

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 **4** amaryllis, and **20** poinsettias available.

_____ Amaryllis (\$30)
Pick up the week after Christmas

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

In memory / honor of (circle/one):

By _____

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: \$42,000

Total Given: \$2,515

A GREAT MULTITUDE FROM EVERY NATION
KNOWING AND WORSHIPING JESUS

REVELATION 7:9



Christian Sympathy

Is extended to the family and friends of Mae Kitchens.

Memorial

Jane Newman
Laura L. Riggins



Sunday, December 10, 10:30 am
Children's Musical

Wednesday, December 13
Lasagna for Lottie

Sunday, December 17, 6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

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, Dec. 25 & 26
Church closed for Holidays

Wednesday, December 27
No Wednesday Night Activities

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



Advent Devotionals

"Salvation Has Come" Advent Devotionals are available. Please take one as a gift from First Baptist Church for your family to use this Christmas season. Devotions begin on December 1.

Weekly November 26, 2023

Sunday School

Enrollment..... 391
Attendance
Members..... 179
Visitors6
Total Attendance 185

Worship

Attendance 238
Kids Worship38
Total Attendance..... 276

Stewardship Records

Budget..... \$22,336.02
Tithes Received..... \$28,030.13
Designated..... \$1,250.00
Budget to Date \$1,072,128.96
Received to Date \$1,111,145.31

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



Online giving is available by scanning the QR code.

SERVING THE LITTLE ONES



Anona Aderholdt
Eugenia Cunningham
Kristie Erwin
Keri Lonnergan
June McCurley
Jan & Tolly Walker



Clay & Cathy Ellis
Corri Edwards
Martha Russell
Luke & Stephanie Arnett
Lydia Sewell

SOUND & TV MINISTRY

Scott Morgan, Matthew Vance
Chris Alexander, Jeff Martin
Kay Moore, Jarrod Walker
Allen Ray, Ricky Ray

SECURITY & GREETERS

Larry Brittain, Paul Hodge
Ronnie Lee, Ricky Vann
Mike Erwin, Jared Lowe
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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hanging of the green
2023

Christmas
at First
December 3, 2023

Sunday, December 3, 2023 10:30 am

Prelude		Mrs. Lana Cornutt
Call to Worship	“Sing to God with Thanksgiving” <i>First Steps Choir</i>	<i>LeDoux</i>
Welcome		Rev. Mat Alexander, Senior Pastor
Introduction to Advent	<i>from John 1 & Galatians 4</i>	
Carol 77	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	<i>HYFRYDOL</i>
Missions Moment	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	Miss Lydia Sewell, Minister of Children & Missions
Lighting of the Advent Candle: HOPE		Mr. & Mrs. Luke Arnett, Knox, Jack, & Wells
Choral Response	“Come, O Come”	<i>Berry</i>
Carol 89	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” <i>Accompanied by Children’s Handbells</i>	<i>ADESTE FIDELES</i>
Choral Worship	“Unto Us” <i>First Kids Choir</i>	<i>arr. Semsen</i>
Carol 94	“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” <i>On the final stanza, children are invited to FirstKids Worship</i>	<i>REGENT SQUARE</i>
Choral Worship	“Song of the Stars” <i>Sanctuary Choir</i>	<i>Larson</i>
Message	“A Song of Rejoicing” <i>Luke 1:46-56 Page 1178 in pew Bible</i>	Senior Pastor
Time of Response	“In a Manger” <i>Adult Handbells</i>	<i>arr. Raney</i>
Congregational Benediction 87	“Joy to the World” Stanzas 1 & 4 <i>Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room, and, heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing, 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.</i>	<i>ANTIOCH</i>
Postlude		Mrs. Lana Cornutt

Come, O Come

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Song of the Stars

The earth was filled with darkness, emptiness and night.
God spoke in the darkness; God sent forth the light.
The skies were filled with glory as heaven praised His might.
The morning stars began to sing to God who made the light.

The world was full of darkness, hopelessness and night.
God spoke in the darkness; God sent forth His light.
The skies were filled with glory as heaven praised the sight.
The morning stars began to sing to Jesus Christ, the light.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to the Author of Light!
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine, Morning Star so bright!

The morning stars were singing together at Your birth.
The heavens declared Your majesty and worth.
The angels were rejoicing as the hearts of all were stirred.
The morning stars were singing to the Light, to the Light of the world.



First Kids & First Steps Choirs present
JINGLE BELL BEACH
Sunday, December 10 10:30 am

This Week at FBC

- Sunday, December 3**
 9:15 am **Sunday School**
 10:30 am **Morning Worship**
 6:00 pm **JSU Choir Concert**
 8:00 pm **Rebroadcast**
Comcast Channel 5
- Monday, December 4**
 8:00 am **Ladies Exercise**
- Tuesday, December 5**
 6:30 am **Men’s Prayer Group**
 10:00 am **Staff Meeting**
- Wednesday, December 6**
 8:00 am **Ladies Exercise**
 10:00 am **Backpack Ministry**
 5:00 pm **Supper**
- Menu:**
Soup, Salad, Grilled Cheese
 5:30 pm **Prayer Time**
 5:45 pm **First Kids Dress Rehearsal**
First Students Choir
Preschool & Children Activities
 6:00 pm **Bible Study**
 6:45 pm **First Students**
 7:00 pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**
- Thursday, December 7**
 12:15 pm **Finance Committee**
- Friday, December 8**
 8:00 am **Ladies Exercise**

LASAGNA for Lottie!
 Christmas at Church
 Donate what you wish for a plate of Joyce's famous lasagna!

All proceeds go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

December 13 5:00-5:45 pm

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 _____

Christmas Party
Thursday December 14 5:00 pm
 Cost: \$5 each includes Catered Meal
 Big Oak Girls' Ranch
 6000 Shelley Dr.
 Springville, AL 35146
 Please call the church office to sign up.
 Transportation available upon request.

Deadline: December 10