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December Edition for First Baptist Church

In Home Date By: This Friday,
December 1

| SYMPATHY

Linda Routon and family, in the loss of her brother, Charles Latham, on October 17.

The family of Clyde Leon Butler, who passed away on October 19.

Michael T. Smith and family, in the loss of his mother, Marie Smith, on October 23.

Gary Bittiker and family in the loss of his father, Gary Bittiker Sr. on October 25.

The family of Lou Andrews, who passed away on October 29.

The family of Doris Cranford, who passed away on November 11.

| DECISIONS

SALVATIONS

Alexis Eich	
Brianna Weems	
Elea Hoffman	
Lynsi Frank	
Julian Cancino	
Danielle Parish	
Grace Witte	CAS 2nd Grade
Caleb Cox	CAS 3rd Grade
Cally Points	CAS 4th Grade
Trevor & Dalana Geltmeier	West Adults
Forest Martin	West
Adeline Miller	West
Annabelle Miller	West
Valerie Reginald-Fombo	West
Ruby Claire Ohmstede	3rd Grade
Landon Lehman	3rd Grade
Rhett Baber	3rd Grade

| DECISIONS

SALVATIONS

Lola Norwood	3rd Grade
Cayto Mayfield	3rd Grade
Jonathan Biter	3rd Grade
Hank Wynne	4th Grade
Erin Levick	DT Bunton

NEW MEMBERS

Brayden Jennings	
Glenn Jaralba	CAS
Sarah Greenway	DT Delgado
Ashley & Jessica Eiserloh	DT Snodgrass
Justin & Reneta Viray	DT Ashcraft
Jon & Candy Kennealy	DT Hardy
Payton Tongate	6th Grade
Ben Lofland	7th Grade
Tucker Strealy	9th Grade
Hannah Reed	10th Grade

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For more news and events check out
our webpage at fbcwf.org/events.

Ways to continue your giving to First Baptist Church

1. Online at: fbcwf.org/giving
2. Generosity Boxes
3. Mail in
4. Drop off at Church Office

Please note:
Our Focus is printed in
advance. For up to date
information, check our
social media and your Life
Group connections.



Celebrate
the joy!

Christmas EVE

6 IDENTICAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24



FBCWF DOWNTOWN
9:30AM, 11:00AM,
4:00PM

CHURCH AT SHEPPARD
11:00AM

FBCWF WEST CAMPUS
9:45AM, 11:00AM

A Christmas Series by
BOB MCCARTNEY

Season of Giving



Monthly Budget Review

	October	Year-to-Date
Budget	\$718,057	\$4,825,627
Actual	\$599,708	\$4,319,110
Difference	\$-118,349	\$-506,517



A MESSAGE FROM *Pastor Bob*

Christmas is here! I joke a lot about not allowing Christmas music or decorations until after Thanksgiving, but I really do love Christmas. We have a number of ways for you to focus on the true meaning of Christmas this year at First Baptist Church.

First, Christmas in the Falls is coming. On Sunday, December 10, our music ministry will present a special Sunday morning worship experience in all our services. Our Special guests are “SHINE,” a group of college students from Liberty University. You will be in awe of their talent and love for the Lord.

Second, Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year. Having Christmas Eve on Sunday creates some unique challenges for us. It is a Sunday so we will be worshipping on Sunday morning, however, we will not have LIFE groups. It is also Christmas Eve and we know you want to spend time with your family. We have created multiple opportunities for you to choose which worship service you would like attend.

At the Downtown campus we will have three identical Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. The three services are at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. West will worship at 9:30 and 11:00. Church at Sheppard will worship at 11:00. All the services will feature Christmas music and I will preach the same message in all the services. They all will conclude with our tradition of lighting candles and singing “Silent Night”.

Merry Christmas

Bob McCartney
Senior Pastor



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 9:30AM & 11:00AM

11:00 EAST | RANDY & JARED WOOD

Year End Giving Makes a Difference

Please prayerfully consider your year-end giving for First Baptist as we close out 2023. We are dependent on the support of our members to maintain the Ministries of First Baptist Church.

Giving may be done either:

- **In person**- The church offices will be open Friday, December 29 until 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 31 until 1:00 P.M.
- **Online**- On our website or on the app.
- **Mail**- Remember, your year-end gifts must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, to be counted for this year.
- **Transfer of Stock or other properties** (please contact the Business Office at 723-2764). Once again, thank you for your financial support for First Baptist Church.

Christmas Eve Services

Once again this year, Christmas Eve will be celebrated at all three of our campuses with a time of worship and a special message from Pastor Bob. Families throughout our area make these services an important part of their Christmas. Our Downtown campus will offer three services at 9:30am, 11:00am and 4:00pm. while our satellite campuses, Church at Sheppard will have one service at 11:00am and Our West campus will offer two services at 9:30am and 11:00am. Additionally, there will be no childcare or LIFE Groups in order to allow you to attend worship services as a family on Christmas Eve. Join us as we celebrate the real reason for the Christmas season, Jesus Christ!



Angel Tree

Please help us bless children this Christmas season by being a part of the Angel Tree outreach. This ministry enables us to provide gifts to children in our community whose parents are incarcerated. Gifts need to be wrapped and brought back by Sunday, December 3. We will be delivering gifts on Thursday, December 7 from 10:00am - 6:30pm. If you would like to volunteer to help deliver gifts, email Robbin at ravenius@fbcwf.org. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child!

Birthday Party for Jesus

On Sunday, December 10, babies-Grade 5 will celebrate JESUS' Birthday in their Life Group. Enjoy sweet treats (Age two and up), FUN Crafts & Games, and a GIFT for everyone! See more details at www.fb.com/kidzonewf.



www.fbcwf.org/socialmedia

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

provides support to
Baptist missionaries around the world



Lottie Moon

When you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, your financial gifts go to enable gospel transformation among the unreached. Offering envelopes and prayer guides will be available in December. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you give this year!



Loft After Party

Loft After Party on Sunday, December 3 12:15 -2:30pm Kid Zone/Downtown & West Campus! Parent/Camp-er Info. meeting-for our third-fifth grader parents and kids to hear about Student Life Kids Camp 2024! Sign up starts December 10! After the meeting kids will stay for pizza and fun! Check Campus times: www.fbcwf.org

Student Life KIDS CAMP

Sign Up Now for Student Life Kids Camp (beginning Sunday, December 10) for Grades 3-5 June 4-7/Mt. Lebanon Camp, Cedar Hill, TX the cost is \$400/\$150 deposit (included in fee). Register by Sunday, January 21 to reserve your spot! Limited space available!