

First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia

First Family Chimes



200 W. Central Avenue
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Sunday, December 17

First Voices and Orchestra Christmas Musical
"The Wonder of Christmas"

8:44 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
(both services in the Sanctuary)

Reception to Honor Mrs. Lee Mikuta

4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center
Mrs. Lee Mikuta will retire as organist on
December 31. Please bring a finger food.

Sunday, December 24

One Morning Service-10:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service-5:00 p.m.

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*The Church Staff wishes you and your family
a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

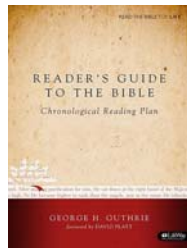
We will not mail the *First Family Chimes* on December 21 and 28.
The Church Office will be closed on
December 22 and 25 and December 29 and January 1.



Dr. Chuck Owens

Sermon This Sunday

First Voices Christmas Musical, "The Wonder of Christmas"



Reading the Bible Through in One Year

Pastor Chuck will be reading the Bible through in one year beginning January 1, 2018. We will meet once a month to discuss the readings. If you would like to participate, we will have books, "Reader's Guide to the Bible-Chronological Reading Plan" by George H. Guthrie available. Cost is \$8.00. Sign up in the church office.



Rev. Jared Green

Student Ministry

Resurge Christmas Party-Sunday, December 17 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Brook and Katie Bearden's home (4450 Johnston Road). Girls bring 2-liter soda and guys bring dessert. Please bring a flashlight if you have one. Wear casual clothes for outdoors.

Disciple Now-January 26-28, 2018-Registration is now open.

Go to <http://fbcvstudents.org/d-now-18/> to register.
your students.

PURE Ministry

Night to Shine

It's Time to SHINE! Volunteer registration and guest registration is now open!

Night to Shine will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018.

Register online at fbcvaldosta.org/night-to-shine/



Mrs. Jenny Dingler
Ministry Coordinator

Children's Ministry

Attention Parents: The children will stay in the services this Sunday, December 17 at 8:44 and 11:00 a.m. We will not have Children's Worship. Enjoy the Christmas musical, "The Wonder of Christmas."



Rev. Terry Sampson

Education/Administration Ministry

Volunteers Needed for Grounds Committee

We are in need of volunteers to help with watering the potted plants at the Family Life Center. If interested, please call the church office. Thank you!

Business Conference

We will not have a Business Conference in December.
The reports will be available in the church office.



Rev. Ron Hatchett

Music Ministry

Join Us In Choir Each Week

*Children's Choirs will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

First Voices Choir meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

First Voices and Orchestra Christmas Musical
Sunday, December 17 at 8:44 and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Supper

We will not have Family Night Supper on
Wednesdays, December 20 or 27.
We will resume on January 3, 2018.



First Family News

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H.B. Jenkins, Sr., and his sister, Jerry, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Pitts, and her brothers, Cliff, George, Kenneth, and Bob, by H. Brantley and Barbara Jenkins.



Sanctuary Flowers-December 24

The beautiful flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 24 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugh, Marguerite, and Barry Neil Blanton by Donna and Roy Cannon; Ronnie, Bebo, and Baines Blanton; and Gail, Jessica, David, and Maggie Jordan.

Opening for Sanctuary Flowers

We have an opening to place flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 31. If interested, please call the church office.



Christmas Poinsettias

We are now taking orders to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone special. Forms are available in the foyers. Please return the form and \$20.00 to the church office to place your order.

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 3-10

FBC Goal: \$23,660.00

(33.8% of our \$70,000.00 Missions Offering Goal)

Offerings for 2017

For tax purposes, in order to count as a 2017 contribution, receipts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2017.

Church Staff

Dr. Chuck Owens, Senior Pastor	Rev. Mac Weaver, Missions Pastor
Rev. Terry Sampson, Minister of Education & Administration	
Rev. Ron Hatchett, Minister of Music	Rev. Jared Green, Minister to Students
Rev. Dennis Massie, Church Pastoral Ministry	Tammy Carter, Children's Ministry Intern
Jenny Dinger, Special Needs Ministry Coordinator	Lee Mikuta, Organist
Melissa Stephens, Events/Evangelism Coordinator	Becky Pritchard, Pianist
Cathy Harrison, Wedding Coordinator	Terri Warren, Preschool Coordinator
Karen Davis, Office Manager	Linda Hart, Church Secretary
Elliott Lenz, Church Accountant	
Angelia Miller, Food Service Coordinator	Teresita Carver, Custodial Staff
Christian Miller, Custodial Staff	Helana Bennett, Custodial Staff

