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First Baptist Church of Seabrook Newsletter December 2023/January 2024

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A Message from the Pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

This Newsletter covers both December and January. The end of one year and beginning of the next. A time to look back and a time to look forward.

2023 was quite the ride! We went through some very difficult times, and we enjoyed some really awesome times! All in all, we were privileged to see God work in our midst. He turned a bleak financial situation completely around. He blessed us with good, solid, growth, not just in numbers but in spiritual depth. Our church was able to send multiple mission trips to Puerto Rico and one to Senegal. The youth had an awesome year! We saw folks come to Christ and we witnessed a ton of baptisms! It was quite the year!

Looking forward, I am excited about 2024. This should be the year that we make progress on the use of the old bank building. I anticipate expanding our Missions programs in both Puerto Rico and Senegal. The possibilities of 2024 are endless!

I was asked a penetrating question a few days ago. The question was, "If we were to start a church from scratch today, what would it look like?" This question caused me to consider what we do as "church" now and why do we do it? Of course, the Word and the Gospel do not change, but the way church is done does change. What would we do differently? What would remain the same?

As I thought about the question above, I realized that we have so much more than most church planters. We have more than just a core of believers. We have sufficient finances. We have space for worship and discipleship. People starting a church from scratch have none of these things. We really need to pray about how we are using the precious assets we already have, our people, our space, and our finances. If it's possible to do better with what God has given us, that's what I want to do!!! How about you?

It's a question about Stewardship we all need to answer. Matthew 25:14-18 reads this way:

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money."

At the end of this parable, the poor steward, the one who buried his master's money heard this, "You wicked and slothful servant!". Let's purpose together to be good stewards of all the Lord has given us!

On a personal note – Gerda and I could not be more grateful for the support we are receiving from our church family. We could not get through what we are going through without you! Thank you for all that you've done for us and are doing for us. Thank you for the prayers! God is being glorified by the way you are caring for us!

December/January Calendar

Month-Long Focus Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

December 03—10

- Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering

Sunday, December 03

- Lord's Supper Services
- 1st Week of Advent

Saturday, December 09

- Community Outreach 4th Annual Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 10

- 2nd Week of Advent

Tuesday, December 12

- Mom's Meet-Up

Sunday, December 17

- 3rd Week of Advent
- Christmas Cantata
- NO Children's Church

Thursday, December 21

- Men's Prayer Breakfast at Hap's at 8:30 am

December 20—January 02

- Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 24

- Children's Church PJ & hot cocoa party
- Cookies & Hot Cocoa Fellowship
- 4th Week of Advent
- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 7:00 pm

Monday, December 25

- NO Men's Ministry Bible Study

Wednesday, December 27

- No Evening Services

January — Month-Long Children's Church Outreach

Sunday, January 01

- No Men's Ministry Bible Study

January 04— 07

- Blast & Cast Men's Ministry—Rockport

Sunday, January 7

- Lord's Supper Services

Monday, January 08

- Men's Ministry Bible Study Resumes
- Hospitality Committee Recruitment & 2024 Planning Meeting at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 09

- Mom's Meet-Up

Wednesday, January 10

- Church Council Calendar Information Due

Thursday, January 18

- Men's Prayer Breakfast at Hap's Cajun at 8:30 am

Saturday, January 20

- February Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 28

- Quarterly Children's Church Meeting & Luncheon

Weekly Schedule

Sunday **NO Children's Church 12/17

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 9:30 am	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	1st Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	Children's Church/Pre-K Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	Berean Adult Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	Women's Sunday School	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	Youth Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	1st Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	Children's Church/Pre-K Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Monday **Not Meeting 12/25 & 1/1

6:30 pm.....	Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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Wednesday **No Evening Service 12/27

6:30 — 7:30 pm	Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades)	1506A Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)



**Church Office will be closed
December 20—January 02**

Regular Office Hours
Tuesday - Thursday
9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

December 2023 Tellers

Dec. 03	John and Cheryl Harrison
Dec. 10	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater and Pat Smartt
Dec. 17	Larry and Laurie Cooper
Dec. 24	Michelle Hazlett and Linda Long
Dec. 31	Volunteers Needed!!

January 2024 Tellers

Jan. 07	John and Cheryl Harrison
Jan. 14	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater and Pat Smartt
Jan. 21	Larry and Laurie Cooper
Jan. 28	Michelle Hazlett and Pat Smart

Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...

General Funds	
October 2023 Contributions	\$43,026.71
Building Fund	
October 2023 Contributions	\$100.00
Missions Fund	
October 2023 Contributions	\$4,764.74

*Thank
you for
your
faithful
giving!*



If you have a need for prayer, please call the church office at 281-474-3281 or use our website fbcsea-brook.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the "Prayer Requests" button. We are happy to pray with you!!

Prayer Requests

Birthdays

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Alyssa Clark
Steve Mewborn
Christopher Thomas
Katie Feehan
Barbara Sue Smith
Cody Stewart
Pastor Rob Purdy
Lori Gregory
Eileen Morse
Rayma Solis
Ronda Cannon
Brennon Malone
Joyce Fisher-Clark
Bob Snow
Douglas Brown
Pat Broussard
Lupe Rodriguez
Lawrence Wall
Zan Sine
Mary Kinsey
Bobby Laird



William Williams
Robert Weldon Sr.
Steven Balistreri Jr
Mary Johnson
Lisa Jobe
Levi Burrows
Andrea Harrington
Lucile Phelps
Betty Coker
Tommy Miller
Wayne Stewart
Joy Moss
Theresa Smith

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Christmas Blessing Project

The Benevolence Department of FBCS will be purchasing gifts for children of families in the community struggling to make ends meet.

