



First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia

# First Family Chimes

*Love God, Love Others, Love the World*



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## *Sing Noel A Christmas Musical*

*December 20  
8:44 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary*

*Featuring the  
First Voices Choir & FBC  
Praise Band*

## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*December 24  
4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary*



Dr. Chuck Owens

## Sermon This Sunday

*Message from God's Word  
Christmas is Peace*



Thomas Wade

## Student/College Ministry

Our weekly programming is done for 2020! That means no more MDWK or IMPACT this year. We can't wait to meet back again in 2021 and we will be announcing those dates soon so stay tuned! *THOMAS*

**College Sunday School Class**  
Our college class will begin on January 10th  
Led by Rachel Dawkins

## Children's Ministry

### Children's Sunday School

Due to the recent exposure of Covid in our Children's department, we will not have PreK-5th Grade Sunday School classes. We were advised by Public Health to cancel children's ministry activities Sunday, January 20.

**We will have youth and adult classes.**

### Jingle Jam

Note change in plans for Jingle Jam, Sunday, December 20, at Camp Rock. This will be a drive thru event from 6-7 p.m. Bring the family to see the beautiful Christmas lights display at Camp Rock!



**Address: 4391 Rocky Ford Road**

**2021 WAM Recoil Trip—January 3 @ 4:15 p.m.**

**Place: Recoil Trampoline Park**

**Jump Time: 4:30**

**Cost: None**

**Bring money for snacks**

**Reward for faithful participation during fall semester of WAM for**



Rev. Terry Sampson

## Education/Administration Ministry

Please Note: During our worship services and Sunday School hand sanitizer and face masks are available throughout the church campus.

We continue to have Sunday School and morning worship services online.  
8:44 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

We will be celebrating the coming of Jesus Christ with a candlelight and communion Christmas Eve service in our Sanctuary. In an effort to help with social distancing, this year we are offering two services: 4:30PM and 6:00PM. Each service is limited to 200 attendees.

We have 100 reservations left for the 6:00 service. Please make your reservations at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/131072075105> or you may call the church office at 229-242-0484.



Dr. J. Michael Dennis

## Music Ministry



## Missions Ministry

### Future Mission Trips

The following mission trips are scheduled for 2021:

Thailand January 12-26, 2021

Guatemala April or Summer 2021

Bolivia November 8-15, 2021

Church Construction United States June 2021

Romania New Church Start October 3-11, 2021

Grace/Works Alaska Summer 2021

Please call the church office or Mac Weaver for further information.



Rev. Mac Weaver

## First Family News



### Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary are 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.

### Offerings for 2020

For tax purposes, in order to count as a 2020 contribution, receipts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2020.

Online giving is available through our website at [fbcvaldosta.org](http://fbcvaldosta.org), or you may text: 339-252-7451 to give.

Dear FBC Family,

Due to unforeseen circumstances and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to change the format of Jingle Jam this Sunday, December 20. Our new format will allow you and your family to drive through the Christmas lights at Camp Rock from 6-7 this Sunday night. We believe this will provide safety for everyone, while still giving the opportunity to enjoy the Christmas lights. We ask that you stay in your car and drive slowly through the Christmas lights anytime from 6:00-7:00.

Thank you for your understanding and we hope you enjoy Camp Rock's Christmas lights!

In Christ,  
Thomas Wade

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

### Church Staff

Dr. Chuck Owens, Senior Pastor

Rev. Terry Sampson, Minister of Education & Administration

Rev. Justin Devereaux, Minister to Children & Families

Mr. Thomas Wade, Minister to Students

Dr. J. Michael Dennis, Minister of Music

Rev. Dennis Massie, Church Pastoral Ministry

Becky Pritchard, Pianist

Cathy Harrison, Wedding Coordinator

Linda Hart, Office Manager

Becky Royals, Church Secretary

Angelia Miller, Food Service Coordinator

Rev. Mac Weaver, Missions Pastor

Adam Setser, Organist

Melissa Stephens, Events/Evangelism Coordinator

Terri Warren, Preschool Coordinator

Elliott Lenz, Church Accountant

Teresita Carver, Custodial Staff

Helana Bennett, Custodial Staff

## Ministries this Week

### Activities Calendar

#### Sunday, December 20

8:44 a.m. Christmas Musical  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Musical  
(8:44 & 11:00 in Sanctuary)  
6:00 p.m. Evening Classes

#### Monday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Food Ministry

#### Thursday, December 24

9:00 a.m. **Christmas Eve Lunch**  
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 24-25—Church Office  
Closed

### Food Ministry

Closed: Saturday, December 26  
Monday, December 28  
Saturday, January 2  
REOPEN: Monday, January 4

### Offerings for 2020

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as a 2020 contribution, receipts  
must be received or postmarked  
by December 31, 2020.