Activities Calendar

Sunday, December 17

8:44 a.m. - First Voices Christmas Musical
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School/Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. - First Voices Christmas Musical
 4:00 p.m. - Reception for Lee Mikuta-FLC
 6:00 p.m. - Resurge (Youth) Christmas Party at Bearden's Home

Monday, December 18

9:00 a.m. - FBC Food Ministry Open
 Lilies (Clothing Ministry) Open
 6:00 p.m. - Literacy Ministry Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 a.m. - Mother's Morning Out

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Service-FLC
 The Gospel Project (Children)
 Impact (Youth)
 7:00 p.m. - First Voices Choir Christmas Party

Thursday, December 21

6:45 a.m. - Men's Fellowship Breakfast @Denny's
 9:00 a.m. - Mother's Morning Out

Friday, December 22

Church Office Closed-Merry Christmas

Saturday, December 23

9:30 a.m. - Annual Feed the Needy

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. - One Morning Service
 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Monday, December 25

Church Office Closed-Merry Christmas

Wednesday, December 27

No Regular Wednesday Activities

Friday, December 29

Church Office Closed-Happy New Year

Sunday, December 31

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School/Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. - One Morning Service



Extended Session

Sunday, December 17

8:30-Ashley Daniel, Shannon Fernandez
 11:00-Terri Warren, Linda Hart, Sala Love

Sunday, December 24

10:00-Terri Warren, Catherine McGahee,
 Misty Watkins, Mary Laura Norman

Prayer Room/Visitation Program

Deacons for

Sunday, December 17

Chris Chastain and Jeb Massie

Sunday, December 24

Norm Conant and Jack Williams



G.R.O.W. Outreach

GROW will not meet
 on Sundays, December
 17, 24 & 31.

We will resume on
 January 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Bible Study

Preschool & Children 86
 Students 53
 Adults 265
 Total Attendance 404

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs
 \$28,090.51
 Budget Receipts
 \$23,493.33
 Under Weekly Needs
 \$4,597.18
 Budget Needs to Date
 \$1,404,525.50
 Budget Gifts to Date
 \$1,238,294.20
 % of Budget Needs
 to Date
 88.1%

Worship

8:44 Attendance 217
 11:00 Attendance 195
 6:00 Attendance 300



Online Giving is available
 through our website
www.fbcvaldosta.org

Food Ministry

Hours of operation are Mondays & Saturdays
 from 9am-12pm.

	Nov.	YTD 2017	Grand Totals
People served ages 0-18:	355	3,367	48,032
People served ages 19-64:	366	3,531	53,668
People served ages 65 & up:	311	3,186	25,469
Total People Served:	1,032	10,020	127,089
Total Meals Given:	21,402	186,848	2,517,090

*The Wonder of
Christmas*

December 17, 2017 at 8:44 and 11:00 AM

*Presented by
First Voices Choir
&
Orchestra*

*Featuring Dr. Jennifer McQuade and
Dr. Mark McQuade
As Soloists and Narrators*

Coming Events

The Giving Tree

Please take a tree ornament from the Giving Tree in the Family Life Center or Sanctuary foyer and purchase an item for specific needy children in our community for Christmas. Remember to record information on the form available by the tree. Please return gifts under tree unwrapped and tagged by Sunday, December 17. Thank you!

Annual Christmas Feed the Needy-December 23

Saturday, December 23. FBC will feed those who are less fortunate a delicious hot meal. We will begin serving at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to grill, open cans of vegetables, serve and clean up. To volunteer, please see or call Willie Hodgins (269-0447) or Chad Harrison (269-9090).



Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 20

We will not have Preschool and Children's Choirs or Family Night Supper. We will have Prayer Service, The Gospel Project (children), Impact (youth).

Sunday, December 24

One Morning Service-10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 27

We will not have any regular Wednesday activities.

Sunday, December 31

Sunday School/Bible Study-9:30 a.m. and
One Morning Service-10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
We will not have an Evening Service.

Church Office Closed

Merry Christmas!

Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25

Happy New Year!

Friday, December 29 and Monday, January 1

Upcoming Sunday Evening Classes-2018

"Major Messages from the Minor Prophets"
Sundays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 6:00 p.m.
Taught by Rev. Paul Day, Sr.

"Sunday School Matters"
Taught by Dr. Chuck Owens and Rev. Terry Sampson
This class will begin on February 4 at 6:00 p.m.