

Welcome to First Baptist Church

Whatever your need, whatever your reason, **welcome** to First Baptist Church of Guntersville. We know that God has a purpose for bringing you on this special day, to this special place. We hope you feel a genuine (**welcome**) as you share with us in this worship experience. As a church family, we have a clear vision of what God wants this fellowship to do: **“to know Christ and to make Him known.”** True worship is our spiritual priority and loving people is our spiritual privilege.

» Please complete the **guest information card**, located in the front of your pew, and place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the offering time. We will respect the personal nature of the information that you share.

» **CDs** are available of this morning’s message. You may obtain a copy by contacting the Church Office.

» If you have made a **personal commitment** to God regarding your relationship with Him and/or this church, we encourage you to come forward during the **invitation** following the message to share this decision with our church family.

» Our **offering** time is an extension of our worship. As our guest, you are welcome to worship with an offering, but please do not feel obligated.

» Should you **need help**, please see one of our ushers. They’re ready to help you or get whatever help you may need.

» **Wednesday evening** activities begin with Family Supper at 5:00 p.m. and Bible Study/prayer service for adults at 6:30. A variety of activities are provided for children & students as well.

HOW TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

By Baptism: For one who has accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and desires to obey Christ by being baptized by immersion.

By Letter: For one who is saved, has been baptized by immersion after being saved and is a member in good standing of another Baptist church.

By Statement: For one who has been saved and baptized by immersion after being saved, but is not a member of another Baptist church.

Come forward during the invitation at the end of the worship service and tell the pastor that you want to become a member of FBCG, and we will take care of the rest.

Contemporary Worship – 8:15 a.m.

Worship Song—*Jesus, What a Wonderful Child*

Advent Video and Candle—*Peace*

Welcome and Fellowship

Preschool & Kindergarten Choir—Kathy Reaves, Director

Baby Jesus, We Love You

Still, Still, Still

Children’s Choir—Ken Patterson, Director

Hallelujah, Sing Glory with Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Soloists: Sydney Martin, Maggie Gargis, Gemma Brown, Hayes Carpenter

Glory!—Soloist: Audrey Smith

Offering

Worship Song—*O Come All You Unfaithful*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Lord, I Need You*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Lord, I lift Your Name on High*

Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Congregational Praise—*O Come, All Ye Faithful* (#249)

Advent Video and Candle—*Peace*

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Offertory Hymn—*Joy to the World!*(#270)

Piano Offertory

Choral Message—*A Thousand Hallelujahs with O Come, Let Us Adore Him*—Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Candy Patterson

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Living for Jesus* (#605)

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Doxology* (#815)

SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Dec 10—Torrey Whitaker, Gary Weldon, Bruce Haase, Kelly Haase

Dec 13—Tim Couch

Dec 17—Lance Joyner, Dustin Hornbuckle, Jason Braswell, Connor Troilo

Dec 20—Steve Stricklin



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

December 10, 2023




“She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.”

– Luke 2:7

At FBC, we are on a journey to LOVE GUNTERSVILLE!
Our goal is to share the love of Jesus throughout our community both through word and deed. We hope you will join with us as we seek to make the gospel known.

How can you LOVE GUNTERSVILLE today?



 The jail ministry will be putting together fruit baskets again this year. If you would like to participate, we will meet **Friday, December 15th** at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. It should only take about an hour to complete them. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Kevin Hawk at 256-302-2111 or khawk@factory-connection.com.

Comfort and Joy Baskets

- * Baskets for church shut-ins and frontline workers (firemen, police officers, nurses, etc.)
- * Coordinated by Elizabeth Sunday School Class and Men's ETC
- * Baskets will be prepared Friday, December 22nd from 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall.
- * Baskets can be picked up at 11am on the 22nd OR on Sunday morning, December 24th (Christmas Eve).



Sign up sheets for delivery are on the library window. This is a great activity for families to share the love of Jesus in our city. Contact Sherry Manley with any questions 256-571-6242

YOUTH NEWS

- We need your help. Our girls would like to have a girls' weekend retreat in the coming months. If you have an extra house, farm, cabin, etc. that we could rent or use, please let Heather or Warren know. Thanks in advance!
- December 13: Outflow—Sr. High Boys
- December 20: Outflow—Sr. High Girls
- January 12-15, 2024: Strength to Stand

Check the youth Facebook page for event sign ups

-USHERS-

December 10

Adam Bunch Tony Cornelius
David Haegle Eddie Hinote
Sam Lewis David McPeters
Tom Parsley Phillip Robinson

December 17

Buddy Bunch Gideon Ewing
Ronnie Opolka Bruce Snider
Charles Spann Matt Taylor
Mike Thigpen Don Watson

Quarterly Business Meeting Wed. **Dec. 13 @6:30pm**



**TONIGHT
December 10
6:00pm**



**Sunday
December 17
6:00pm**



Catricia Seward Sharing Time

A special speaker will be at our December 14th meeting. Our own Patricia Seward will share her new overseas ministry assignment. Patricia leaves for her work with Muslim refugees this coming month. We meet at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall Thursday the 14th. A light lunch will follow. Each of us will be bringing finger foods. If you don't have time to prepare that, just bring yourself as we have Christmas fellowship together.

MATURE ADULT NEWS

**December 16
10:30 am
Christmas Brunch
Fellowship Hall
Please sign up
Bring Finger Food**



We will have baby dedication during the 8:15 worship service on **Sunday, December 17**. Please let Micah know if your family would like to participate.



Lottie Moon

YOU BELONG @ FIRST

this week @ fbc
week of December 10, 2023

Sunday

Contemporary Worship	8:15 am
Preschool Service	8:15 am
Kids Church	8:15 am
Sunday School	9:15 am
Traditional Worship	10:30 am

Wednesday

Fellowship before Discipleship (August—May)	5:00 pm
Ensemble Rehearsal	5:45pm
Library Opens	6:00 pm
Children's Activities	6:00 pm
Youth Worship	6:30 pm
Business Meeting	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:00 pm

The staff is ready to help you in any way possible. If you would like prayer, an answer to a question, or personal ministry, please give one of these caring Christian leaders a call. They're ready to make a difference in your life!

CHURCH OFFICE: 582-5141

Joel Samuels, Pastor	ext 102
Paul Murphy, Associate Pastor	ext 107
Micah Gilmore, Children's Minister	ext 110
Ken Patterson, Minister of Music	ext 108
Amy Fondren, Financial Secretary	ext 101
Karen Fancher, Secretary	ext 100

Our people came – 12/03/23

FBC SS Total	313
Contemporary Service	280
Traditional Service	129

Our people gave – 12/01-12/04

Undesignated	\$	48,314.00
Savings	\$	210.00
Other Designated	\$	5,365.00
TOTAL	\$	53,889.00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Adult Meal	\$ 5.00
Kid's Meal (PB&J)	\$ 2.50
Family Cap	\$15.00

December 13

- Salad
- Barbecue Sandwiches
- Potato Salad
- Berry Cobbler
- Ice Cream



Terrace Lake Bible Study - 10:30 am
December 11—Rick Moody
December 18—Paul Murphy



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