



First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia

# First Family Chimes

*Love God, Love Others, Love the World*



200 W. Central Avenue  
Valdosta, GA 31601  
229-242-0484  
[www.fbcvaldosta.org](http://www.fbcvaldosta.org)

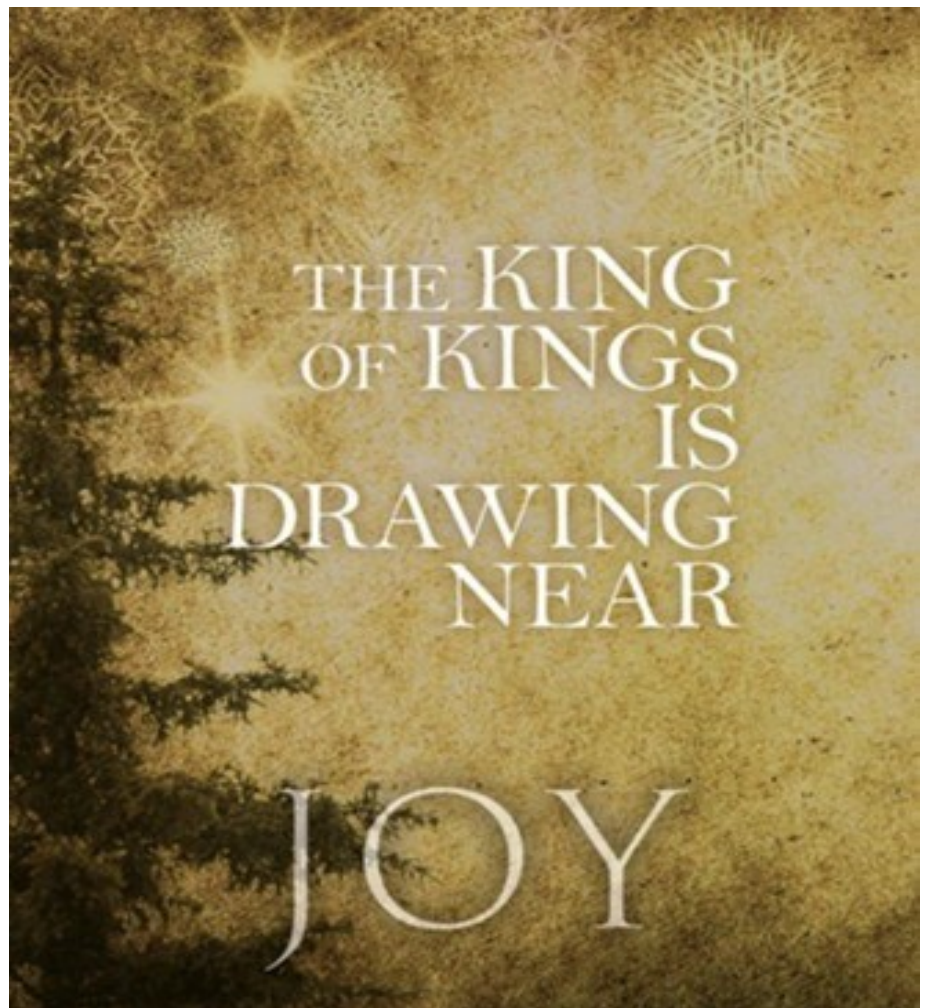
## Inside this issue:

Sermon This Sunday	2
Student Ministry	2
Children's Ministry	2
Education Ministry	3
Music Ministry	3
Family Night Supper	3
First Family News	4
Ministry This Week	5
Facts and Figures	5
11:00 Worship Guide	6
Sun. Evening Classes	7
Coming Events	7

*Sunday, December 17, 2023*  
Sunday School/Bible Study—9:15AM

Worship Service—10:30AM  
Family Life Center  
Sanctuary

Valdosta Kids' Christmas Program—6:00PM  
Family Life Center



*Third Sunday in Advent*



Dr. Chuck Owens

## Sermon This Sunday

### *Message from God's Word*

**Rev. Justin Devereaux will lead in worship at the Family Life Center this Sunday, December 17.**



Rev. Davis Howell

## Student Ministry

- 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.**

During lunch on December 20, we will have a cake auction.

Students will serve at a fish fry on January 29.



Rev. Justin Devereaux

## Children Ministry

Wednesday December 20th our students' and Children's ministries will be going to the movies to celebrate the end of the year! We will be going to watch "Journey to Bethlehem."

Children's Christmas Program  
December 17 in the  
Family Life Center at  
6:00pm

### **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

### 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

Dear Sustained Glass ( Pastor Michael Dennis and Mr. Paul Day),

I am writing on behalf of Hospice of South Georgia to express our sincerest gratitude to "Sustained Glass" for the breathtaking worship music you'll performed during our Angel Tree remembrance celebration.

Your incredible musical talent truly helped set the atmosphere of inspiration and hope that we aimed for during this special occasion. Your melodies and lyrics resonated deeply with everyone present, elevating the entire event, and touching the hearts of all who attended. Your performance added an invaluable dimension of beauty and reverence to our gathering, offering solace and encouragement to those commemorating their loved ones.

