

Please order by *Advent*
December 17. *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.**

_____ Poinsettia (\$30)
Pick up after Christmas Eve PM Service

In memory / honor of (circle/one):

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$42,000
Total Given: \$13,665

A GREAT MULTITUDE FROM EVERY NATION
KNOWING AND WORSHIPING JESUS

REVELATION 7:9



New Members

Olivia Erwin
1310 Burger Circle
Gadsden, AL 35903

Christian Sympathy

Is extended to the family and friends of Chuck Shepherd.

Memorials

Ava Nelle Moore
Bob Moore
Ann & Kay Moore

Honoraria

Larry & Becky Brittain
Ann & Kay Moore
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Larry & Becky Brittain

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If you are interested in receiving this publication, please call the church office to start your subscription.

Note: To receive tax credit for 2023, contributions must be in the church office or postmarked by Sunday, December 31. The office will be open on Friday, December 29 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. You also can make credit or debit card donations online at www.fbcgadsden.org/giving

Weekly December 10, 2023

Sunday School	Stewardship Records
Enrollment..... 389	Budget..... \$22,336.02
Attendance	Tithes Received..... \$66,475.91
Members..... 202	Designated..... \$9,095.00
New Members & Visitors..... 6	Budget to Date \$1,116,801.00
Total Attendance 208	Received to Date \$1,207,319.89

Worship

Attendance..... 352
No Kids Worship
Total Attendance..... 352

Offering Boxes are available at the exits and in the office.



Online giving is available by scanning the QR code.

SERVING THE LITTLE ONES



Luke & Stephanie Arnett
Cathy Ellis, Jan Flowers
Saratha Grigsby
Stephanie Simmons
Marian Stone
Vanessa Walker



Misty Walker
Eugenia Cunningham
PR & Amy Hill
Hollis Gilmer
Judi Beard

SOUND & TV MINISTRY

Scott Morgan, Matthew Vance
Chris Alexander, David Goodwin
Matt Jackson, Jeff Martin
Allen Ray, Ricky Ray

SECURITY & GREETERS

Larry Brittain, Paul Hodge
Ronnie Lee, Ricky Vann
Ray Grigsby, Noah Miller
Bill Stone, Mark Harris

Rev. Mat Alexander.....	Senior Pastor
Rev. Woodie Turner.....	Associate Pastor
Rev. Nathan Edwards.....	Associate Pastor for Worship
Miss Lydia Sewell.....	Minister of Children & Missions
Rev. Coale Jordan.....	Minister of Students & Media
Mrs. Sharon Reynolds.....	Pianist
Mrs. Lana Cornutt.....	Organist



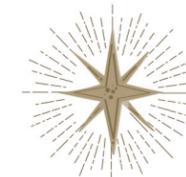
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GADSDEN
235 South Fifth Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
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A SONG OF GLORY

LUKE 2:13-15

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURING CHOIRS AND ORCHESTRA



LET US ADORE HIM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 6PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

CHRISTMASATFIRST.COM



December 17, 2023

Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:30 am

Prelude Mrs. Lana Cornutt

Call to Worship 76 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *VENI EMMANUEL*
Stanzas 1, 3, & 4

Welcome Rev. Woodie Turner,
Associate Pastor

Carol 96 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” *IN DULCI JUBILO*

Lighting of the Advent Candle: JOY Mr. & Mrs. Richard Taylor,
Addison, Jackson, Benjamin, & Natalie

Congregational Response “Come, O Come” *Berry*

6
Come, O come, see the ba - by in a man - ger

10
God's own Son born to - day in Beth - le hem. Re -

14
joice and sing come and wor-ship the new - born King Let us bow

down and wor - ship Je - sus the Lord.,

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Missions Moment Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Miss Lydia Sewell,
Minister of Children & Missions

Carol 106 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” *W ZLOBIE LEZY*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Coale Jordan,
Minister of Students & Media

Choral Worship “Where Shepherds Lately Knelt” *Courtney*
Sanctuary Choir

Carol 100 “Angels We Have Heard on High” *GLORIA*
Stanzas 1, 2, & 4
On the final stanza, children are invited to FirstKids Worship.

Message “A Song of Glory” Rev. Mat Alexander,
Luke 2:13-15 Senior Pastor
Page 1180 in pew Bible

Carol of Response 121 “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” *MARGARET*

Congregational Benediction 100
“Angels We Have Heard on High” *GLORIA*
Stanza 3

*Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Postlude Mrs. Lana Cornutt



“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

**Where shepherds lately knelt, and kept the angel’s word,
I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me.**

**In that unlikely place I find Him as they said;
Sweet newborn Babe, how frail! And in a manger bed;
A still small voice to cry one day for me.**

**How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace – for me.**

**Can I, will I forget how love was born and burned
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me?**

This Week at FBC

Sunday, December 17
9:15 am **Sunday School**
10:30 am **Morning Worship**
6:00 pm **“Let Us Adore Him”**
8:00 pm **Rebroadcast of Children’s Musical**
Comcast Channel 5

Monday, December 18
8:00 am **Ladies Exercise**

Tuesday, December 19
6:30 am **Men’s Prayer Group**
10:00 am **Staff Meeting**



Wednesday, December 20
No Wednesday Night Activities

Friday, December 22
Church closed for Holidays

Sunday, December 24
Morning Worship at 10:30 am
(No Sunday School)
Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm

**Monday & Tuesday,
December 25 & 26**
Church closed for Holidays

Wednesday, December 27
No Wednesday Night Activities

**Wednesday - Friday,
December 27 - 29**
Church office open until noon daily

Sunday, December 31
Prayer Emphasis Sunday
(No Sunday School)

**Monday & Tuesday,
January 1 & 2**
Church closed for Holidays

Wednesday, January 3
No Wednesday Night Activities



Thank you for being our guest today!

Please fill out the information card and place in the Offering Box as you leave the service. If you prefer, please scan this code.



GUEST INFORMATION

Name

Email address

Other Contact Info

CANDLELIGHT
christmas eve
5:00 PM

Comcast Channel 5 Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 17

6:00 pm “Let Us Adore Him”

8:00 pm “Jingle Bell Beach” (children)

Christmas Day - 10:30 am & 8:00 pm

“Let Us Adore Him”

New Years Eve - 8:00 pm

“Let Us Adore Him”