

First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia



First Family Chimes

Love God, Love Others, Love the World



200 W. Central Avenue
Valdosta, GA 31601
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Sunday at First Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:15 AM

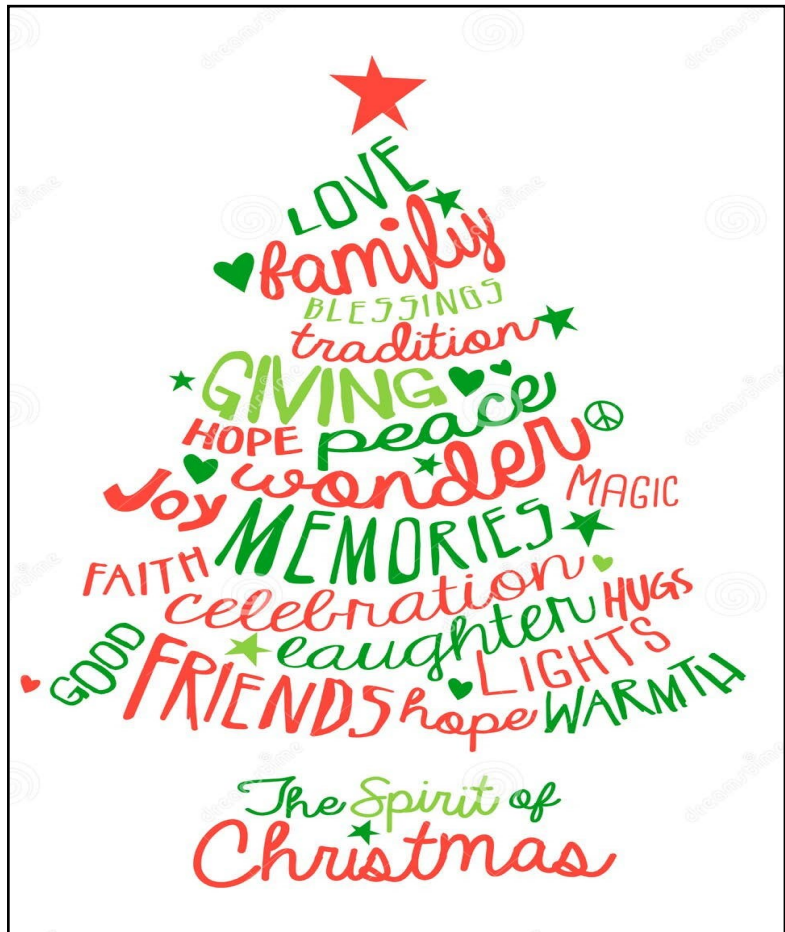
Contemporary Worship Service—10:30AM Family Life Center

Traditional Worship Service—10:30AM - Fellowship Hall

Kids WAM & AWANA—5:00PM

Sunday Night Students—5:00PM

Bible Study—6:00PM



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2nd Sunday in Advent (Peace)

But you, O Bethlehem...from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel... And he shall be their pence. Micah 5:2,5



Dr. Chuck Owens

Sermon This Sunday

Message from God's Word

Rev. Davis Howell will bring God's message at the worship service at the Family Life Center.



Rev. Davis Howell

Student Ministry

December 8 - Student Christmas Party -

5-7 in the FLC. Students should wear an ugly Christmas sweater and bring a gift valued at \$5-\$10 (5 below is a great store to find something at!). We will do various Christmas themed activities. All students grade 6-12 invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

December 15 - Children's Christmas Play - No Sunday Night Students.

December 22 - Normal Sunday School and Church - No Sunday Night.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 5:00,

December 29 - No Sunday School - Combined Service

December 29-30 - MOVE Conference!

We will leave for day 1 of MOVE from the church following the service. Students not at church that morning should be at FBCV by 11:30 for lunch. We will head to Wild Adventures around 12.



Rev. Justin Devereaux

Children Ministry



Santa Train for Elementary Choir Saturday, December 14

Special reward trip as a thank you for choir members' dedication to our Christmas play! Leave church at 11am, lunch on bus. Ride Santa Train with the Azalea Sprinter for magical ride in Nashville, GA. Return to church at 2:30pm.

Sing! Children! Sing!

Elementary Choir Christmas play will be Sunday, December 15, 6:00pm at the Family Life Center.

Special Night In AWANA

Store Night and Hot Chocolate Night
Sunday, December 8

Sunday night, December 8, is the last night of regular activities at 5pm in Children's Building.



Rev. Terry Sampson

Education/Administration Ministry

Study in Isaiah

Benny Olliff is leading a study in Isaiah. The class is meeting in the Olliff/Moore Sunday School Classroom at 6:00PM.



Dr. J. Michael Dennis

Music Ministry

Several years ago, I encountered a new Advent hymn from “Lift Up Your Hearts” (Faith Alive Christian Resources - 2013) in which Richard Leach addresses the angel’s Announcement to the Virgin Mary, her reaction, and the subsequent changes.

“Told of God’s favor, told of God’s purpose,
Mary said ‘Tell me, how can this be?’

Told of the spirit, told of the power, told of the promise, Mary said yes.”

Verse 2

“Yes, to conceiving, yes, to the body changing and growing, yes to the flesh – yes, to the new life kicking within her , yes to the pleasure, yes to the pain.”

Later the hymn asks us a question.