Once again, thank you for your remarkable contribution to our event. Your artistry and passion for worship music have left a lasting impression on all of us.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Keisha Hilliard, LCSW  
Langdale Hospice House, Hospice of South Georgia



Rev. Mac Weaver

## Missions Ministry

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

## First Family News



### Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of First Baptist Church Staff and First Baptist Church Families.*



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
To our First Baptist Church Families.*

### 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 17**  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 10:30am Contemporary Worship  
           Family Life Center  
           Traditional Worship  
           Sanctuary  
 6:00pm Children's Program  
           Family Life Center

**Monday December 18**  
 9:00am Food Ministry

**Wednesday December 20**  
 12:00 Noon Prayer Meeting  
           Lunch  
 6:00pm Kids' Night Out

**Saturday December 23**  
 8:30am Christmas Dinner

**Sunday December 24**  
 10:30am One Worship Service  
           Family Life Center  
 5:00pm Christmas Eve  
           Candlelight Service  
           Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 13**

Prayer Meeting	44
AWANA	57
Students	27

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

Food Ministry will be closed the following dates:  
 Saturday, December 23; Monday, December 25;  
 Saturday, December 30; Monday, January 1.  
 Reopen on: Saturday, January 6, 2024.

**Food Ministry**

	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD 2023</b>	<b>Grand Totals</b>
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

**Deacon Ministry****Deacon Schedule****December 17**

Roy Burkett—FLC  
 Kent Moore—Sanctuary

**December 24**

(One Service-FLC)

Brad Adams  
 Michael Stephens

**Sunday, December 10, 2023****Stewardship**

Weekly Budget Needs  
     \$ 32,481.39  
 Budget Receipts  
     \$ 77,636.96  
 (Over) Weekly Needs  
     \$ 45,155.57  
 Budget Needs to Date  
     \$ 1,624,069.50  
 Budget Gifts to Date  
     \$ 1,520,601.72  
 % of Budget Needs  
 to Date—93.6%  
*(These figures are based on  
 weekly expenses and  
 contributions.)*

**Bible Study**

PreSchool/Children	45
Students	39
Adults	197
Online	10
Total Attendance	291

**Worship Service**

Sanctuary	203
Family Life Center	136
Children's Worship	41
Total Attendance	380

**Evening Worship**

Adult Class	14
WAM	49

**Nursery Schedule****December 17**

Jenny Sikes  
 Ashley Barker

**December 24**

Katie Bearden  
 Kim Bolton

**Worship Celebrating Christ—The Light of the World  
Traditional Service—December 17, 2023  
10:30AM**

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

*Angels From The Realms of Glory*.....Hymn 179

**Opening Prayer & Welcome**

**Ordinance of Baptism**.....*Dr. Chuck Owens*  
*Pierson Brown, Callum Brown, Simon Brown*  
*Mrs. Emily Blalock*

*Tell Me The Story Of Jesus*.....Hymn 220

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**Lighting of the Shepherds' Candle—JOY**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Sikes*

*The First Noel*.....Hymn 180

**Intercessory Prayer & Offering**.....*Rev. Terry Sampson*

**Offertory**.....*Caitlyn Moore*

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

**Message From God's Word**  
*Dr. Chuck Owens*

*What Can I Give Him*.....Hymn 207

**Benediction**

***Contemporary Service***  
***Sunday, December 17, 2023***  
***10:30AM***

*Joy to the World*

**Welcome & Offering**  
*Rev. Davis Howell*  
*Prayer*

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**Lighting of the Shepherds' Candle**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Britt Johnson*

*Same God*  
*Revelation Song*

**Message from God's Word**  
*Rev. Justin Devereaux*

**Response Song**

**Announcements**

## Sunday Evening Classes

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

### Upcoming Schedule for December

#### 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

#### Friday, December 29

Church Office Closed

#### Sunday, December 31

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

We will not have Sunday Evening Classes

#### Monday, January 1, 2024

Church Office Closed

**Prayer Meeting—December 20-Wednesday Noon Lunch**  
**Menu: Ham, Mac n' Cheese, Green Bean Casserole,**  
**Squash Casserole, Roll, Salad Bar, Dessert-Donation \$8.00**  
**REMEMBER: Cake auction at noon on December 20.**  
**All proceeds go toward the Students' Boston mission trip.**

We will not have Wednesday night  
supper on December 20 or December 27.  
Also, we will not have noon lunch or  
prayer meeting on December 27,

### Annual Christmas Eve Chicken Dinners

On Saturday, December 23, FBC will be serving a meal to those  
less fortunate. Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen to  
open cans, serve, clean up etc. To volunteer, please call  
Chad Harrison (229)-269-9090

### Night to Shine Registration is Live!

Explore all the details about Night to Shine on our dedicated web-  
site. Find information about the event, schedules, and more at  
[fbcvaldosta.org/nts](http://fbcvaldosta.org/nts)

### Offerings for 2023

For tax purposes and in order to count as 2023 contributions,  
donations must be received in the church office by December 31  
or if mailed, the postmark must be by December 31.

