

Advent Decorations

Help us decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season by ordering a topiary, amaryllis or poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone.

Please fill out the form below and **Hurry! Numbers are limited.** There are **5** topiaries, **1** amaryllis, and **15** poinsettias available.

___ Topiaries (\$50)
Pick up the week after Christmas

___ Amaryllis (\$25)
Pick up the week after Christmas

___ Poinsettia (\$25)
Pick up after Christmas Eve Service

In memory / honor of (circle/one):

By _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 15** Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
- December 16** McGuffey's Party
- December 18** Interview with the Fairchilds
- December 24** Christmas Eve Service
- December 25-26** Church Office Closed
- December 29** Prayer Emphasis Sunday
- January 1** Church Office Closed
- January 17** Dental Clinic

New Members

Statement
Carter & Mackie Brackett
412 Edenwood Avenue
Gadsden, AL 35901

Memorial

John Paul Conner
Richard Conner
Mrs. Sue Roe

Jean Estes
Rejoice-Friendship Sunday
School Class

John Wiggins
Growing Together Sunday School
Class of Briarwood Presbyterian

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers last Sunday were placed in memory of Jean Estes by her family.

Church Facilities Holiday Schedule

- Tuesday, Dec. 24**
Church Facilities Closed
- Wednesday, Dec. 25**
Church Facilities Closed
No Wednesday Activities
- Thursday, Dec. 26**
Church Facilities Closed
- Friday, Dec. 27**
Church Facilities Open
- Tuesday, Dec. 31**
Church Facilities **OPEN** until 4 pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 1**
Church Facilities Closed
No Wednesday Activities
- Thursday, Jan. 2**
Church Facilities Open

Note: To receive tax credit for 2019, contributions must be in the church office or postmarked by December 31. The office will be open on Tuesday, December 31, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. You also can make credit or debit card donations online at www.fbcgadsden.org.

Weekly Records for December 8, 2019

Sunday School	Stewardship Records
Enrollment276	Budget..... \$13,377.87
Attendance	Tithes Received..... \$21,922.00
Members..... 160	Designated..... \$1,682.00
Visitors..... 6	Budget to Date \$655,515.63
Total Attendance..... 166	Received to Date \$615,168.04
Worship	
Attendance225	
No Kids Worship	
Total Attendance.....225	

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
 ——— for international missions ———
Church Goal: \$19,000 Given to Date: \$3,605

Rev. Mat Alexander Pastor	Rev. Woodie Turner Minister to Families	Rev. Nathan Edwards Minister of Music
Mr. Chris Taunton Director of Student Ministries	Miss Lydia Sewell Director of Children's Ministries and Missions	Mrs. Sharon Reynolds Pianist
		Mrs. Lana Cornutt Organist



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*Christmas
at First*

GOODWILL BEGIN... AND NEVER CEASE

*A Christmas concert
featuring choir and orchestra
Dec 15 - 6 PM
fellowship reception to follow*

 **The Chimes**
December 15, 2019

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019		10:30 AM
Prelude		Mrs. Lana Cornutt
Call to Worship 87	“Joy to the World” Stanzas 1, 2, & 3	ANTIOCH
Welcome		Rev. Nathan Edwards, Minister of Music
Carol 94	“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”	REGENT SQUARE
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy		Mr. & Mrs. Mike Erwin & Emily
Congregational Response	“The Light of the World Is Jesus” <i>See Insert</i>	LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Carol 106	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	W ZLOBIE LEZY
Missions Moment	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	Rev. Mat Alexander, Pastor
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor
Carol 95	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” <i>On the final stanza, children are invited to FirstKids Worship</i>	GO TELL IT
Choral Worship	“Angels, We Have Heard on High” <i>Sanctuary Choir</i>	arr. Edwards
	<i>The text of this carol can be found on page 100 in the Hymnal</i>	
Message	“And You Shall Call His Name: Christ” Luke 2: 8-14 <i>Page 1179 in Pew Bible</i>	Pastor
Hymn of Response 118	“What Child Is This”	GREENSLEEVES
Offertory Prayer		Mr. Chris Taunton, Student Ministries Director
Offertory		Mrs. Sharon Reynolds
Congregational Benediction 87	“Joy to the World” <i>Stanza 4</i>	ANTIOCH
	He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.	
Postlude		Mrs. Lana Cornutt



Sunday, December 15
Sanctuary Choir Musical, 6:00 pm
“GOODWILL BEGIN...AND NEVER CEASE”
(Fellowship following the program)

A love offering will be received for the Etowah Baptist Missions Center during the program.

The Etowah Baptist Missions Center serves Etowah County by providing essential services to those that need them the most. Those who need help with household items, finances, financial counseling, clothing, food, and more can find a helping hand at the EBMC. Furthermore, chaplains are available to help meet spiritual needs.

Tuesday, December 24
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 29
Prayer Emphasis, 10:30 am



In Service This Sunday

SECURITY
Larry Brittain & Noah Miller

SOUND & TV MINISTRY
Scott Morgan, Allen Ray, Ricky Ray
Matt Jackson, Jeff Martin
Kenny Flowers, Jarrod Walker
Chris Alexander

NURSERY
Jan Flowers, Leslie Jackson
Keri Lonnergan
Emma Martin

KIDS WORSHIP
Eugenia Cunningham
Misty Walker, Lydia Sewell
PR, Amy, & Cole Hill

This Week at FBC

Sunday, December 15
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
8:00 pm Rebroadcast

Monday, December 16
8:00 am Ladies Exercise
2:00 pm McGuffey's Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17
6:30 am Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 18
8:00 am Ladies Exercise
4:00 pm Committee on Committees
5:00 pm Fellowship Supper
Beef Tips/Rice, Okra, Green Beans
Child's menu: HB or HD/Chips
5:45 pm Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Preschool & Children
All Adults & Youth meet in the Chapel for "Interview with the Fairchilds"

Friday, December 20
8:00 am Ladies Exercise

Saturday, December 21
Basketball Games in FLC

Guests: We are glad you are worshipping with us today! Please fill out the information card and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.

GUEST INFORMATION

Name _____

Email address _____

Other Contact Info _____

Prayer Requests

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PW: **firstlovesgadshen**

At the close of the service we invite you to the Welcome Center to meet our pastor and his wife and receive a small gift we have for you.