

First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia



First Family Chimes

Love God, Love Others, Love the World



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*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.*

Luke 2:14 KJV



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.

Student Ministry



Rev. Davis Howell

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.

Children Ministry



Rev. Justin Devereaux





Rev. Terry Sampson

Education/Administration Ministry

No Sunday night classes.



Dr. J. Michael Dennis

Music Ministry

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation. 21:4)

Christmas is the promise that the God who came in history and who comes daily in mystery will one day come in glory. God is saying in Jesus that in the end, everything will be all right. Nothing can harm you permanently, no suffering is irrevocable, no loss is lasting, no defeat is more than transitory, no disappointment is conclusive. Jesus did not deny the reality of suffering, discouragement, disappointment, frustration, and death; he simply stated that the Kingdom of God would conquer all of these horrors, that the Father’s love is so prodigal that no evil could possibly resist it.”

Reflections for Ragamuffins by Brennan Manning



Rev. Mac Weaver

Missions Ministry

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

We have received a sufficient supply of Emergen-C vitamins for the House of Blessing in Bangkok, Thailand. Thank you for your generosity.

First Family News

Annual Christmas Eve Dinners

On Tuesday, December 24, we will have carry-out dinners available to those in our community who are less fortunate. **Volunteers are needed** to assist in the kitchen with meal preparation (open cans, serve, clean-up etc.).

Please contact Willie Hodgins at 229-269-0447 or Chad Harrison at 229-630-9044.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 5:00pm in Family Life Center



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 22
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Contemporary Worship
 Family Life Center
 10:30am Family Worship
 Fellowship Hall
 No Evening Services

Tuesday December 24
 Feed the Needy
 Office Closed
 5:00pm Candlelight Service
 Family Life Center

Wednesday December 25
 Office Closed

Sunday December 29
 No Sunday School
 10:30am Combined Worship
 Family Life Center
 No Evening Services

Schedule for Food Ministry

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

Wednesday, December 18

Prayer Meeting/Lunch 52

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 22
 Roy Burkett—FLC
 Jeff Summers—Fellowship Hall
December 29
Combined Service
 Joey Griffin
 Michael Stephens

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Sunday

Children Ministry	41
Students	31
Adults	176
Online	10
Total Attendance	258

Worship Service

Family Life Center	193
Fellowship Hall	248
Total Attendance	441

Sunday Evening

Children's Program	147
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Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 34,156.78
Budget Receipts	\$ 22,210.14
(Under) Weekly Needs	\$ 11,946.64
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,707,839.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$ 1,609,233.16
% of Budget Needs to Date	—94.2%
<i>(These figures are based on weekly expenses & contributions.)</i>	



Nursery Schedule

December 22
 Meredith Adams
 Alyssa Pate
 Carol Wisenbaker
December 29
 Ashley Fielding
 Kelly Shiver
 Meredith Moon

**Worship Celebrating Christ—The Light of the World
December 22, 2024
10:30AM—Fellowship Hall**

Prelude	<i>Mrs. Caitlin Parizek</i>
<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>	Hymn 184
4th Sunday of Advent <i>Mr. & Mrs. Joe Johnson</i> <i>Lighting of the Angels' Candle (Love)</i>	
Opening Prayer & Welcome	
<i>The First Noel</i>	Hymn 180
<i>King of Kings</i>	Hymn 298
Offertory Prayer <i>Rev. Terry Sampson</i>	
Offertory.....	<i>Mrs. Caitlin Parizek</i>
<i>Noel</i>	<i>Dennis Family</i> <i>Devon Dennis, Soloist</i>
Message from God's Word <i>Dr. Chuck Owens</i> <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	
Invitation	
<i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</i>	Hymn 217
Benediction	
Prelude	<i>Mrs. Caitlin Parizek</i>

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 5:00pm in
Family Life Center**

Contemporary Worship Service
Family Life Center
Sunday, December 22, 2024
10:30AM

Schedule for December

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

No Evening Services

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

No Evening Services

Tuesday, December 31 & Wednesday, January 1

Church Office will be closed

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Prayer Meeting—Wednesday Noon Lunch

Will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Menu: Chili, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Salad

Dessert: January birthday cake

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.