## Welcome

Good morning! I want to thank you for joining the First Baptist Church Family for worship today. The members of our congregation and I trust that you will receive a blessing. You are our honored guest, and we want you to feel welcomed and loved here. I'm sure it won't take you long to discover that this is truly a family rich in the relationships that matter most, so if I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Pastor Greg Shipe

#### **Sunday Service Schedule**

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM Sunday Morning Services @ 10:00 AM Sunday Evening Service @ 6:00 PM AWANA Clubs @ 5:45 PM ALIVE Teen Ministry @ 5:45 PM

Wednesday Service Schedule Small Group Bible Study @ 7:00 PM

Nursery & childcare provided for all services.



#### Mark Your Calendar

12/24 - Christmas Eve Service 12/25-27 - Church Office Closed 12/29 - No Evening Service 1/1 - Office Closed 1/3-1/5 - Alive Teens Retreat

Missionary of the Month-Gerry & Kim Horton South Carolina Word of Life Youth Ministries

Teacher of the Month Nathan & Leah Pecht 4th - 6th grade

#### Nursery Workers

Sunday School: Jessa Miller, Becky Hargrove Infants: Danielle Crouse, Sandy Wilson, Chloe Pecht Toddlers: Ashley Kader, Joel & Brianna Osborne Evening Service: Family Fireside Christmas

> For a digital copy of the bulletin or sermon notes, scan the OR code





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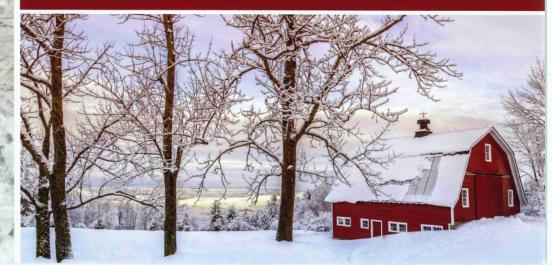






# Welcome to First Baptist Church

Heart for God...Hope for the World...Home for your Family



#### First Baptist Church - December 22, 2024

Deacon Prayer Time	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor Greg Shipe	The same of the sa
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Fireside Christmas	
Alive Teen Ministry	Not Meeting
Nursery (Infant & Toddler)	All Services, Children's Wing
Children's Church, Ages 4 thru 3rd grade	10:00 a.m.

#### New Information . . .

<u>December Memory Verse - Isaiah 52:13</u> - Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

<u>Christmas Choir</u> - The Christmas Choir will be practicing today from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Please be as prompt as possible.

<u>Fireside Christmas</u> - Come and enjoy a fun family Christmas by the fireside tonight at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll enjoy hot chocolate, games, cookies, etc. Please bring some cookies to share.

<u>Missionary Christmas</u> - We would like to honor our sent missionaries this Christmas with a love gift. If you would like to share in this, please place your gift in an envelope marked "Missionary Christmas Gift" and put it in the offering box.

<u>Christmas Card Boxes</u> - You may exchange Christmas cards with the church family throughout the month of December by using the boxes that have been placed in the back hallway by Overflow B.

<u>Christmas Eve Service</u> - Join us on Christmas Eve from 6-6:45 p.m. as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with a time of music, reflection, and candlelight singing. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

Elder Recommended Resource - Christian doctrine is a vital part of the gospel message, but certain doctrinal beliefs have divided the church for centuries. In his book, *Doctrines That Divide*, Erwin Lutzer examines various controversies that exist within the broad spectrum of Christianity. Find it on Amazon using this QR code.



Awana - There is no Awana tonight. Join us for Fireside Christmas at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Birthday Party for Jesus - Today is the Birthday Party for Jesus. Children aged 4yrs. thru 5th grade are invited. Children in Sunday School will stay checked in and be brought into the auditorium for the scripture reading. Children in church will be dismissed after the scripture reading to join their age group for the party.

Offering Envelopes & Online Instructions - If you use offering envelopes for your giving or would like instructions on how to give online, both are available at the Welcome Center table in the foyer.

#### **Christmas Holiday Schedule**

12/24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 6 p.m.

12/25 - No Service

12/29 - AM Service only - No Sunday School

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From all the Pastors/Elders and Staff here at FBC, we pray that you will be comforted by the presence of Emmanuel, God with us, and always follow His guiding light.

Merry Christmas and a wonderful year to come!

\*Offering may be given in the boxes at the back of the auditorium or placed in the black boxes in the lobby. You may also give online at fbcbellefonte.org.

Last Week at First Baptist Church		
Financial Report	General	Missions
Monthly Budget	\$47,751.67	\$11,419.00
Last Weeks Giving	\$23,524.25	\$ 4,813.00
Monthly Giving	\$65,568.95	\$ 9,669.00
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#### This Week Dec. 23 - Dec. 28

Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.

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Church Office Hours
Office Closed

**Merry Christmas!** 

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### Get Connected

So that we can get better acquainted, please fill out this form and turn it in at the Welcome Center for a free gift!

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CITY / STATE / ZIP	1
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AGE GROUP: 113-18 119-35 1 165+ CHILDREN:	
IAME	AGE

#### PLEASE CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:

First-time	visitor
Returning	visitor

☐ New resident

☐ Would like a visit

☐ Would like to know more about FBC

■ Would like to know more about being a Christian

☐ I learned about the church from:

□ Internet

□ Friend/Family

☐ Invited by: