

## 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—*Jesus, What a Wonderful Child*

Advent Candle & Video—*Joy*

Baptism—Knox Stricklin

Welcome to Guests

Offering

Worship Song—*Holy Forever*

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*Full of Grace and Full of Truth*

Announcements

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



### Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

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

Advent Candle & Video—*Joy*

Welcome to Our Guests

Congregational Praise—*Christmas Is Jesus*

Congregational Praise—*Away In a Manger (Forever Amen)*—Ensemble and Sanctuary Choir

Offertory Hymn—*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Piano Offertory—*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Choral Message—*Go Tell It On the Mountain*—Sanctuary Choir

Soloist: Chloe Stuart

Message—Joel Samuels

Invitational Hymn—*O Come, All Ye Faithful (#249)*

Announcements

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

Postlude

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#### December 15

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

#### December 22

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



WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

December 15, 2024



<sup>13</sup> “Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> ‘Glory to God in highest heaven,

and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.’”

—Luke 2:13-14 NLT

# YOUTH NEWS

- Outflow; Sr. High Girls—December 18
- Strength to Stand—Jan. 17-20, 2025

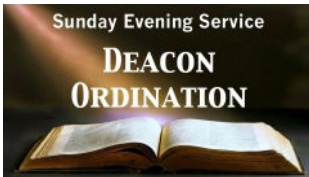
\*See Warren or Heather for details. Sign-ups are required for trips. Visit youth FB page for links or you may sign up at the youth building.

## 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.



<p><u>DEACON OFFICERS 2025</u>                  Chairman – Richard Manley                  Vice-Chairman – Mark Sheffer                  Secretary – Blake Campbell</p>	<p><u>NEW TRUSTEE 2025-2027</u>                  Beginning January 1, 2025, Kevin Hawk will begin filling the 3-year Trustee term vacated by John Boggess.</p>
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**Deacon Ordination Service**  
 We will have an ordination service for Michael Brown and Jarrod Jackson on Sunday, January 5 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.

<p><b>Unoffendable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women’s Bible Study based on the book by Brant Hansen</li> <li>• Begins on Wednesday, Jan. 8 @ 6PM in the P27 SS Room</li> <li>• Led by Rachel Brown and Julie Brown.</li> </ul>
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## MATURE ADULT NEWS

Stay tuned for the 2025 event schedule!

### Sympathy

FBC expresses deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Louise Chandler in her passing on December 5.





**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: \$18,000.00

<p><b>SECURITY VOLUNTEERS</b></p> <p>Dec 15—Kevin Hawk, Taft Reeves, Carson Samuels, Davis Samuels                  Dec 18—Sally Campbell, Blake Campbell                  Dec 22—Matt Taylor, Ray Forrester, Chris Stanley, Darryl Anderson                  Dec 25—</p>
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# this week @ fbc

## week of December 15, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday</b>	
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	7:00 pm
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!

<b>CHURCH OFFICE:</b>	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

**WNS will resume on January 8, 2025**  
 Merry Christmas  
 And  
 Happy New Year!

<i>Our people came</i>	12/08/2024	
<b>FBC SS Total</b>		<b>332</b>
<b>Contemporary Service</b>		<b>333</b>
<b>Traditional Service</b>		<b>110</b>
<i>Our people gave</i> 12/03-12/09		
<b>Undesignated</b>	\$	<b>41,165.50</b>
<b>Savings</b>	\$	<b>4,600.00</b>
<b>Other Designated</b>	\$	<b>10,286.80</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>56,052.30</b>

**Terrace Lake Bible Study - 10:30 am**  
 Dec 16—Duck Williams  
 Dec 23—Neil Gunter



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