



Love God. Love Others.
Make Disciples. Make a Difference.

NOVEMBER 2025

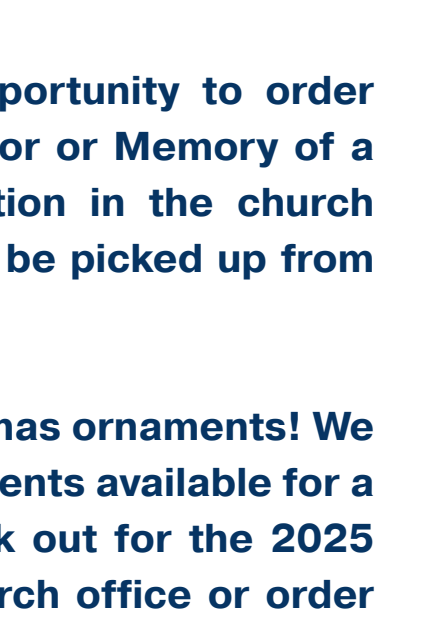
First Baptist Presents Evening in Bethlehem A Live Nativity



November 30
Begins at 5:30pm
Starts on Tisdale Street



Operation
Christmas
Child
Ingathering
11/23



Save the Date for these Special Events!

- **11/23 - Operation Christmas Child Ingathering!** Pick up boxes and a suggested supply list at the church.
- **12/2 - Acts 6 Widows and Widowers Banquet - 6pm, Family Life Center**
- **FBC members and friends will have the opportunity to order Christmas Poinsettias to be displayed in Honor or Memory of a loved one. Please watch for order information in the church bulletin and on the website. Poinsettias can be picked up from the church on Dec. 21**
- **Brighten your holiday season with FBC Christmas ornaments! We have a limited supply of 2023 and 2024 ornaments available for a minimum donation of \$25 and be on the look out for the 2025 FBC Christmas ornament! Pick up at the church office or order online**

Welcome Ralph Gunter!



Over the past few months we have been in prayer concerning how to more effectively minister to our older adults and especially our membership with less mobility than in the past. I am excited that God has answered that prayer.

It is with great joy that we welcome Ralph Gunter as our new Part-Time Director of Pastoral Care. Ralph brings a heart full of compassion, a listening ear, and a deep love for people. With a passion for walking alongside others in every season of life, he is dedicated to ensuring that our senior adults feel valued, connected, and spiritually nurtured. As you may remember, Ralph has surrendered to the ministry following a 35 year career at Powersouth. He and Lesa have been active members at First Baptist Church for 25 years. They have been married for 49 years and have three adult children and two grandchildren.

In this role, Ralph will lead efforts to provide encouragement, support, and meaningful ministry opportunities whether through visits, calls, prayer, or special gatherings. Our senior adults and our less mobile members are a treasured part of our church family, and under Ralph's leadership, we're excited to deepen those relationships and celebrate the faith, and joy they bring to our church family.

Please join us in welcoming Ralph into this new role and pray for this new season of ministry!



11/2 - 10:30am Worship service - **BABY DEDICATION**

11/2 - Kick Start, 9:30am in the Children's area - Has your child been asking questions about baptism or salvation lately? "KickStart" is a class for children who are asking questions about that! It is also for children who have recently trusted in Jesus, been baptized, or joined the church. We ask that parents attend with children

11/5 - Wednesday Night theme: Dress like your parents!

11/19 - RAs Pinewood Derby Showcase at 5:45 pm

Benevolence Ministry

Each month, First Baptist helps local families in financial distress. FBC's Benevolence Ministry is assisted through a partnership with Worldwide United Appeal Fund. FBC raises funds for Worldwide United Appeal Fund through an annual, year-end fundraiser. The proceeds of this fundraiser are directly managed by FBC's benevolence team and benefit needy families in Andalusia. Would you consider blessing this important ministry through a gift to Worldwide United Appeal Fund? For more information, please contact the church financial office.



Monthly Luncheon:
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November 19, 11am
Family Life Center - We will be making Christmas cards for shut-ins.
Please call the office to sign up!



November Rehearsal Dates following 10:30am service:
11/16 Christmas Choir Lunch/ Rehearsal
11/23 Christmas Choir Lunch/Rehearsal- the children's choir will also rehearse

Join us for our Christmas Worship Events this year and enjoy inspiring music and warm fellowship. From Pre-K and Kids Choirs, to Worship Choir and the First Worship Band, to Handbells and Orchestra. Let's celebrate the birth of Christ together with song and joyful hearts!

