

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# January, February & March 2025

I have been enjoying listening to the Christmas Carol "O Holy Night". It is a French carol that has had a checkered history, and it has been around for less than 200 years. I really enjoy hearing it sung by one of my favorite choirs, for I recall hearing this choir on multiple occasions and even recalling when many years ago I could reach some of those notes that the singers sing.

But most of all, I think again about when the carol says to us God has always been there, hearing the cries and calls of all people. Even in the darkness, when we wish to despair, He has not left us alone. In fact, it was in the darkness of their "holy night" when God surprised all kinds of people – shepherds, Herod and even Mary. Who might have anticipated that God would answer our prayers and draw near to us in the form of a fragile infant?

This Christmas season, along with the anticipation of the New Year, should be a time of renewing our own affirmation in the story of Jesus. Perhaps we sang the songs of praise in the past, but we have not let our voices sing lately. Perhaps we have been led by some unusual new stars that have grasped our attention, and we have not seen the light of Christ shining before us. Perhaps we have been too shy to follow the life of Christ, and we forgot those shepherds who left their flocks just so they could see the Lord.

If there is a foundation of faith in your life, what will you do with it? How will you be different and will anybody see it?

The carol ends . . . "Fall on your knees, o hear the angels voice." He is the king. Come and worship.

## **Annual Ministry Meeting**

The Annual Ministry Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025 and will be after the church service in the Sanctuary. Please have reports turned in by 10 a.m. on Wednesday Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## Successful Fall Activities

The Diaconate hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hayride/Hot Dog Roast on Sunday Oct. 13, 2024 at the Hazel Roberts farm. Hot Dogs and S'mores were enjoyed by all followed by a hayride around the farmland. Hope to see everyone next time. Trunk or Treat was another huge success with several cars in the parking lot. Inside we served hot dogs, had games & a photo booth for the kids. Thank you to those who decorated a trunk for this event.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

To all who participated in the 2024 ministry we wish to thank you for your gifts of a shoebox or a monetary donation. When you "Pay It Forward" there is always someone to benefit from your generosity. Thank you.

## <u>Retired Ministers & Missionaries</u> <u>Offering 2024 (RMMO)</u>

December has always been designated for this important offering. Your gift reminds the spiritual leaders who served you that they are not forgotten and provides assistance to those facing financial hardships. Thanks to all those who donated to this special offering.

## **Operation Christmas 2024**

Faith Baptist Church was the host of Operation Christmas in 2024. Thank you to everyone for their help with donations, gifts, & helping with putting the boxes together, sorting canned goods and delivering.



Thank you all so much for thinking of us and helping us welcome Kaden! We really appreciate the Amazon gift cards and will put them to good use.

Kurtis, Haley and Kaden Weber

Ron & I so appreciated your lovely meals! Unfortunately, I was in St. John's Hospital for 4 days. He was so excited to get some food! Thank you & God Bless for delivery to our house! We are so Blessed! Amen

Ron & Marie Stuart

The Carrollton Hawks Football Team and coaching staff would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the church and Janice Roberts for graciously hosting the team dinners this season. We also appreciate the opportunity to share messages of faith and hope with our youth, helping to inspire and guide them both on and off the field. Thank you!

Tiffany Flowers

Thank you so much for honoring the Veterans & their families at the luncheon on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>! The food was delicious and the fellowship was so nice. Thank you again to the church & everyone involved.

Rich Cordes

Love & Peace to all. Thanks for all of your prayers for all of my family.

Lillian Custer & family

Thank you for all the prayers & cards sent to me while during my recent medical issues.

Joyce Lentz

Thank you for your Christmas gift. I am going to buy something for our new home. It will always remind me of your generosity and love.

Rocky & Lois Portwood

#### **2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(All Events Subject to Changes)

#### <u>January</u>

1st - New Year's Day

19<sup>th</sup> – Annual Ministry Meeting Immediately following church service

**February –** Blanket Offering Month

11<sup>th</sup> - Fellowship Hall Reserved

12th - Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lot

March - America for Christ Month

9th - Daylight Savings Begins

#### <u>April</u>

9<sup>th</sup> - Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lot 13<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday

13<sup>th</sup> - LSBC 1<sup>st</sup> Bi-yearly Offering 17<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m. *Office will be closed on Good Friday*.

18th - Good Friday Service TBD

20th - Easter: Sunrise Service @ 7 a.m. with Breakfast following;
Easter Service @ 10 a.m.

