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**THANK YOU**  
Thank you to the hospitality team and all of the volunteers who made last Sunday's program and reception such a joyous time of fellowship.

**New Members**

Jenea Kay (Baptism)  
1905 Broadway Ave  
Gadsden, AL 35904  
  
Eleanor Simmons (Baptism)  
534 River Ridge Rd  
Gadsden, AL 35901

**Christian Sympathy**

Is extended to  
Scott & Sherrie Bruton and family  
in the loss of Scott's father,  
Robert Bruton.

**Honorarium**

Larry & Margarette Fuhrman  
Bill & Susanna Greer  
Brant & Katie Haynie  
Bill & Marian Stone  
The Wiggins Family

**Memorials**

Elouise Gulledge  
Nancy Conner  
Barbara Mann

**Wednesdays at 6 pm  
in the Chapel**

Join Pastor Mat for a  
book study on Dane Ortlund's  
'Gentle and Lowly.'  
Now through Feb. 5  
Books are \$10

**Weekly Records December 8, 2024**

**Worship**

Attendance .....268  
Kids Worship .....45  
Total Attendance .....313

**Sunday School**

Enrollment.....405  
Attendance  
Members .....172  
Visitors .....4  
Total Attendance .....176

**Stewardship Records**

Budget..... \$26,043.83  
Tithes Received ..... \$24,107.73  
Designated ..... \$8,775.00  
Budget to Date .....\$1,276,147.67  
Received to Date .....\$1,279,221.11

**SERVING THE LITTLE ONES**  
 Anona Aderholdt  
Becky Brittain  
Alecia Jordan  
Keri Lonnergan  
Kelly Richards  
Addie Taylor  
Francie Vann  
 **NO KIDS WORSHIP  
THIS WEEK**

**SOUND & TV MINISTRY**  
Scott Morgan, Matthew Vance  
Chris Alexander,  
Matt Jackson, Kay Moore,  
Ricky Ray, Jarrod Walker  
**SECURITY & GREETERS**  
Larry Brittain, Paul Hodge  
Allen Back, Ray Grigsby  
Noah Miller, Bill Stone  
Golf Cart- Ragan Lonnergan

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

 **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
GADSDEN**  
235 South Fifth Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901

  
**Christmas**  
*at First*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15  
10:30 AM**  
**FIRST KIDS CHOIR  
PRESENTS**  
**THE BETHLEHEM  
BEAT**  


 **The  
Chimes**

December 15, 2024

Sunday, December 15, 2024 10:30 am

Prelude Mrs. Lana Cornutt  
 Welcome Rev. Nathan Edwards, Associate Pastor for Worship  
 Carol 89 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Stanzas 1 & 2 ADESTE FIDELES  
 Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy Rev. & Mrs. Larry Fuhrman  
 Congregational Response "Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love" See Following Page BAUGH  
 Pastoral Prayer Rev. Woodie Turner, Associate Pastor



Carol 83 "Arise, Your Light Is Come" FESTAL SONG  
 Message "What Christmas Teaches Us About God: He Is Holy" Rev. Mat Alexander, Senior Pastor  
 Isaiah 53:1-12  
 Page 613 in pew Bible  
 Time of Response Mrs. Sharon Reynolds  
 Choral Benediction "God With Me" Semsen  
 First Kids Choir  
 Postlude Mrs. Lana Cornutt

HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE



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Church Goal: \$42,000  
 Given to Date: \$15,073  
 This amount includes \$5,765 from Lasagna for Lottie.



This Week at FBC

**Sunday, December 15**  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Morning Worship  
**FIRST KIDS CHOIR presents**  
**BETHLEHEM BEAT**  
 8:00 pm Rebroadcast  
 Comcast Channel 5  
**Monday, December 16**  
 8:30 am Ladies Exercise  
**Tuesday, December 17**  
 6:30 am Men's Prayer Group  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
 8:30 am Ladies Exercise  
 10:00 am Backpack Ministry  
 5:00 pm Supper  
 Menu: BBQ Sandwich  
 Baked Beans, Slaw  
 5:30 pm Prayer Time  
 5:45 pm Preschool, Children & Youth  
 6:00 pm Gentle & Lowly book study  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Fellowship  
**Friday, December 20**  
 8:30 am Ladies Exercise



Sunday, December 22, 10:30 am  
 Special Christmas Music  
 Tuesday, December 24  
 Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm  
 December 24 - 26  
 Church Office Closed  
 Sunday, December 29  
 Prayer Emphasis Sunday  
 (No Sunday School)  
 December 30 - 31  
 Church office closes at noon

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 still a few poinsettias available.

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

In memory / honor of (circle/one):

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By \_\_\_\_\_

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