 Tara Spurlin

SECURITY TEAM

January 5 Don Houk (Open) Bill Whitaker (Close)
January 12 Mark Burnette (Open) David Rigger (Close)
January 19 Cody Edwards (Open) Scott Hall (Close)
January 26 Terry Anders (Open) Phil Helms (Close)

WELCOME CENTER FIRST IMPRESSIONS

January 5 Karen Dickson Phil & Gay Helms
January 12 Sarah Keatley Basil & Nancy Carpenter
January 19 Robert Leonard Marty & Cathy Parks
January 26 Debbie Patterson Patty Boyer & Debi Dixon

TECH SOUND TECH PROJECTION

January 5 Gary Ballard Jessica Whitaker
January 12 Trevor Anders Bryan Dillon
January 19 Bryan Dillon Jessica Whitaker
January 26 Mike Stevens Trevor Anders

PASTOR KEVIN'S JANUARY 2025 SERMON SERIES

**January 5
"Return to Me"
Zechariah 1:1-6**

**January 12
"A Vision of God's Kingdom"
Zechariah 1:7-21**

**January 19
"A Measuring Line"
Zechariah 2:1-13**

**January 26
"What Happens When We Turn?"
Zechariah 3:1-10**



2025 CHURCH ELECTED MINISTRY TEAMS

2025 OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Bill Davis
Vice Moderator.....	Marty Parks
Church Clerk.....	Patty Davis
Treasurer.....	Nancy Hazelwood

DEACONS

Serving Through 2025

Keith Barker	Bryan Dillon
Bill Davis	Travis Robinson
Johnny Dickson	

Serving Through 2026

David Banks	Nathan Lyons
Royce Easter	Larry Spangler
Calvin Griffith	

Serving Through 2027

Duane Alexander	David McPherson
Jeff Holderfield	Doug Williams
Robert Leonard	

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**Serving Through 2025: Terry Anders
Keith Barker**

**Serving Through 2026: Mark Burnett
Billy Whitaker**

**Serving Through 2027: Cody Edwards
David Rikken**

BUDGET MANAGEMENT

**Serving Through 2025: Bryan Dillon
Calvin Griffith**

**Serving Through 2026: Jessica Whitaker
Nathan Lyons**

**Serving Through 2027: Kathy Burnett
Mike Coomes**

Marie Combs, *Ex-Officio*

Nancy Hazelwood, *Ex-Officio*

PERSONNEL TEAM

**Serving Through 2025: Phil Helms
Tara Spurlin**

**Serving Through 2026: Noelle Edwards
Sue Griffith**

**Serving Through 2027: Jeff Holderfield
Raquel Lyons**

Welcome, **New Members**



**John & Olivia Bass
Joined FBC on Sunday, December 8, 2024**

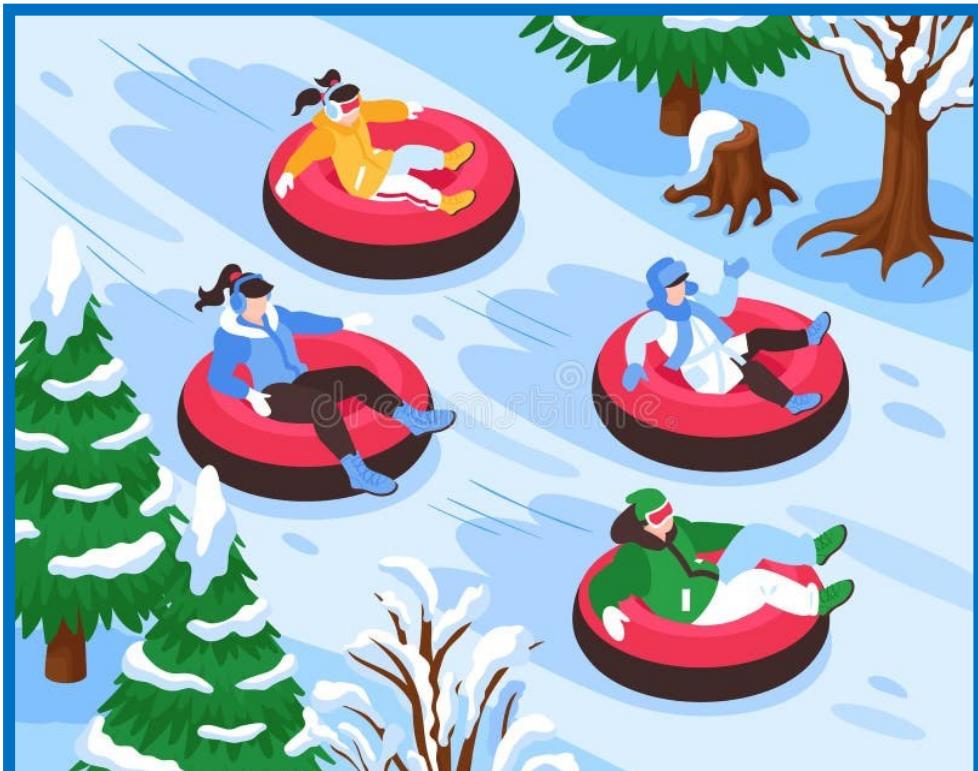
Kids & Youth January Schedule

**January 5th
Christmas Break
No Children & Youth Meetings**

**January 12th
Sunday Night Dinner & Breakout Groups**

**January 19th
Winter Place Resort
Snow Tubing**

**January 26th
Sunday Night Dinner & Breakout Groups**



**First Baptist Church
COLUMBARIUM
NEWS**



A Columbarium holds the remains of loved ones that have passed. Their remains are known as “cremains” that are placed into a “niche.” Niches are the individual compartments within the Columbarium that holds urns.

