

## 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—*Battle Belongs*

Worship Song—*The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)*

Welcome to Guests

Worship Song—*Goodness of God*

Offering

Worship Song—*Make Room*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Doxology*



### Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Responsive Reading—*The Lord’s Prayer* (#645)

Congregational Praise—*To God Be the Glory* (#56)

Welcome to Our Guests

Congregational Praise—*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Congregational Praise—*Be Thou My Vision* (#562)

Offertory Hymn—*His Name Is Wonderful* (#118)

Piano Offertory

Choral Message—*At the Name of Jesus*—Sanctuary Choir

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*I Surrender All* (#596)

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*to God Be the Glory* (#56)

Postlude

### -USHERS-

#### January 7

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

#### January 14

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



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

January 7, 2024




“Don’t be impressed with your own wisdom.  
Instead, fear the Lord and turn away  
from evil.”

– Proverbs 3:7

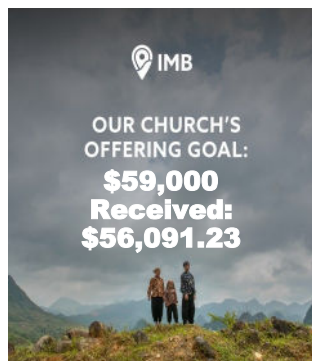
At FBC, we are on a journey to LOVE GUNTERSVILLE!  
Our goal is to share the love of Jesus throughout our community both through word and deed. We hope you will join with us as we seek to make the gospel known.

How can you LOVE GUNTERSVILLE today?





Thanks to your generosity in loving Gunter, FBC was able to provide breakfast for the GCS teachers and staff as they returned to school last week after Christmas break!



**Lottie Moon**

**MATURE ADULT NEWS**

**Winter Bible Study**  
**January 22-24, 9-11am**  
**Room 124**

**Teachers: Richard Moebes and Mark Sheffer**

*Please sign up*

Sympathy

*FBC expresses deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bertha Kernachan in her passing December 22, 2023, and to the family and friends of Lenora Roesch in her passing on December 26, 2023.*

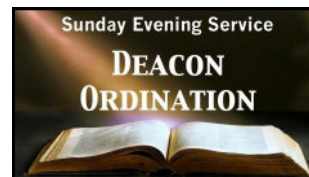
*Deacons' Meeting Wednesday January 10 @ 6:00pm*

**YOUTH NEWS**

- **January 12-15, 2024: Strength to Stand**—There will be a **mandatory** parent meeting **TODAY, Jan. 7 @ 5:00pm** in the youth building. Parents will sign paperwork and hear important details. Youth are encouraged but not required to attend. If you are unable to be at today's meeting, there will be a make up meeting on this **Wednesday, Jan. 10 @ 7:45pm**, after youth.

Deacon Ordination Service

We will have an ordination service for Taft Reeves **TONIGHT**, Sunday, January 7 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.



A New Look at Ukraine

Come to Women on Mission Thursday, January 11 for an illuminating look at the needs of Ukraine and how we can help. Billie Spann will guide our thinking as we learn about God at work in a country at war. We'll meet at 10 a.m, in the fellowship hall. A light lunch and warm fellowship will follow the program.

SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

- Jan 7—
- Jan 10—
- Jan 14—
- Jan 17—



**this week @ fbc**  
**week of January 7, 2024**

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
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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

**Doors Open at 5:00 pm**

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

January 10

- Salad
- Chicken Fingers
- Green Beans
- Rolls
- Wildcat Cake

Our people came – 12/31/23

FBC SS Total	—
Contemporary Service	325
Traditional Service	—

Our people gave –12/28-12/31

Undesignated	\$ 28,653.00
Savings	\$ 210.00
Other Designated	\$ 3,965.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,828.00</b>



**Terrace Lake Bible Study -**  
**10:30 am**  
January 8—Eddie Hinote  
January 15—Duck Williams



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