

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

Or if you prefer:

Text "New2FBCG" to 97000 to connect with us!

**GUEST INFORMATION**

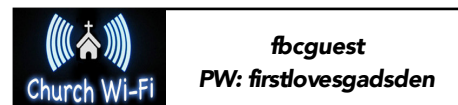
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**Prayer Requests**

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**Christian Sympathy**

Is extended to the family and friends of Melba Amberson.

Is extended to Mike & Ketrenia Hooks and family in the loss of Ketrenia's sister, Debra Thurmond.

Is extended to Misty & Jared Walker and family in the loss of Misty's stepfather, Rev. D. Kelton Williams.

Is extended to Jeff & Deana Williams and family in the loss of Jeff's father, Billy Williams.

**Memorials**

Nancy Wise  
Anona Aderholdt  
Rick & Francie Vann

**Budget 2021**

This Sunday, December 13 following Morning Worship-Sanctuary Special Called Business Meeting Budget Vote/Membership Changes

**Alabama Baptist Subscriptions**

It is time to renew your subscription to "The Alabama Baptist." The cost is \$17, and you can mark your check accordingly. Now is a great time to begin receiving this weekly newspaper about the work of Baptists in our state, so call the church office to get your subscription started!

Note: To receive tax credit for 2020, contributions must be in the church office or postmarked by December 31.

The office will be open on Thursday, December 31, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. You also can make credit or debit card donations online at [www.fbcgadsden.org](http://www.fbcgadsden.org).

**Weekly Records for December 6, 2020**

**Stewardship Records**

Budget ..... \$14,199.18  
Tithes Received ..... \$32,895.00  
Designated ..... \$9,619.00  
Budget to Date..... \$695,759.82  
Received to Date..... \$698,801.83

**Worship**

Attendance..... 126  
No Kids Worship ..... 30  
Total Attendance ..... 156

Online giving is available at: <https://portal.icheckgateway.com/firstbaptistgadsden/>

Checks may be mailed to: PO Box 456, Gadsden, AL, 35902.

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



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GADSDEN

235 South Fifth Street Gadsden, AL 35901



While our attendance is limited this year, we still want to make sure as many people as possible get the opportunity to experience this worship service. We will be live on the church website, Facebook, and on Comcast Ch. 5 that night as well so that those who are not able to attend in person will still get to experience the time of worship live.

December 13, 2020 Christmas at First

Sunday, December 13, 2020 10:30 am

Prelude		Mrs. Lana Cornutt Ms. Linda Robertson
Carol 96	"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"	IN DULCI JUBILO
Welcome		Rev. Woodie Turner, Minister to Families
Call to Worship	"Arise and Shine! Your Light Is Come" <i>Sanctuary Choir</i>	arr. Martin
Carol 87	"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" <i>Stanzas 1, 2, &amp; 3</i>	ANTIOCH
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy		Mr. & Mrs. Carter Brackett, Davie
Choral Response	"I Shall Know Him When He Comes" <i>Refrain Only</i>	Wagner
Missions Moment	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Mat Alexander, Pastor
Carol 98	"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" <i>Stanzas 1, 3, 4, &amp; 5</i>	WALTHAM
	<i>On the final stanza, children are invited to FirstKids Worship</i>	
Message	"Joy" I Peter 1:8-9	Pastor
Time of Meditation		Mrs. Sharon Reynolds
	SPECIAL-CALLED BUSINESS MEETING	
Congregational Benediction 87	"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" <i>Stanzas 4</i>	ANTIOCH
	<i>He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love.</i>	
Postlude		Mrs. Lana Cornutt



### I Shall Know Him When He Comes

Words adapted by Charlotte Lee  
Music: Douglas E. Wagner

By the ho - ly har - mo - ny which his  
com - ing makes in me I shall know Him,  
I shall know Him I shall know Him when He comes.

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#### From the Youth Search Committee

**On Sunday, December 20, we will be voting to call Coale Jordan as our new Minister to Students. Coale is currently serving in the same role at West Bank Baptist Church in New Orleans. He and his wife, Alecia, are students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and plan to graduate in Spring 2021. Alecia is also a full-time nurse. Both are Alabama natives: Coale is from Brewton and Alecia is from Daphne. Our committee is excited about what Coale and Alecia will bring to our Student Ministry. We look forward to all of you meeting them. Our prayer is that the Jordans will have a faithful and fruitful ministry among us in the years ahead.**



**Also, on Saturday, December 19, from 11-12:30, we will have a come and go meet and greet at Gulf Creek Farm in Steele (contact the church office if you need directions). A simple BBQ lunch will be provided. We will maintain social distance and those who wish to "drive-thru" to meet the Jordans are welcome to do that. This event is primarily geared toward our youth, youth families, and other young families so that they can have an opportunity to meet Coale and Alecia.**

**The Youth Search Committee:  
Brian Curp, Katie Haynie, Matt Jackson, Ragan Lonnergan, Emma Martin**

#### Serving the little ones

 Whitney Alexander  
Angela Ganshaw  
Jared & Cantrell Lowe

 Kylie & Woodie Turner  
Joni Rowland  
Francie Vann  
Lydia Sewell

#### Security & Greeters

Mike Erwin  
Larry Brittain & Roger Higgins

#### Sound & TV Ministry

Scott Morgan & Will Turner  
Chris Alexander, David Goodwin  
Jeff Martin, Kay Moore  
Allen Ray, Ricky Ray

#### Christmas at First

Thursday, December 24  
Church Facilities Closed  
Christmas Eve Services  
4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Friday, December 25  
Church Facilities Closed

Sunday, December 27  
Prayer Emphasis in Sanctuary

Monday, December 28 -  
Thursday, December 31  
Church Facilities Open until 4 pm

Friday, January 1  
Church Facilities Closed

#### This Week at FBC

Sunday, December 13  
9:30 am Joint Sunday School in Chapel  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm "It is Well" Choir/Orchestra  
8:00 pm Rebroadcast  
Comcast Channel 5

Monday, December 14  
8:00 am Ladies Exercise

Tuesday, December 15  
10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 16  
8:00 am Ladies Exercise

Friday, December 18  
8:00 am Ladies Exercise

#### Advent Decorations

**Help us decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season by ordering an amaryllis or poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone.**

**Please fill out the form below and Hurry! Numbers are limited. There are only 19 poinsettias and 1 amaryllis, and still available.**

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

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

In memory / honor of (circle/one):

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