

# 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 scan the **QR code** on the inside of the bulletin to complete the **guest information**. 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 6:00. 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—What An Awesome God**

**Worship Song—Emmanuel, Prince of Peace**

**Advent Candle & Video—Love**

**Welcome to Guests**

**Worship Song—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**Offering**

**Worship Song—Wonderful**

**Message—1 John 4:9-10—Joel Samuels**

**Song of Invitation—Lord, I Need You**

**Announcements**

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



## Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship—This Is Christmas—Sanctuary Choir**

**Soloist: Morgan O'Dell**

**Congregational Praise—Angels From the Realms of Glory (#259)**

**Advent Candle & Video—Love**

**Welcome to Guests**

**Congregational Praise—The First Noel (#265)**

**Choral Message—Our God With Us—Sanctuary Choir**

**Soloist: Tim Hays**

**Offertory Hymn—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#277)**

**Piano Offertory**

**Choral Message—Son of the Living God—Sanctuary Choir**

**Soloist: Candy Patterson**

**Message—1 John 4:9-10—Joel Samuels**

**Invitational Hymn—What Child Is This (#281)**

**Announcements**

**Song of Celebration—Go, Tell It on the Mountain (#258)**

**Postlude**

## -USHERS-

**December 21**

Steve Crosthwait  
Eddie Hinote  
Benny Hyatt

**December 28**

Tony Cornelius  
Eddie Hinote  
David McPeters

Randy Godwin  
Sam Lewis  
Phillip Robinson



**December 21, 2025**



*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”*

*—John 3:16 NLT*



Commitment Card  
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**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**  
Goal: \$60,000  
Received: \$20,014.00

**Winter Bible Study**  
For All Adults  
6 Wednesday Evenings  
Jan. 7-Feb. 11  
Sanctuary 6 PM  
The Gospel of John

Session Leaders  
Mike Reaves Steve Rowe  
Candy Patterson Rick Moody  
Sherry Manley Joel Samuels  
Study Guides Provided

## YOUTH NEWS

- Jan 7: Strength to Stand balances due (\$250 total cost)
- **Jan 11, 2026: STS Parent/Student Meeting @ 5:00pm**
- Jan 16-19, 2026: STS, Gatlinburg, TN
- Jan 28: Outflow Jr. High Boys
- Feb 18: Outflow Jr. High Girls

\*Sign-ups at Youth Building or Online\*  
Facebook: FBCgvilleyouth  
Instagram: GFBC Youth



Wednesday-Friday, December 24- 26—Church office closed  
 Wednesday, December 24—No classes or activities  
 Sunday, December 28—ONE SERVICE, 10:00AM, NO CLASSES  
 Wednesday-Friday, December 31-January 2—Church office closed  
 Wednesday, December 31—No classes or activities  
 Wednesday, January 7—Classes and activities resume



### 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 **TODAY**, Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.
- \* Baskets should be picked up after Sunday School **TODAY** (December 21<sup>st</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

## MATURE ADULT NEWS

Stay tuned for exciting things happening in 2026!



## this week @ fbc

week of December 21, 2025

### 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
(September - May)	
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

**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 12/14/2025

8:15 Service	254
8:15 Nursery/Children	63
10:30 Service	115
Worship Total	432
FBC SS Total	341

Our people gave 12/09-12/15

Undesignated	\$ 36,953.00
Building By Faith	\$ 83,830.00
Other Designated	\$ 15,330.00
TOTAL	\$ 136,113.00

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Doors Open at 5:00 pm	
Adult Meal	\$ 5.00
Kid's Meal (PB&J)	\$ 2.50
Family Cap	\$15.00

WNS will resume on  
January 7, 2026  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!

### Terrace Lake Bible Study

10:30 am  
Dec 22—Keith Swisher  
Dec 29—Eddie Hinote



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