

THE FAMILY OF GOD IN WORSHIP

JANUARY 05, 2024 11:00AM WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare for worship.
Hearing impaired devices are available at the Welcome/Information Table.
A Nursery is available for children ages birth through three years.



Enter to Worship ...

Worship Song	This is Our God	
Welcome & Invocation		Rev. Linza Layman Coffee
Hymn 1	Praise to the Lord the Almighty	
Fellowship Greeting 525	Lord, Reign in Me	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Amanda Monroe
Worship Song	Jesus, Son of God	
<i>At the end of this song, all children ages 4 years to 3rd grade are invited to join EmilyAnne at the back of the sanctuary for KidsWorship in Room E104 (Kids Corner).</i>		
Ministry of Music	We Three Kings	arr. Becki S. Mayo
	Sarah & Tony DeLuzio	
Message	The Gifts of the Magi	Rev. Frank Jarman
Response Song	You Are My King	
Benediction		Dr. Nate Leonard
Postlude		Sarah DeLuzio

... Depart to Serve

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the
Glory of God and in honor of Lois Parker's birthday. (12/31)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES and ACTIVITIES

The first Diaconate meeting of 2025 will be Sunday, 01/12/2025 at 7pm in the Conference Room.
The first Church Council meeting of 2025 will be Monday, 01/27/2025 at 7pm in the Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

THE SEVEN I AM STATEMENTS OF JOHN

4:30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

Join Pastor Frank as he examines the 7 I am statements from the book of John.

THE CHOSEN: SEASON 4—SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, & THE SHOW

6:30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

"Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus close in while His followers struggle to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone. Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable — ally with their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted and opposition to Jesus' message turns violent, He's left with no alternative but demand his followers rise up."

GENESIS (BOOKS 3, 4, & 5) WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

6:30pm in Room E-212

Please join the women as we continue our study of Genesis, using Kay Arthur's Precept Upon Precept. Part 3-"Becoming a Friend of the Faithful God" is a six week study focusing on Abraham. Part 4-"Wrestling with God" is a four week study on Isaac, Jacob, and Esau. Part 5-"Keeping Your Focus When Your Dreams Are Shattered" is a four week study on Joseph. You can join in without having done the first two parts this past Fall. Cost is \$52 per person.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES

Winter 2025

Beginning Friday, January 10th at 10:00am at FBC, join Susan Vallance for the seven session Bible study by Kristi McLelland, *The Gospel on the Ground, The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts*. Explore how the kingdom of God is always on the move—always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God.

Beginning Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00pm at the Lamp residence, join Heather Lamp for the eight session Bible study by Sandra L. Richter, PhD, *Lead Where God Places You—Deborah; Unlikely Heroes and the Book of Judges*. Study about the prophet, Deborah, from the book of Judges who was a wife, mother, and judge. She led Israel out of chaos into one of the most pivotal military victories of her time.

Explore this semester's options and order your book via Amazon or christianbook.com. We'd love to see you there! For more information, please contact Gail Whitley 252-241-2010.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Join us for a mission project sewing curtains for Hope Recovery Homes! Bring a sewing machine if you can; non-sewers are also needed to cut and pin. All are welcome: beginners, ladies, men, older kids and teens! Instruction will be provided by Mandy Pursley and Nancy Piner. We will have a potluck lunch to round out our work folic. Contact Mandy at mandypursley@gmail.com for details.

SENIOR ADULT J.O.Y. MINISTRIES

While all activities are planned for senior adults, anyone may join us.

You can sign up for all of Senior Adult Ministries on the Connection Card, at the Sign up Table in the Gathering Place or online at https://fbcmhc.org/senior_adults

Pick up the current Newsletter for more information on all the activities through February.

LUNCH AT YODER'S DUTCH PANTRY

Tuesday, January 7th from 10am-4pm

Join us as we travel to Yoder's Dutch Pantry, a Mennonite Restaurant and Bakery, for lunch. Yoder's is your One-Stop-Shop for all things that includes home made breads, jellies, jams, delicious home cooked meals, and their great big delicious cinnamon rolls. We will leave the church around 10am. Visit the website to sign up and let us know if you will be traveling with us.

For more information and menu, go to www.yoderdutchpantry.com.

LUNCHEON WITH KRISTIN FURR AND EMILY ANNE GRAHAM

Thursday, January 23 at 11:30am

Join us for lunch as we hear from two of our newest staff members. Kristin Furr, our Ministry Assistant, and EmilyAnne Graham, our Assistant Children & Youth Leader, will be sharing their story. Menu will be soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and desserts.

SINGING IN THE SUN

April 22 & 23

Join us as we travel to Myrtle Beach on Tuesday, April 22 for one of the largest Christian Music events in the world! It will be a wonderful time of fellowship as we hear some great gospel music and powerful speakers!! We will return home on Thursday afternoon on April 24. There may be a possible shopping trip on Thursday.

NEW ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

Available Now!

Be sure to check the Friday eNews and your email for the information that was sent out to all email subscribers last week regarding new online giving platform.

You can now text the word **Give** to 252-404-8700.

GRIEF SHARE

Beginning Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30pm, Grief Share starts for the next 13 week session.

If you or someone you know have lost a loved one, we would like to help you through this difficult time.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD—MEN'S MINISTRY

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Mornings: 6:30am

Cox's Restaurant

1st Saturday of the Month: 8:00am

Conference Room

Breakfast provided.

AROMA OF CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Aroma of Christ Sunday School class is seeking to form a four week rotating team of facilitators. If you have a passion for God's Word and a desire to teach once a month on Sunday mornings, please contact Heather Lamp at 704.345.3869.

OCEANS OF GOD'S LOVE—PSALM 36: 5-9 2025 COASTAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Location: Fort Caswell

Date: February 21-23, 2025

Price: \$205 w/out transportation or \$225 w/ transportation (Price includes two nights lodging, four meals, and a program fee.)

REGISTER NOW!

Scan the QR code to sign up!



SATURDAY HALF-TIME DEVOTIONS

If you would like to lead half-time devotions for the Upward Season, please indicate so via the commitment card or emailing amonroe@fbcmhc.org. Devotions are pre-written and will be delivered to your email.

NURSERY & KIDSWORSHIP

You're invited!

We would love to extend the invitation to you to join us in our nursery and KidsWorship to assist the leaders with their mission on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Supporting the children's ministry in a meaningful way to continue God's kingdom for generations to come.

If every member could take one shift on one Sunday a year, what a blessing that would be to all generations! Please visit the sign-up table in the Gathering Place or visit the church website to sign up directly through Sign-Up Genius.

WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS (6-7:30PM)

PREK-5TH GRADE

Resumes this Wednesday, 6-7:30pm.

CLUB 45 (GRADES 4-5)

Resumes tonight, 5-7pm.

YOUTH MINISTRIES (GRADES 6-12)

Matt Chandler, Explicit Gospel, starts tonight, 5-7pm.

COMMITMENT CARD

JANUARY 05, 2024

Tear Off & Place in the Offering Plate

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Upward Half-time Devotions

I am interested in leading half-time devotions. Please have Pastor Amanda contact me.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Jan 08, 2025 @ 5:30

Reservation Deadline: Noon on 01/06

All meals served w/dessert & beverage.

Menu

Cavatini (pasta) & Salad Bar

Please indicate your selection below

___ # of Adult Meals-\$5 (ages 12 & up)
___ # of Children's Meals-\$3 (ages 4-11)
___ # of Children's Meals-Free (3 /under)

Eat in
 To go

Name: _____

Make your dinner reservations
and pay online at the QR code below!



CONNECTION CARD

JANUARY 05, 2024

Tear Off & Place in the Offering Plate

WELCOME!

