



First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia

First Family Chimes

Love God, Love Others, Love the World



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Sunday, December 10, 2023
Sunday School/Bible Study—9:15AM

Worship Service—10:30AM
Family Life Center
Sanctuary

Evening Classes—6:00PM



But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Micah 5:2 ESV



Dr. Chuck Owens

Sermon This Sunday

Message from God's Word

Rev. Davis Howell will lead in worship at the Family Life Center this Sunday, December 10.



Rev. Davis Howell

Student Ministry

Reminder: Spaghetti Fundraiser Lunch—Sunday, December 10, 11:30 AM

- December 10—Spaghetti Lunch
- December 20—Cake Auction
- December 28-29—MOVE Conference
- April 1-5—Boston Mission Trip
 - June 3-7—IMPACT
 - July 8-13—FUGE

We will have fundraiser opportunities for the Boston trip, beginning with a spaghetti lunch after church on December 10. During lunch on December 20, we will have a cake auction. Students will serve at a fish fry on January 29.

Children Ministry



Rev. Justin Devereaux

Special Reward Trip—December 16 for children's dedication to the Christmas play. Dress rehearsal at 9:30, lunch will follow. Then, hop on Santa Train for a magical ride.

Wednesday, December 13
PJ Party—Store Night in AWANA

FBC Family Ministry Night at the Movies "Journey to Bethlehem"

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$10 (bring money for concessions)

K-5th: Meet upstairs in Children's Building for Supper

6th-12th: Meet upstairs in FLC for Supper

Bus to Movie: 6:30 pm

Pickup: 9:00 pm—Kids at Children's Building and Students at FLC



Rev. Terry Sampson

Education/Administration Ministry

Sunday Night Bible Study

Terry Sampson will conduct a study in II Corinthians on December 3 and December 10 at 6:00PM in the Harrell Sunday School Classroom.

Ladies' Sunday Night Bible Study beginning January 7

Norma Jean Johnson will conduct a Bible study entitled, "Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak."



Dr. J. Michael Dennis

Music Ministry



Missions Ministry

- Thailand Prison Ministry & Children's Ministry-Bangkok & Chiangmai - January 9 through January 23, 2024

Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 3-10, 2023

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. Join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel.



Rev. Mac Weaver

First Family News



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of those who faithfully serve in the music programs at First Baptist Church. Thank you for your dedication.

Sanctuary Flowers

If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of someone on either of the following dates, please call the church office at

229-242-0484.

December 17 and December 31.

Night to Shine Registration is Live!

Explore all the details about Night to Shine on our dedicated website. Find information about the event, schedules, and more at fbcvaldosta.org/nts

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Chuck Owens, Senior Pastor

Rev. Terry Sampson, Minister of Education & Administration

Rev. Justin Devereaux, Minister to Children & Families

Rev. Dr. J. Michael Dennis, Minister of Music

Rev. Davis Howell, Student Minister

Rev. Adam Setser, Minister to Young Adults

Rev. Mac Weaver, Missions Pastor

Rev. Dennis Massie, Church Pastoral Ministry

Nolan Brown, Praise & Worship Leader

Linda Hart, Office Manager

Becky Royals, Church Secretary

Cathy Harrison, Wedding Coordinator

Melissa Stephens, Events/Evangelism Coordinator

Elliott Lenz, Church Accountant

Caitlin Moore, Pianist

Dr. Kenneth Hutchinson, Organist

Terri Warren, Preschool Coordinator

Teresita Carver, Custodial Staff

Helana Bennett, Custodial Staff

Angelia Miller, Food Service Coordinator

Ministries this Week

Activities Calendar

Sunday, December 10	
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Contemporary Worship Family Life Center Traditional Worship Sanctuary
11:30am	Spaghetti Dinner
5:45pm	Worship Arts Ministry
6:00pm	Evening Classes
Monday, December 11	
9:00am	Food Ministry
Tuesday, December 12	
9:00am	Mothers Morning Out
Wednesday, December 13	
12:00 Noon	Prayer Meeting Lunch
6:00pm	AWANA
6:00pm	First Voices Choir Practice
Thursday, December 14	
9:00am	Mothers Morning
Saturday, December 16	
9:00am	Food Ministry
9:30am	Children Practice & Train Ride

Church Office will be closed:
Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26
Friday, December 29
Monday, January 1

Wednesday, December 6

Prayer Meeting	56
AWANA	52
Students	25
Choir Practice	32

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 32,481.39
Budget Receipts	\$ 31,097.14
(Under) Weekly Needs	\$ 1,384.25
Budget Needs to Date	\$ 1,591,588.11
Budget Gifts to Date	\$ 1,442,964.76
% of Budget Needs to Date—90.6%	
<i>(These figures are based on weekly expenses & contributions.)</i>	