JINGLE ALL THE WAY w/Kids Choir and more December 7 at 6pm
A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP December 14 at 7pm
CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLELIGHT December 24 at 5pm



Register for Winter Retreat! January 17-19th, Pigeon Forge TN, Cost \$230, \$50 due at sign up

- Sunday School at 9:30am, Student Building Conference Room
- Bible Study - November 11 and November 25, 7pm at the home of Jordan and Paris Smith - call the office for address.
- It's never too late to join!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - NOVEMBER 2025

ALL MINISTRIES ARE OPEN TO WOMEN IN OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY. INVITE A FRIEND AND JOIN US!

LADIES MORNING OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30am-11:30am in the Student Ministry Building. Join us for an uninterrupted time of prayer and reading of scripture.

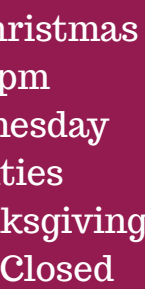
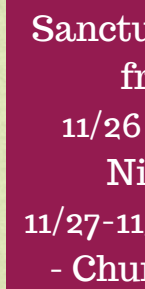
Gather and Give- Weekly Bible Study each Wednesday night at 6pm in Room 108

Precept Upon Precept - November 6 at 9:30am in Room 108

Women of Hope - November 7 and November 21 at 10:30am in Room 108

Love your neighbor - November 21 at 9:30 in Room 108

Women On Mission - November 25 at 12:00pm in the FBC gathering area behind the sanctuary



Holiday Schedule

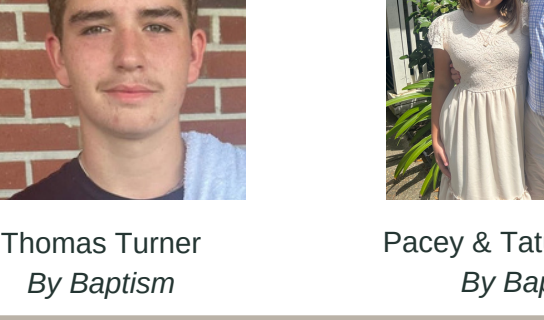
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day (office open) - thank you to our church & community members who have served our great country!
- 11/23 - One worship service at 10:30am
- 11/24 Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas from 5pm-7pm
- 11/26 - No Wednesday Night Activities
- 11/27-11/28 - Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed

FIRST STEPS

11/2 - 9:30am, Conference Room 111 - Are you new to the FBC family or interested in learning more about our church? FIRST STEPS is a great opportunity to learn more about the many ministry opportunities available through FBC. We will share about our church's mission, values, beliefs, and activities.

Volunteers needed for the Live Nativity!

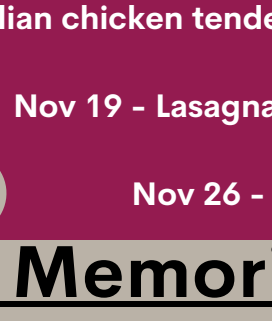
November 30, dress rehearsal at 4pm followed by supper. Volunteers can sign up on the church website or by calling the church office.



