

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—*Joy to the World*

Worship Song—*Way Maker*

Advent Video and Candle—*Joy*

Welcome and Fellowship

Parent/Child Dedication

Worship Song—*Glory*

Worship Song—*Angels We Have Heard (Glory Be)*—Youth Choir

Offering

Worship Song—*Behold (with O Holy Night)*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*We All Bow Down*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Celebrate Jesus*



Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship—*Angels We Have Heard on High (Glory Be)*—Youth Choir

Congregational Praise—*Joy to the World! (#270)*

Advent Video and Candle—*Joy*

Welcome and Fellowship

Congregational Praise—*Glory!*

Offertory Hymn—*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (#271)*

Piano Offertory

Choral Message—*Wonderful*—Sanctuary Choir

Soloists: Carson Brown, Addie Smith, Caroline Smith

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (#602)*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (#271)*

Postlude

-USHERS-

December 17

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

December 24

Steve Crosthwait	Gary Gray
Eddie Hinote	Benny Hyatt
Harv Holley	Van Reid
Gary Weldon	



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

December 17, 2023



“ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.’”

- Luke 2:13-14

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?



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

MATURE ADULT NEWS

Stay tuned for exciting events coming in 2024!

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 20: Outflow—Sr. High Girls
- January 12-15, 2024: Strength to Stand

Check the youth Facebook page for event sign ups

Sympathy

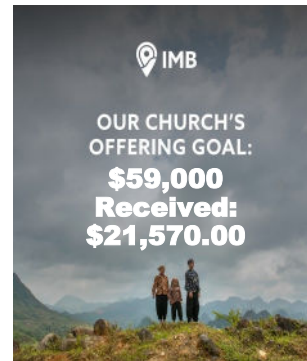
FBC expresses deepest sympathy to Christi Smallwood in the passing of her father on December 10, 2023

SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

- Dec 17—Lance Joyner, Dustin Hornbuckle, Jason Braswell, Connor Troilo
- Dec 20—Steve Stricklin
- Dec 24—K. Hawk, T. Reeves, C. Samuels, D. Samuels, D. Anderson
- Dec 27—Rick Moody, Sandra Moody



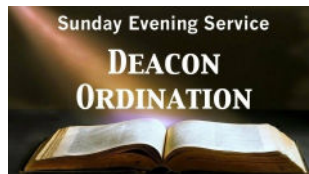
**TONIGHT
December 17
6:00pm**



Lottie Moon



Wednesday, December 20—No classes or activities
 Sunday, December 24—ONE SERVICE, 10:00AM, NO CLASSES
 Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26—Church office closed
 Wednesday, December 27—No classes or activities
 Sunday, December 31—ONE SERVICE, 10:00AM, NO CLASSES
 Monday & Tuesday, January 1 & 2—Church office closed
 Wednesday, January 3—No classes or activities
 Sunday, January 7 @ 6pm—Deacon ordination
 Wednesday, January 10—Classes and activities resume



Deacon Ordination Service
 We will have an ordination service for Taft Reeves on Sunday, January 7 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.

The sanctuary flowers today are placed by Jonathan and Morgan O'Dell in honor of Reggie's first family.

YOU BELONG @ FIRST

this week @ fbc
week of December 17, 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	5:00 pm
(August - May)	
Ensemble Rehearsal	5:45pm
Library Opens	6:00 pm
Children's Activities	6:00 pm
Youth Worship	6:30 pm
Prayer 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 - 12/10/23

FBC SS Total	383
Contemporary Service	362
Traditional Service	258

Our people gave - 12/05-12/11

Undesignated	\$	43,918.57
Savings	\$	—
Other Designated	\$	20,025.00
TOTAL	\$	63,943.57

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

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

WNS will resume on Jan 10

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!



Terrace Lake Bible Study - 10:30 am
 December 18—Paul Murphy
 December 25—Christmas Day



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