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The Focus

December Edition for First Baptist Church

| SYMPATHY

Karry Hawkins, Gail Piper and family in the loss of their mother, Mary Beth Piper on Sept. 23.

Doug Tritton and family in the loss of his brother, Jake Tritton on Sept. 29.

Ricky Dixon and family in the loss of his father, Raymond Dixon on Oct. 13.

Jean Barnes and family in the loss of her son-in-law, Scott Tarwater.

Steve Hanson and family in the loss of his mother, Bettye Hanson on Oct. 29.

| DECISIONS

SALVATIONS

Maverick Robinson	9th Grade
Caleb Dean	6th Grade
Liam Caton	6th Grade
Jayrie Ward	6th Grade
Trent Smith	9th Grade
Bella Carpenter	7th Grade
Liberty Stonecipher	7th Grade
Josiah Grant	10th Grade

NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Reed	
Jacob & Macye Gober	ABY210
Jason & Valarie Reynolds	ABY221

BAPTISMS

Ashton Binyon	2nd Grade
Tyler Douglas Green	5th Grade
Caleb Roach	

| DECISIONS

Ryder Gamble	2nd Grade
Nolan Litteken	CAS Snow
Kayla Campos	CAS
Blake Heath	CAS
Olivia Heath	CAS
Payton Parker	ABY226
Tami Osolin	ABY224
Natalie Romines	
Ross Romines	



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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.





A MESSAGE FROM

Pastor Bob



www.fbcwf.org/socialmedia

Andy Williams sang, “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.” Christmas is a special time of year. The songs, the decorations, the parties, the family time – all of it adds up to what memories are made of. As wonderful as they are, I am convinced that there are things about Christmas that should be confined to December. I’m not a fan of Christmas music in November or decorations before Halloween. However, there are some aspects of Christmas that we would do well to transfer to every day of the year. That will be the theme of my Christmas sermon series, “Tis the Season.” I hope you will be here every Sunday beginning December 4.

December is also an important time in our church in regard to stewardship. The pattern of our church is that a large percentage of our operating budget is given in tithes and offerings in the month of December. This year has been particularly challenging for our church with the same pressure of inflation that all of us are feeling on our family budgets. Our ministry staff has been very careful with the resources you entrust to us.

We trust the Lord to provide for the financial needs of our church. But the Lord always provides through His people. I want to ask you to consider a generous financial gift to your church this December. We believe that God has some special things in store in 2023 and I want you to be a part of His work.

Merry Christmas,

Bob McCartney
Senior Pastor

Christmas in the Falls

Christmas in the Falls is almost here! Join the First Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra as they present Jody McBrayer of Avalon and the Rider High School Drumline performing holiday favorites! Jody has been respected and admired by vocalists and musicians worldwide for his vocal ability. However, over the last several years, he has become known even more so for his unique and life changing testimony as well as the real way he is able to connect with people. While primarily known for his vocal abilities, over the last few years Jody has become more of a speaker that uses his music to paint a picture of God’s faithfulness in his own life. Jody now travels all over the world as a musical arranger, worship leader and performer. He is 1/3 of the new trio, Cana’s Voice with TaRanda Greene and Doug Anderson. There will be two performances on Sunday, December 11 at 3pm and 6pm. Tickets are \$7 and available for purchase at <https://fbcwf.brushfire.com/fbcwfor>. Bring your family and invite your friends for a night of music and fun!

Year End Giving Makes a Difference

Please prayerfully consider your year-end giving for First Baptist as we close out 2022. 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 30 until 5 p.m. and Saturday, December 31 until noon.
 - **Online**- On our website or on the app.
 - **Mail**- Remember, your year-end gifts must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2022, 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 and Christmas Day

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 services at both 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. while our satellite campuses, West and Church at Sheppard, will have one service at 5 p.m. Childcare will not be provided at any location. Plan now to be with us for one of these great services. The next morning, Christmas Day, all campuses will have a single 10am service. There will be no LifeGroups Christmas Day, but there will be childcare for babies through Kindergarten. Join us as we celebrate the real reason for the Christmas season, Jesus Christ!

Celebrate the joy!
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Christmas EVE

4 CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

FBCWF DOWNTOWN
3:00PM | 5:00PM

CHURCH AT SHEPPARD
5:00PM

FBCWF WEST CAMPUS
5:00PM

Angel Tree

Help us bless children this Christmas season by being a part of the Angel Tree outreach. This ministry enables us to deliver gifts to children in our community whose parents are incarcerated. Gifts need to be wrapped and brought back by December 4. We will be delivering gifts on Thursday, December 8 from 10:00am - 6:30pm. If you would like to help deliver, meet in Lory Hall. For questions or to volunteer to help deliver gifts, email Bre at beastman@fbcwf.org.

Lottie Moon

When you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 100% of your 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!

Birthday Party for Jesus

You’re invited to celebrate JESUS’ Birthday in your LIFE group (Babies-Grade 5)! Sunday, December 11 enjoy sweet treats (Age two and up), FUN Crafts & Games, and a gift for everyone! See more details at www.Facebook.com/KidZoneWF.

Legacy Christmas Luncheon

Legacy Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 13 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Luncheon is FREE but reservations are required no later than Sunday, December 4. Sign-up in Life Group, Event Centers, HomePointe or contact Angela at 940-723-2764 ext. 2050 or email abills@fbcwf.org.

LEGACY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - 12:00 PM
DOWNTOWN FELLOWSHIP HALL