Verse 4

“Told of Christ Jesus, told of the Spirit, can we say yes as Mary said yes? Yes, for our bodies, yes for our spirits, yes for the future, yes for right now.”

I am reminded of the cost of discipleship in the life of a believer. God not only calls us to love him with all of our heart and soul and mind, but with all of our strength, that is, with our bodies. Will we say yes to the daily physical challenges for the glory of God and for the purposes of the Gospel?



Rev. Mac Weaver

Missions Ministry

**Thailand Mission Trip
January 6-18, 2025**

First Family News



Christmas Poinsettias

We are taking orders to place a poinsettia in Fellowship Hall and/or Family Life Center in memory of or in honor of someone special. Forms are available in the lobbies of Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center.

Please return the form and \$20 to the church office. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and deepest sympathy to the family of Emily Blalock in the death of her husband, Ed Blalock.

Week of Prayer for International Missions

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

Church Staff

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
Caitlin Moore Parizek, Pianist
Linda Hart, Office Manager
Becky Royals, Church Secretary
Cathy Harrison, Wedding Coordinator
Melissa Stephens, Events/Evangelism Coordinator
Elliott Lenz, Church Accountant

Terri Warren, Preschool Coordinator
Teresita Carver, Custodial Staff
Helana Bennett, Custodial Staff
Angelia Miller, Food Service Coordinator
CeCe Little, Food Service Assistant

Ministries this Week

Sunday	December 8
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Contemporary Worship Family Life Center
10:30am	Family Worship Fellowship Hall
5:00pm	Children's Ministry
5:00pm	Student Ministry
6:00pm	Bible Classes
Monday	December 9
9:00am	Food Ministry
Tuesday	December 10
9:00am	Mother's Morning Out
Wednesday	December 11
12:00 Noon	Prayer Meeting/Lunch
6:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	December 12
9:00am	Mother's Morning Out
Saturday	December 14
9:00am	Food Ministry
9:00am	Lilies Clothing Ministry

Schedule for Food Ministry

Closed: December 23, 28, 30
Reopen: January 6, 2025

Food Ministry

	November YTD 2024 Grand Totals		
People served ages 0-18:	81	2,031	64,828
People served ages 19-64:	135	3,346	74,344
People served ages 65 & up:	178	4,411	50,575
Total People Served:	394	9,788	189,747
Total Meals Given:	7,860	196,471	3,960,629



Deacon Schedule

December 8

Jared McGahee
Mark Wisenbaker

December 15

Jeremy Davis—FLC
Tim Johnson—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Sunday

Children Ministry	29
Students	41
Adults	176
Online	10
Total Attendance	256

Worship Service

Family Life Center	181
Fellowship Hall	140
Total Attendance	321

Sunday Evening

Adults	15
Valdosta Kids	58
Sunday Night Students	31
Total Attendance	104

Wednesday, December 4

Prayer Meeting/Lunch	58
Choir	21
Total Attendance	79

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 34,156.78
Budget Receipts	\$ 28,053.00
(Under) Weekly Needs	\$ 6,103.78
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,639,525.44
Budget Gifts to Date	\$ 1,433,203.06
% of Budget Needs to Date—87%	
<i>(These figures are based on weekly expenses & contributions.)</i>	



Nursery Schedule

December 8

Lynn Fletcher
Cindy Martin
Mary Alice Griffin

December 15

Beth Howell
Sherry Bennett

**Worship Celebrating Christ—The Light of the World
December 8, 2024
10:30AM—Fellowship Hall**

Prelude.....Mrs. Caitlin Parizek
O Come O Come Emmanuel.....Hymn 175

2nd Sunday of Advent
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wisenbaker
Lighting of the Bethlehem (Peace) Candle

Opening Prayer & Welcome

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear.....Hymn 188
Lord I Need You.....Congregation

Offertory Prayer
Mr. Mike Chapman

Offertory.....Nathan Moates & J. Michel Dennis
(Children are invited to attend Children's Church)

Hymn Of Heaven.....First Voices

Message from God's Word
Dr. Chuck Owens

Invitation

I Surrender All..... Hymn 433

Benediction

Postlude.....Mrs. Caitlin Parizek

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**Contemporary Worship Service
Family Life Center
Sunday, December 8, 2024**

My Testimony

Graves Into Gardens

Holy Ground

Offering

2nd Sunday of Advent
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Goodwin
Lighting of Bethlehem Candle

Message From God's Word
Rev. Davis Howell

Response Song
Holy Ground

Close

Schedule for December

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 11

Prayer Meeting/Lunch

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30AM—First Voices & Orchestra Christmas Musical at Fellowship Hall

6:00PM—"Sing! Children! Sing! - FLC

Wednesday, December 18

Prayer Meeting/Lunch

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

5:00PM in Family Life Center

Sunday, December 29

We will not have Sunday School

10:30AM—Combined Worship Service in FLC

Tuesday, December 31 & Wednesday, January 1

Church Office will be closed

Prayer Meeting—December 11

Wednesday Noon Lunch

Menu: Fried Chicken, Mac n Cheese,

Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

Donation \$8.00

Night to Shine

Friday, February 7, 2025,

Rainwater Conference Center

Sponsor Information brochures are available in the lobbies of FLC and Fellowship Hall. For more information about Night to Shine, visit fbcvaldosta.org/nts.