Bible Study

PreSchool/Children	57
Students	53
Adults	161
Online	10
Total Attendance	281

Worship Service

Sanctuary	151
Family Life Center	180
Children's Worship	61
Total Attendance	392

Food Ministry

	November	YTD 2023	Grand Totals
People served ages 0-18:	92	980	63,777
People served ages 19-64:	154	1,588	72,586
People served ages 65 & up:	189	2,158	48,322
Total People Served:	435	4,726	184,680
Total Meals Given:	8,703	95,379	3,859,946

Evening Worship

Prayer Walk	32
Adult Class	14
WAM	45

Deacon Ministry

Deacon Schedule

December 10

Jeremy Davis—FLC
Joey Griffin—Sanctuary

December 17

Roy Burkett—FLC
Kent Moore—Sanctuary

Nursery

Nursery Schedule

December 10

Ashley Fielding
Kelly Shiver, Meredith Moon

December 17

Jenny Sikes
Ashley Barker

**Worship Celebrating Christ—The Light of the World
Traditional Service—December 10, 2023
10:30AM**

Prelude.....*Dr. Kenneth Hutchinson Organ*

Instrumental.....*Good Christian Men Rejoice*
Piano, Organ, Strings

Welcome & Presentation.....*Dr. Chuck Owens*

The Wonder of Christmas.....*First Voices*

2nd Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle
Dr. Nathan & Mrs. Brandy Moates, Sophia & Isabella

Angels We Have Heard On High.....*Hymn 184*

O Little Town Of Bethlehem.....*Hymn 196*

Narrator.....*Bill Berry*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.....*First Voices*

Narrator Part 2.....*Bill Berry*

Bethlehem Promise, Bethlehem Joy.....*First Voices*

Hark The Heralds Angels Sing.....*Hymn 192*

Intercessory & Offertory Prayer.....*Rev. Mac Weaver*

Ave Maria.....*Offertory*
Trumpet and Piano

Special..... *Winter Snow*
Eva Dennis (vocal) & J. Michael Dennis (piano)

Devotional
Dr. Chuck Owens

Glory to God in the Highest.....*FBCV Quartet*

O Holy Night.....*First Voices*

Benediction

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Sunday Evening Classes
Worship Arts Ministry—5:45PM
Sunday Night Students—6:00PM
Adult Bible Study—6:00PM

Upcoming Schedule for December

Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

First Voices & Orchestra Christmas Musical-Sanctuary-10:30AM

Spaghetti Lunch Sponsored by Student Ministry

Sunday, December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent

Regular Services

6:00PM- Worship Arts Ministry Christmas Program— FLC

Sunday, December 24

Last Sunday of Advent

One Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. in Family Life Center

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service-

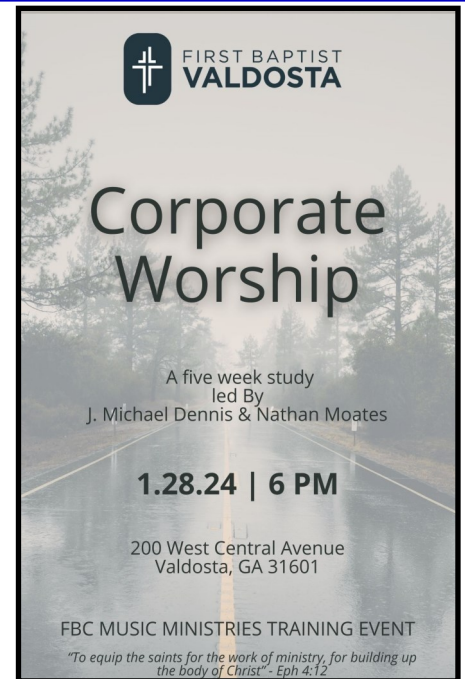
5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Monday December 25 & Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 31

Joint Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Contemporary Service
Sunday, December 10, 2023
10:30AM

Take You At Your Word

Welcome & Offering

Rev. Davis Howell

2nd Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle

Mr. & Mrs. DeWayne Blanton

Firm Foundations (He Won't) /Great Are You Lord

I Speak Jesus

Night to Shine Presentation

Prayer

Pre-Sermon video

Message from God's Word

Rev. Davis Howell

Response Song

I Speak Jesus

Announcements

Host

Prayer Meeting—December 13
Wednesday Noon Lunch
Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Field Peas, Roll,
Salad Bar, Dessert -
Donation: \$8.00

Wednesday Night Supper
December 13 at 5:15pm
Family Life Center
Menu: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,
Chili, Fruit, Dessert.
\$5.00 per person, Family \$15 \$15.

Christmas Poinsettias

We are now taking orders to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary and/or Family Life Center in memory of or in honor of someone special. Forms are available in the foyers of the Sanctuary and in the lobby of the Family Life Center. Please return the form and \$20 to the church office. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Candle Light service.