Here's where YOU can help... Donate! No \$\$\$ amount is too small or too large!

If you can help, please mark your offering envelope "Christmas Blessing".



Sunday, Dec. 3 & Jan. 7

OBSERVANCE OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service

**LOTTIE
MOON**

**Christmas
Offering**

Providing financial support for missionaries
as they share the gospel overseas

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Week of Prayer: Dec. 3—10, 2023

Generous giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering makes a massive difference in the world. Men, women, children and entire communities are transformed as a result of this offering. Your gifts enable thousands of missionaries to live among, serve and share the gospel with people who have never heard it until now.

Every December since 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has empowered Southern Baptists' international missions work. At the beginning of this giving season, we start with a week of prayer dedicated to international missions.

Please prayerfully consider how you can give to support International missionaries and their ministries.

Holiday Schedule Changes

Dec. 17	NO Children's Church
Dec 20—Jan2	Church Office Closed
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7pm
Mon. Dec. 25	No Men's Ministry Bible Study
Wed. Dec. 27	No Wednesday Evening Service
Mon. Jan. 01	No Men's Ministry Bible Study

Come Celebrate the
birth of JESUS!

First Baptist Church of
Seabrook's 4th Annual

CHRISTMAS Festival

Saturday, December 9th
1:00-4:00 pm

- Live Nativity
- Bounce House
- Hot Cocoa
- S'mores Making
- Games
- Hay Rides
- Cotton Candy
- Crafts



Mom's Meet-Up

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 and January 9, 2024
at 10:00 am
Location to be determined

*For information please contact April Burrows
at 660-492-7688.*



First Baptist Church of Seabrook Presents...

I Call Him Lord

Sunday, December 17, 2023
9:30 & 11:00 am



PreK & Children's Church Christmas Parties

PJ's & Hot Cocoa
December 24, 2023 @ 9:30 & 11:00 am




Cookies & Hot Cocoa Fellowship

Sunday, December 24, 2023
immediately following each worship service

FBC Seabrook Youth Fundraiser

These beautiful 2023 calendars make
nice and easy Christmas gifts. They
are located in the foyer.

\$10.00



WALL CALENDAR

*All information is available in the foyer
of the church.*



Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, Dec. 21st & Jan. 18th at 8:30 am

Men will gather at Hap's Cajun Meats & Market, 902 E.
Main St., League City, on the third Thursday each month
to eat an awesome breakfast and pray together.

Due to limited space there is a need to reserve your spot.
Follow Hap's on Facebook and you should be able to
make your reservation there or call 281-525-6167.

First Baptist Church of Seabrook

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24
7:00 PM



NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

12/27/23

Men's Monday Night Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

Meets Every Monday

In person at 6:30 pm, Live Stream begins at 7:00 pm

Holiday Break, NOT meeting 12/25 & 01/01

BLAST&CAST

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Rockport Event ~ January 4—7, 2024

Hospitality Committee Planning and New Recruitment Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024
at 6:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join this fun committee and help plan fellowships and activities for the year. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas. If you have questions or suggestions please contact Mandy Stilwell at mandy_stilwell@comcast.net.



INFORMATION DEADLINE
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

The Church Council will be planning for the months of February, March and April. It is imperative that the servant leaders, administrative staff and all Ministry leads, Committee Leads and Directors take the time to plan for these months. Please email fbcseabrook@yahoo.com.

Join us
for this
10-session
study of
1, 2 & 3 John.



Lifeway.women

FBC Seabrook Women's Ministry Fall/Winter Bible Study Resumes

Sunday's at 5:00 pm

Or

Thursday's at 10:30 am

Part Two ~ January 14 through February 22

Deadline
for February 2024

Newsletter Submissions

Saturday,
January 20th

Quarterly Children's Ministry Teachers/Volunteers Meeting & Luncheon

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Immediately following 2nd service

December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Week of Prayer: December 3 - 10, 2023					1	2
3 9:30 & 11:00 am Lord's Supper Services	4 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	5	6 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club	7	8 	9 1:00 - 4:00 PM 4th Annual Christmas Festival
10	11 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	12 10:00 am Mom's Meet-Up	13 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club	14	15	16
17 9:30 & 11:00 am Christmas Cantata NO Children's Church	18 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	19	20 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club	21 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Meeting at Hap's Cajun	22	23
24 9:30 & 11:00 am Children's Church Christmas Parties 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 NO Men's Ministry Meeting	26	27 No Evening Services	28	29	30
31				<div>Church Office Closed December 20 thru January 2</div>		



January 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO Men's Ministry Meeting	2	3 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club	4	5	6
7 9:30 & 11:00 am Lord's Supper Services	8 6:30 PM Hospitality Meeting Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	9 10:00 am Mom's Meet-Up Church Council Information Deadline	10 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club	11	12	13
14 5:00 pm Women's Ministry Bible Study	15 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	16	17 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club	18 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Meeting 10:30 am Women's Bible Study	19	20 
21 5:00 pm Women's Ministry Bible Study	22 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	23	24 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club	25 10:30 am Women's Ministry Bible Study	26	27
28 NOON Children's Church Volunteer Mtg. 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study	29 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	30	31 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Bible Study and Kid's Club			

Blast & Cast ~ Rockport ~ January 4-7