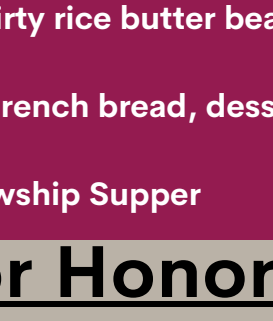
New Members



Warren Canant
By Baptism



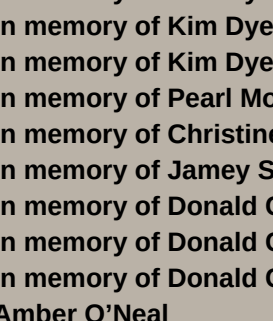
Row Cleland
By Baptism



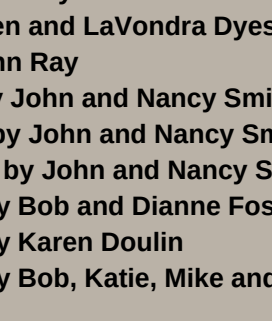
Jacob Fuhrman
By Baptism



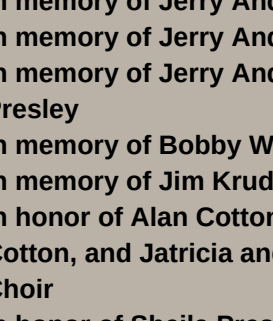
Alyssa Garland
By Baptism



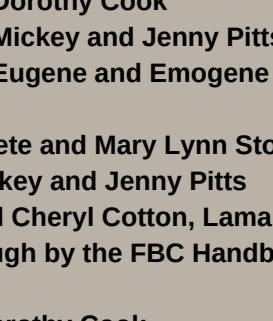
Martha Moorner Lane
By Letter



Ken Lebowitz
By Baptism



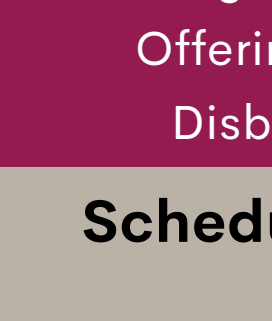
Lauryn Lebowitz
By Baptism



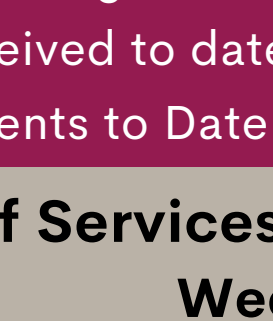
Keaton Spears
By Baptism



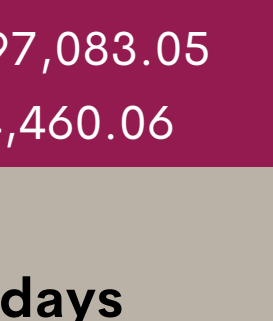
Paul Spears
By Baptism



Thomas Turner
By Baptism



Pacey & Tatum Warren
By Baptism



Abigail Wise
By Baptism

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU 5:00 PM

\$5.00 per child \$8.00 for adults with a max of \$30 for a family. Call the office to sign up!

Nov 5 - Taco soup with all the fixings, cornbread, dessert

Nov 12 - Italian chicken tenderloins, dirty rice butter beans, roll, dessert

Nov 19 - Lasagna, salad, French bread, dessert

Nov 26 - No Fellowship Supper



Record of Memorial or Honorarium Gifts

- In memory of Maxwell Moody by Elaine Moody
- In memory of Dennis McCarra by Elaine Moody
- In memory of AG and Pat Palmore by Elaine Moody
- In memory of AG Palmore by Pete and Mary Lynn Stone
- In memory of David McCalman by Elaine Moody
- In memory of Jamey Straughn by John and Nancy Smith
- In memory of Kim Dyess by Bob and Dianne Foshee
- In memory of Kim Dyess by Dorothy Cook
- In memory of Kim Dyess by Ken and LaVondra Dyess
- In memory of Kim Dyess by Ann Ray
- In memory of Pearl Moulton by John and Nancy Smith
- In memory of Christine Davis by John and Nancy Smith
- In memory of Jamey Straughn by John and Nancy Smith
- In memory of Donald Cotton by Bob and Dianne Foshee
- In memory of Donald Cotton by Karen Doulin
- In memory of Donald Cotton by Bob, Katie, Mike and Amber O'Neal
- In memory of Donald Cotton by the FBC Handbell Choir
- In memory of Donald Cotton by Elaine Reeves
- In memory of Amy Lebowitz by Bob and Dianne Foshee
- In memory of Gloria Short by Bob and Dianne Foshee
- In memory of John Foster by Dorothy Cook
- In memory of John Foster by Dorothy Cook
- In memory of Bob Anderson by Pete and Mary Lynn Stone
- In memory of Jerry Andrews by Pete and Mary Lynn Stone
- In memory of Jerry Andrews by Dorothy Cook
- In memory of Jerry Andrews by Mickey and Jenny Pitts
- In memory of Jerry Andrews by Eugene and Emogene Presley
- In memory of Bobby Waller by Pete and Mary Lynn Stone
- In memory of Jim Krudop by Mickey and Jenny Pitts
- In honor of Alan Cotton, Don and Cheryl Cotton, Lamar Cotton, and Jaticia and Keith Pugh by the FBC Handbell Choir
- In honor of Sheila Prescott by Dorothy Cook
- In honor of Michelle Sutton by Elaine Reeves



Stewardship Update

(as of 10/26/25):

Budgeted offering to date: \$998,553.74

Offering received to date: \$997,083.05

Disbursements to Date: \$944,460.06

Schedule of Services

Sundays

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am

Worship (Broadcast) 6:00 pm

Wednesdays

Mid-Day Prayer Service 11:00 am

Fellowship Meal 5:00 pm

Worship Rehearsal- 6:00 pm

Preschool, Children, Youth, & Adult

Bible Studies- 6:00 pm

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