27<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ministry Meeting Immediately following church service

#### May

T.B.D. – 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Tea 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day 18<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day

**June -** *One Great Hour of Sharing Month* 

4<sup>th</sup> - Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lott TBD - Annual Salad Luncheon 15<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day

#### <u>July</u>

4<sup>th</sup> - Happy Fourth of July 20<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ministry Meeting Immediately following church service 30<sup>th</sup> - Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lot T.B.D. - Vacation Bible School

#### **August**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Fellowship Hall Reserved TBD - Promotion Sunday

#### **September**

1st - Labor Day

24th - Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lot

#### October - World Mission Offering Month

12<sup>th</sup> – LSBC 2<sup>nd</sup> Bi-yearly offering 19<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ministry Meeting Immediately following church service

TBD - All Church Weiner Roast & Hayride (weather permitting)

31st – Trunk or Treat (weather permitting)

#### **November**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Daylight Savings Ends 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day

TBD - Veteran's Dinner

19th - Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lot

Thanksgiving Week

Nov.24-28 Office Hours

Tues. & Wed. 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

TBD - Community Thanksgiving Service 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day

30th - Community Carol Sing@ UMC

#### **December -** *RMMO Month*

5th - Carrollton Christmas Parade

 $23^{rd}$  - Candlelight Service @ 6:30 p.m.

25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve

#### **December Holiday Office Hours**

22st & 23rd - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 29th & 30th - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Yearly Events Weekly

Mon.: 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach Wed.: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir/Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time

Fri.: 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study

#### Bi - Monthly

Sun.: 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (alternating Sundays)

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.: 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class *Monthly* 

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon.: 6 p.m. CE Board & 7 p.m. Trustees 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon.: 6 p.m. Diaconate Meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Mon.: 6 p.m. Church Council

## May - August

"Lunch on Us" Program: Mon. – Fri. (Community Churches take turns preparing sack lunches here to hand out.) Ganuary 2025

January 2020								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
			9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary	2 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class  *Mary Cunningham *Haley Schnelten *Deborah Baldwin	3 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study †Paul & Lynn Coonrod	4		
5 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship & Communion 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study – Mark  *Lynley Estes *Jake Sexton †Lyndell & Janet Ornellas †Jay & Justine Eilerman	6 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach 6 p.m. C.E. Board 7 p.m. Trustees *Avery Beatty	*James Howard *Gina Hagen *Hunter Morrison *Carlye Ornellas *Reid Ruyle	8 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary  *Darrin Grizzle *Nickie Tuey	\$\frac{*}{x}Randall Peters \frac{*}{x}Lisa Graham	10 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study *Angela Graham *Donna Wheeler	11		
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study  *Emma Lyons *Don Ranger	13 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach 6 p.m. Diaconate Meeting  *Marilyn Kell *Charlotte Baker *Kayla Knoll	14 *Jarod Kiger	15 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary  *Greta Lovel	16 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class *Kanyon Garrison	17 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study  *Collins Gillingham *Amanda Baker *Bowen Eilerman *John Kiger *Cathy Schallenberg	18		
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26 9:30 a.m. Figure 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study *Phil Robinson	27 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach †Danny & Jerrie Boirum	†Eric & Jane Tucker	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary *Tyler Ramsey	*Rodney Flowers	31 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study  *JoAnn Barnard *David Steinacher			

February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship & Communion 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study – Mark  *Mark Gillingham *Olivia Roth	3 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach	*David Williams *Lleyton Dunn	5 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary **Riley Balcom	6 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class *Sherri Belden	7 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study	8
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16 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study – Mark	17 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach 6 p.m. Diaconate Meeting  *Hank Flowers *Andrea Harr *Kara Short	18 *Nicholas Bridgewater	19 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary  *Joseph Angle	20 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class	21 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study	**Kristie Clayton **Ales Roberts **Gena Treadway
23 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	24 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach 6 p.m. Church Council Meeting *Jim Giberson *Sarah Wollenweber	*David Bell *Carol Witt	26 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary  *Leah Kiger *Breelynn Deffenbaugh	27	28 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study  *Virginia Hoots *Colton Rawe	

# March 2025

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*Lucas Tucker  16 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study – Mark  *David Surbeck	17 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach 6 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	*Nicholas Bridgewater	*John Theivagt  19 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary	20 6 p.m. Stained Glass Class *Reece Garrison *Carol Krofchick	21 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study  *Cheri Schnettgoecke *Kelly Graham *Colin Robinson	22
*Ryan Breckon  23  9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study  *Jane Lacey	24 6 p.m. Zach Flowers Outreach 6 p.m. Church Council Meeting  *Justine Eilerman *Linda Probst *Louden Reed †Ron & Randelon Breckon	25	Cunningham  26 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary  *Ashley Fessler	*Tyler Peters	28 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study	29 *Eric Tuey
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