

Christmas

at First

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm

December 24 - 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 28

Prayer Emphasis Sunday

(No Sunday School)

December 31

Church Office Closes at Noon

January 1 - January 2

Church Office Closed

EBA Missions Center

HOLIDAY NEEDS

Food Items

Stuffing Mix

Chicken Broth

Cranberry Sauce

Sweet Potatoes

Carrots

Desserts

Toys for All Ages

Anything EXCEPT board games and Barbies.

(Center already has plenty of board games and Barbie dolls.)

Hygiene Items (Dollar Tree)

3 in 1 Body Wash / Shampoo

2 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner

Deodorant

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Floss

Christmas Items

Socks, Toboggans,

Gloves, Canvas Tarps,

Hand Warmers,

Christian Literature,

Sweat Suits,

Travel Size Hygiene

Please take items to Missions Center

or call 256-295-7531 for pick up.

Volunteers Also Needed

Contact Ashley

256-546-2980

ashley@ebmcenter.org



Honoraria

Larry & Beckey Brittain

Ann & Kay Moore

Rev. Bill Harbison

Brian & Gina Harbison

Memorials

Judy Crain

Maurice Fricks

Ann Hutchins

Earle Inglis

James Meredith

Lillian Kirkley

Ann Hutchins

James Meredith

Rick & Francie Vann

Peggy Higgins

Jana Tarleton & Eric Higgins

Rev. & Mrs. Ray Stafford

Mrs. Kay Harbison

Brian & Gina Harbison

Alabama Baptist Subscriptions

It is time to renew your subscription to

"The Alabama Baptist."

The cost is \$20. Please mark your check accordingly. If you are interested in receiving this publication, please call the church office to start your subscription.

Weekly Records

December 7, 2025

Sunday School

Enrollment.....390

Attendance

Members .....202

Visitors .....2

Total Attendance .....204

Worship

Attendance.....386

No Kids Worship

Total Attendance .....386

Note: To receive tax credit for 2025, contributions must be in the church office or postmarked by Wednesday, December 31. The office will be open 8:00 am until 3:00 pm on Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 29 & 30 and until noon on Wednesday, December 31. You may also make credit or debit card donations online at [www.fbcgadsden.org/giving](http://www.fbcgadsden.org/giving)

SERVING THE LITTLE ONES



Eugenia Cunningham

Katie Haynie

Leslie & Brooke Jackson

Amber Sewell

Samantha Sullivan

Misty & Mary Frances Walker



Woodie & Kylie Turner

Diane Causey

Martha Haller

Joyce Ponder

Suzie Tucker

SOUND & TV MINISTRY

Scott Morgan, Matthew Vance

Jeff Martin, Kay Moore

Allen Ray, Ricky Ray

Jarrold Walker

SECURITY & GREETERS

Paul Hodge

Mark Haller, Brant Haynie

Cameron White

Golf Cart – Ragan Lonnergan

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

GADSDEN

235 South Fifth Street

Gadsden, AL 35901

[www.fbcgadsden.org](http://www.fbcgadsden.org)

(256) 547-6828

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

Come and See

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 14

6 PM

FREE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

The

Chimes

December 14, 2025

Sunday, December 14, 2025 10:30 am		
Prelude	Mrs. Sharon Reynolds	
Call to Worship 83	"Arise, Your Light Is Come"	FESTAL SONG
Welcome	Rev. Woodie Turner, Associate Pastor	
Carol 96	"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Stanzas 1 & 2	IN DULCI JUBILO
Lighting of the Advent Candle: JOY	Mrs. Jeannie Ray & Family	
Congregational Response 82	"Emmanuel"	McGEE
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	"Sussex Carol" Sanctuary Choir	arr. Hagenberg
Carol 95	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" On the final stanza, children are invited to FirstKids Worship.	GO TELL IT
Message	"Come and See the Hope of the Nation" Isaiah 42:1-17 Page 602 in pew Bible	Rev. Mat Alexander, Senior Pastor
Carol of Response 76	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	VENI EMMANUEL
Congregational Benediction 96	"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Stanza 3 Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save; Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!	IN DULCI JUBILO
Postlude	Mrs. Sharon Reynolds	



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INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

TOGETHER

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

### Church Goal

# \$42,000

### Total Given to Date

# \$12,866.41

## INVITATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH EXIT

CANDLELIGHT

# christmas eve



5:00 PM

This Week at FBC	
<b>Sunday, December 14</b>	
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Morning Worship
6:00 pm	"COME AND SEE" Concert & Reception
8:00 pm	Rebroadcast Comcast Channel 5
<b>Monday, December 15</b>	
8:30 am	Ladies Exercise
7:00 pm	Gadsden City Chorale Concert
<b>Tuesday, December 16</b>	
10:00 am	Staff Christmas Party
<b>Wednesday, December 17</b>	
8:30 am	Ladies Exercise
10:00 am	Backpack Ministry
5:00 pm	Supper
Menu: Vegetable Soup Salad, Grilled Cheese	
5:30 pm	Prayer Time
5:40 pm	First Student Activities
5:45 pm	Preschool & Children Christmas Party
6:00 pm	Bible Study
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Fellowship

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, December 28**  
Prayer Emphasis

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2026

**Sunday, January 25**  
First Things Membership Orientation

**Sunday, February 22**  
Annual Auction

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 2 amaryllis, and 11 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):

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\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_