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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Miss Sue Nell McMillan
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Dr. Joe Wiggins, Pastor

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

From the Pastor

Dear church family,

Angela, Jessica, and I thank you for the kind expressions of love shared with us during the Christmas season. We appreciate the gifts, cards, and opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with you.

Often, at this time of year, we look back on the past year. This week, I have been looking ahead to the challenges and opportunities of 2025. None of us knows what the new year will bring to our families, our church, or our world. But our heavenly Father knows and promises to take care of His children. That is why it is so important to pray.

As we begin a new year, I want to challenge each one of you to join me in praying for one another, our congregation, and the many needs we see all around us. During the month of January, as we conclude the season of Christmas, I would like for us to enter a "Season of Prayer" together.

Imagine if God's people all committed to seek God through prayer more fervently than ever before. What might that mean for our families, our friends, our church and our world? The Bible talks about many occasions when God's people devoted themselves to prayer. Many times, God revealed Himself in great and mighty ways. Other times, the hearts of the people were revived.

We all know the powerful words of God in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "... if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Our Lord promises that He will hear our prayers and answer according to

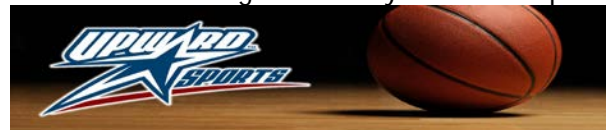
His good and perfect will. Join me and your church family in this "Season of Prayer" for one another, our church and our world.

God Bless You
Bro. Joe



Sunday, January 12 – 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

We will resume regular worship schedule
Join us as we begin the new year in worship!



Upward games Saturday, January 11 beginning at 8:30 a.m.
FBC Family Life Center

NURSERY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Stephen & Leslie Franklin – (Babies)
Jennifer and Lauren Teater -- (2's & 3's)

Children's Church – MeShay Franklin

TECHNOLOGY

Sound Jason Wallace
Camera Terry Williamson
Projector AM..... Wayne Hilton
Projector PM..... Mylan Anderson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 12 – January 18 – Todd Sullivan and Larry Grant

Security – January 12 – Robby Sullivan and James Crain

VITAL STATISTICS

DECEMBER 22, 2024

BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE.....	237
In House.....	172
Homebound	20
Shelter	10
Bedford	19
Strong River	16

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING na

BUDGET OFFERING	\$ 35,964.10
LOTTIE MOON.....	\$ 6,620.00
FBC CHILDCARE.....	\$ 300.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....	\$ 450.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 43,304.10

REQUIREMENT.....	\$ 996,642.00
RECEIPTS (51).....	\$ 1,121,216.65
OVER BUDGET	\$ 124,574.65

DECEMBER 29, 2024

BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE.....NA

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING na

BUDGET OFFERING	\$ 7,568.00
LOTTIE MOON.....	\$ 700.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....	\$ 570.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 8,838.00

REQUIREMENT.....	\$ 1,016,162.00
RECEIPTS (52).....	\$ 1,129,894.43
OVER BUDGET	\$ 113,732.43

JANUARY 5, 2025

BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE..... 238

In House.....	179
Homebound	20
Shelter	10
Bedford	17
Strong River	12

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING na

BUDGET OFFERING	\$ 13,625.00
LOTTIE MOON.....	\$ 125.00
ENVELOPES.....	\$ 156.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 8,838.00

REQUIREMENT.....	\$ 20,651.00
RECEIPTS (1).....	\$ 13,625.00
UNDER BUDGET	\$ 7,026.00

IN THE HOSPITAL

Simpson General: Junior Bynum

DEACON COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, January 12
following morning worship



**WOMEN'S
MINISTRY**

**County-Wide Associational
Women's Rally**

Saturday, February 1 – Corinth BC
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Cost \$10.00 – Sign up by January 23

Christian Sympathy to...

*The family of Rosalind Rhodes Lee
in her death on December 29.*

*Cloma Mangum and family in the
death of her brother-in-law, Tom
Layton.*

*Shannon Wallace and family in the
death of her mother, Leslie Thomas.*

Thank You

*Thank you for the beautiful flowers you
gave us during an unbearable time. We
greatly appreciate your love, kindness and
support. May God continue to bless FBC
Mendenhall and all it serves.*

Love Sandra and the Lee Kennedy family

**Absent from Body
Present with the Lord
Rosalind Lee**

February 25, 1943
December 29, 2024

**Absent from Body
Present with the Lord
Tom Layton**

April 6, 1935
January 4, 2025



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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.
(will resume in January)

LOTTIE MOON

Christmas Offering

Our 2024 goal - \$20,000.00
Received to date: \$16,750.00

YOUTH MINISTRY



BIBLE STUDY AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Discipleship Groups – Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

DISCIPLNOW – JANUARY 17-19, 2025

Youth Grades 7-12

KEENAGERS

GULFSHORES / SNOWBIRD TRIP

Thursday & Friday, February 20-21, 2025

\$85.00 balance due by January 20, 2025

Pray for our Youth & Music Minister Search Committees