

## 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—*Emmanuel, Prince of Peace*

Advent Candle & Video—*Peace (Bethlehem)*

Welcome to Guests

Preschool Choir—*“Happy Birthday Jesus”*

Children’s Choir—*“Sing It” and “For Unto Us a Child Is Born”*

Offering

Worship Song—*Full of Grace and Full of Truth*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Offering*

Long Range Planning Committee—Lendell Glassco

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*



### Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Long Range Planning Committee—Lendell Glassco

Preschool Choir—*“Happy Birthday Jesus”*

Children’s Choir—*“Sing It” and “For Unto Us a Child Is Born”*

Call to Worship—*Go Tell It On The Mountain*—Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Praise—*Silent Night, Holy Night (#253)*

Advent Candle & Video—*Peace (Bethlehem)*

Welcome to Our Guests

Congregational Praise—*Christmas Is Jesus*

Offertory Hymn—*0 Little Town of Bethlehem (#250)*

Piano Offertory

Choral Message—*Love Is Breathing*—Sanctuary Choir

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Let’s Worship and Adore Him (#247)*

Announcements

Song of Celebration—*The Blessing*

Postlude

**-USHERS-**

#### December 8

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

#### December 15

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



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

December 8, 2024



*“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”*

—John 14:27 NLT

# YOUTH NEWS

- Outflow; Sr. High Boys—December 11
- Outflow; Sr. High Girls—December 18
- Passion Conference (for college/career, and HS Jrs./Srs.)—Jan. 6-8, 2025
- Strength to Stand—Jan. 17-20, 2025

\*See Warren or Heather for details. Sign-ups are required for trips. Visit youth FB page for links or you may sign up at the youth building.



### Christmas fellowship with Carols and Lottie

Come join in Christmas music with an ensemble from the choir and a story of Lottie Moon and Christmas. Women on Mission meet on Thursday a.m. December 12 in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Bring finger foods and an exchange gift not to exceed \$10. Prepare for special moments with friends and Christmas memories.

### WMU Nursing Home Event

The WMU will host the Christmas Store again this year at the MM Nursing Home. We supply items for the residents “To Shop” for their family and we wrap it for them and the residents love it. We’re collecting items for the Nursing Home in a bin outside of the library. The Baptist Association covers all five nursing homes in the area, so if you donate a bottle of lotion, etc., please purchase five. Thank you from your WMU.

### Operation Christmas Child

Serving Opportunity. On Dec 19th our church has reserved up to 15 spots to help at the Operation Christmas Child processing center in Atlanta, Georgia. You must be 13 years old or older to attend. Please contact Micah Gilmore for more information.



The jail ministry will be putting together fruit baskets again this year. If you would like to participate, we will meet **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** 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, contact Kevin Hawk at 256-302-2111 or [kevindhawk@gmail.com](mailto:kevindhawk@gmail.com).

## MATURE ADULT NEWS

Stay tuned for the 2025 event schedule!

Quarterly Business Meeting Wed. **Dec 11** @6:00pm



### 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 Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.
- \* Baskets should be picked up at 10:30am on the 23<sup>rd</sup>



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



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Goal: \$60,000

Received: \$11,200.00

### SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

- Dec 8**—Lance Joyner, Dustin Hornbuckle, Jason Braswell
- Dec 11**—Rick Moody, Sandra Moody
- Dec 15**—Kevin Hawk, Taft Reeves, Carson Samuels, Davis Samuels
- Dec 18**—Sally Campbell, Blake Campbell

YOU BELONG @ FIRST

# this week @ fbc week of December 8, 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
Library Opens	6:00 pm
Children’s Activities	6:00 pm
Youth Worship	6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting	6:00 pm
Ensemble Rehearsal	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

### December 11

- Salad
- Roast
- Potatoes/Carrots
- Green Beans
- Rolls
- 4 Layer Chocolate Dessert

<i>Our people came</i> 12/01/2024	
<b>FBC SS Total</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Contemporary Service</b>	<b>295</b>
<b>Traditional Service</b>	<b>104</b>

<i>Our people gave</i> 12/01-12/02	
<b>Undesignated \$</b>	<b>16,697.00</b>
<b>Savings \$</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Other Designated \$</b>	<b>11,465.00</b>
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>33,162.00</b>



Visitor QR Code



### Terrace Lake Bible Study -

- 10:30 am**
- Dec 9—Eddie Hinate
- Dec 16—Duck Williams