**The First Baptist Church Columbarium holds
64 niches, 32 on each side.**

Each niche will hold up to 2 cremains held in urns.

Each urn is labeled with the name of the interred person.

A granite cover, serving as a monument, is placed over the niche with the name and dates of the interred person(s) engraved into the stone.

Niche Cost is \$1,650 (designed for up to 2 urns).

Engraving name(s) & date(s) is an added cost.

**Columbarium policy and procedures approved by the
First Baptist Church, govern the entire inurnment process.**

**Please contact the church office for a copy
of the policy and for more information or questions.**



**Poinsettias in Honor or in Memory
Of A Loved One**

**In Loving Memory of
Judy Hennis
Harold & Mary Snead
By Mark & Tracy McMickle, Kristin, Levi & Rylee**

**In Loving Memory of
Glennis Morris & Dennis Combs
By Marie Combs**

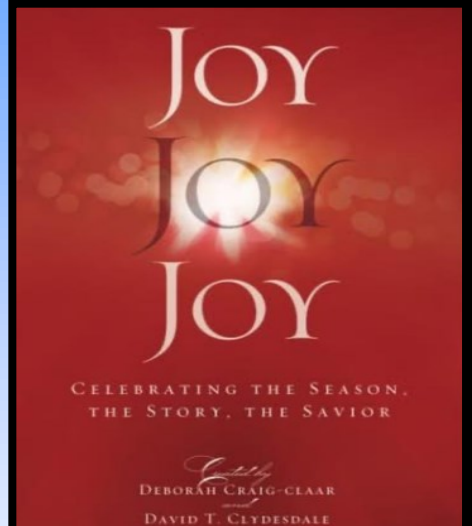
**In Loving Memory of
Esther Jennings & Glenn & Ruth Barker
By Ed & Phyllis Barker**

**In Loving Memory of
Gardner & Mary Ella Brannon
By Bill Brannon**

Sunday, December 8th

**The Music Ministry
Presented An Amazing
Christmas Cantata**

"JOY, JOY, JOY"



**A Big Thank You To The Sanctuary Choir,
Orchestra, Tech Team, Narrators, Drama Team,
Nancy Carpenter—Costumes
Drama & Set—Art Pemberton
The Live Nativity—The Children & Youth Ministries
And All Those Involved With
Decorating The Sanctuary.**

**CELEBRATING
THE SEASON, THE STORY,
THE SAVIOR**



**A Special Thank You
To The Children & Youth Ministries
For Presenting the
Live Nativity
Before & After the Music Ministries Cantata**



**FBC Volunteers Traveled to the Operation
Christmas Child Distribution Center in Boone, NC
To Pack Shoeboxes on December 10th
33,290 Boxes Were Processed On This Day
& A Total Of 439,770 Boxes Processed This Season**



**The First Baptist Preschool
Presented "The Colors of Christmas"
On December 18th**



the
COLORS of
CHRISTmas



O WHAT A
GLORIOUS NIGHT



**The Common Ground Sunday School Class
Enjoyed Their Annual Christmas Party On December 13th
A Special Thank You To Bill Davis For Teaching
The Weekly Sunday School Class &
A Big Thank You To Jeff & Patti Holderfield For
Preparing The Delicious Food For The Party!**





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Faithful
Friends
Who
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Dear
To
Us



Joy
PEACE
Love





Making memories



good times



LOVE & LAUGHTER





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Danny Vo	2 Gloria Ashby	3 Willie Harris	4
5 Sue Griffith Henry Zatarain	6 Ed Fitzgerald Doug Williams	7	8 Margaret Liddle	9 Kathy Bryant	10 Marty Parks Mary Ann Dickerson	11 John Fielder
12 Jackie Cruz	13	14 Graham Parks	15 Mark Burnett	16	17 Lalia Cox	18
19 Bishop Whitaker	20 Lee Coomes Cindi Fitzgerald	21 Terry Madrigal	22 Charlotte McPherson	23	24	25
26	27 Eva Cruz	28	29	30 Juan Hernandez Sherry Lumpkin Jared Russell	31 David Hampton	



January 2025 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Happy New Year Church Office Will Be Closed 5:30 pm Kingdom Kids	2	3	4
5 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service NO Children & Youth Meeting	6 Soup Kitchen Please have bread & desserts to the church by 1:00pm 5:30 pm Bible Study With Pastor Kevin	7 10:00 am Paper Pals	8 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
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SOUP KITCHEN

January 6

**Please have bread and
desserts to the church
by 1:00 pm**

Bible Study



PASTOR KEVIN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

@ 5:30 pm

**You may attend in person or view
through Facebook or www.fbcgalax.org**



January 14

@ 11:00 AM

**Please contact
Christy Sumner
for more information**



Grief has no timeline

**Loss Support Group
Jan. 16 @ 11:30 am
Lead by Bruce Thomas**

**For More Information
Please Contact
The Church Office**



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Each Wednesday

@ 6:30 pm

**If you would like to join the choir,
Please see Wendi Pemberton**

**Elisha's
House**
Galax Area Warming Shelter

FBC Volunteer Nights

For Elisha's House

Tuesday—January 28th

Wednesday—January 29th

Sign-Up Sheet

Is Located Outside The Church Office



Kingdom Kids

January 1, 15, & 29

@ 5:30 pm



Tru-North & Kids Explorers EVENING YOUTH MEETINGS

January 5—No Meeting

January 12—6:00 pm Meeting

January 19-Snow Tubing Activity

January 26—6:00 pm Meeting



PAPER PALS

Each Tuesday @ 10 am

**Volunteers are needed to
help prepare craft projects
for the Preschool teachers.**

Behold

I make
all things

➤ NEW ➤

Revelation 21:5

May God bless you
this New Year!