### Nursery Schedule

**Nursery will not be provided  
on Sunday, December 20.**

#### Sunday, December 27

8:44 a.m. Amy Shiver  
11:00 a.m. Sandra Belue  
Terri Warren  
(No evening activities)

## Sunday, December 13, 2020

### Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs  
\$29,359.39  
Budget Receipts  
\$18,810.00  
(Under) Weekly Needs  
\$10,549.39  
Budget Needs to Date  
\$1,467,964.40  
Budget Gifts to Date  
\$1,413,607.47  
% of Budget Needs  
to Date - 96.2%  
(These figures are based on  
weekly expenses & contributions.)

### Bible Study

PreSchool/Children 51  
Youth 55  
Adults 98  
Total Attendance 204

### Worship

8:44 a.m. 145  
11:00 a.m. 72  
Total Attendance 217

### Evening Worship

Children Program 140  
Youth 15  
Total Attendance 155

### Wednesday—12/16/2020

Prayer Service (Noon) 21  
Prayer Service (5:45) 4

### LILIES Clothing Ministry

Lilies will not be accepting any clothes until further notice;  
however, Lilies will continue to be open every 2nd Saturday of  
each month.



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[www.fbcvaldosta.org](http://www.fbcvaldosta.org) or you may  
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### Food Ministry

|                             | Nov    | YTD 2020 | Grand Totals |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|--------------|
| People served ages 0-18:    | 135    | 1,558    | 60,697       |
| People served ages 19-64:   | 153    | 2,047    | 68,371       |
| People served ages 65 & up: | 248    | 2,670    | 40,874       |
| Total People Served:        | 536    | 6,275    | 167,834      |
| Total Meals Given           | 10,968 | 129,012  | 3,419,149    |

### Food Ministry

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

**Worship Celebrating Christ—The Light of the World**  
**Sing Noel—A Christmas Musical**  
**8:44 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**December 20, 2020**

**We Prepare Our Hearts**

Prelude—Orchestra, Piano, Organ  
*Sing We Now of Christmas*—Hymn 197  
*What Child Is This*—Hymn 198

**Welcome**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*—Hymn 199

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

*Dr. Chuck Owens*

**4th Sunday of Advent—Lighting of the Angel's Candle**

*Thomas and Leah Wade*—8:44 Service  
*John and Peggy Gayle*—11:00 Service

**The Story**

*For Unto Us A Child Is Born*  
*Ding Dong Merrily On High*

**The Story Continues**

Luke 2:8-10  
*O Holy Night*—*Dr. J. Michael Dennis*

**God Became Flesh**

John 1:9-14—*Sarah Grace Harrison*  
*When Love Crossed Over*  
(Duet: *Brittany Setser & Dr. J. Michael Dennis*)  
Galatians 4:4-6—*Sarah Grace Harrison*  
*Gesu Bambino*—*First Voices and Piano*

**We Hear**

*Christmas is Peace*  
*Dr. Chuck Owens*

**We Respond**

*Noel*—*Faith Setser (Solo)*  
*Sing Noel*—*First Voices*  
*King of Kings*—*Brittany Setser (Solo)*  
*Joy to the World*

**Prayer**



## Sunday Evening Classes

Worship Arts Ministry—5:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m.  
Adults—6:00 p.m.  
Youth—5:45 p.m.

### Upcoming Schedule for December

#### Sunday, December 20

Christmas Musical—"Sing Noel" at 8:44 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. In the Sanctuary (No Children's Church)

#### Thursday, December 24

Feed the Needy—9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services  
4:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. (RSVP to office) or  
[fbcvaldosta.org/Christmas Eve](http://fbcvaldosta.org/Christmas%20Eve)

Thursday –Friday December 24-25—Office Closed

#### Sunday, December 27

Regular a.m. Services—No Evening Activities

December 31-January 1—Church Office Closed

### Annual Christmas Eve Chicken Dinners

On Christmas Eve, FBC will be serving a meal to those less fortunate. Volunteers are needed to grill and to assist in the kitchen (open cans, serve and clean up). To volunteer: please see or call Willie Hodgins (229-269-0447) or Chad Harrison (229-269-9090).

### Christmas Poinsettias

For those who placed poinsettias in the Sanctuary, please pick up your poinsettias after the 11:00 service on December 27.

### LILIES Clothing Ministry

Lilies will not be accepting any clothes until further notice; however, Lilies will continue to be open every 2nd Saturday of each month.

### FBC Serving Opportunities

Volunteers are needed in the following ministries:

Children's Ministry; Music Ministry

Student/College Ministry; Education Ministry

Food/Clothing Ministries

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