Service Attended: 8:30 11:00

Name _____

Spouse (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City, State, & Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I am a:
 1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest
 Regular Attendee Member
 Searching for a Church

I am a guest of _____

Names & ages of children living at home

Your age group:
 10-17 18-29 30's 40's
 50's 60's 70's 80's

How did you learn of our church?
 Friend Relative Website

I would like information on:
 Sunday Morning Bible Study Groups
 Music Ministry
 Children's Missions Ministry (age 4-Gd 5)
 J.O.Y Ministries (Senior Adult)
 Men's Ministries
 Mission Opportunities
 Music & Arts Academy
 Upward Basketball
 Women's Ministries
 Youth Choir (Gds 6-12)
 Youth Ministries (Gds 6-12)

My Next Steps:
 I'm New
 I'm committing my life to Christ.
 I would like to talk to a pastor.
 I want to be baptized.
 I would like more information on becoming a member of this church.

Prayer Request:

MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

WEEK OF JAN 05—JAN 11, 2024

Su 05 8:30am Traditional Worship Service
9:45am Bible Study for All Ages
11:00am Blended Worship Service
5:00pm Club 45 & Youth
Mo 06 10:30am Faith & Fitness
Tu 07 6:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:00am Lunch @ Yoder's (J.O.Y.)
5:50pm Worship Team Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
We 08 10:30am Faith & Fitness
4:30pm The 7 I Am Bible Study
5:30pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm Wednesday Nite Kids (Prek-5th)
6:00pm Wednesday Nite Life (6th-12th)
6:30pm *The Chosen* Bible Study
6:30pm *Genesis* Bible Study (Women)

GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM TOGETHER!

The women's ministry invites you to join a **GROW** group. For more information, please contact LeAnn Williams at rmwilliams@ec.rr.com. You may also sign up on the Connection Card or at the Sign Up table in the Welcome area.

2025 UPWARD BASKETBALL SEASON

For questions, please contact Robin Parker at 252-732-0495 or robinparker2@mac.com.



Referees needed; scan the QR code to volunteer.

SENIOR S-T-R-E-T-C-H FOR MEN & WOMEN:

Tuesday mornings 9:30-10:15am

FAITH & FITNESS YOGA CLASS FOR WOMEN:

Monday & Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:30am

MUSIC & ARTS ACADEMY



Scholarship assistance is available year-round to students in need desiring to take lessons through the Music & Arts Academy. If you would like to help provide tuition assistance, donations may be made at any time to the FBC Music & Arts Academy Scholarship Fund through the church office.

Checks should be written to First Baptist Church noting "Music & Arts Scholarship Fund" in the memo. Your gift to help provide lessons is greatly appreciated!

Registration forms for Spring 2025 lessons in violin, viola, cello, piano, organ, guitar, ukulele, voice, drum set, and Music & Me infant/toddler classes are now being accepted.

Forms and brochures are now available online at www.fbcmhc.org/music_and_arts_academy or in the church office. Spring semester lessons begin on Tuesday, January 21st.

For more information contact Diane Hawkins at 241-3859 or dhawkins@fbcmhc.org.

Text the word **give** to 252-404-8700.

LISTENING GUIDE

"THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI"

Scripture Reference: Matthew 2: 1-12
Pew Bible p. 1488

Rev. Frank Jarman January 05, 2024

NOTES

Series of horizontal lines for taking notes.



Exalting God ♦ Preparing People ♦ Sharing Christ



Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We invite all of our guests to complete the Communication Card attached to this bulletin or on our Church App. Should you have a particular prayer request or desire to learn more about our church, we would like to know!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dr. Nate Leonard, Senior Pastor
Rev. Amanda Monroe, Associate Pastor of Next Generation & Online Ministry
Rev. Darrell Williams, Minister of Senior Adult Ministry
Rev. Frank Jarman, Associate Minister for Spiritual Formation and Administration
Rev. Linza Layman Coffee, Assoc. Pastor of Traditional Worship ♦ Sarah DeLuzio, Pianist
Deborah Lockey, Director of Blended Worship ♦ All members of First Baptist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30am-Traditional (In Person) 11:00am-Blended (In-Person & Livestreamed)
9:45am—Bible Study for All Ages

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