



MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 17, 2024

Have A Wonderful
CHRISTMAS
and a Happy New Year



Christmas Eve Service 4 pm

DUE NOTICE: The Long Range Planning Committee will make a motion at the business meeting on Wednesday, January 15th to transition to one Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 am and Sunday School at 9:30 am. All discussion will be limited to the Business meeting. A church-wide vote by secret ballot will be held on Sunday, January 19th at the close of both worship services. You must be present to vote.

ABCs
December 17
11 AM
Fellowship Hall

FBC Preschool
Program
December 18
10:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

Youth Christmas Party
December 19,
6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Upper Room
Party
December 20
6:30 PM
Olive Garden
Tifton

A SPECIAL EVENT

The Church is invited to participate in a special ministry to Evelyn Golden & Dean Morris. These ladies are dear to our hearts. They have expressed on more than one occasion how much they miss their church family. On Sunday, December 22nd we want to go to them. We'd love to take A LOT OF PEOPLE from FBC. Will you join us? Our plans are to travel to Maple Courts and Cypress Ponds Personal Care Homes in Tifton. We will provide two programs consisting of singing Christmas Carols, a Devotion, and Visiting. Our schedule is 4 pm at Maple Courts and 4:45 pm at Cypress Ponds. If you want to ride with us in our Church Vans we leave the Church at 3:20 p.m. If you are driving individually, just show up at the places in time for the program to begin. We will eat somewhere in Tifton after we are done. There will be no evening service at FBC.

~ The Beacon will not be published the week of Christmas. Your next Beacon will be dated December 31. ~

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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 24 & 25 and January 1

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 22

Deacon Schedule:

December 22: Bo McDonald, Will Kelley

Usher Schedule: 8:45 AM: Roy Sumner, Rick Watson

11:00 AM: Fred Barnard, Jim McCleary, Bo McDonald, David Shiver, Noah Murphree, Jackson Colby

Bereavement: Philip Lumpkin, Bill Fricks

Security: Glenn Parkman, Johnny & Cindy Cochran, Ronald Hudson, Beau & Ginger Sanders

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance: 143

Financial Weekly Needs: \$17,870.54

Given this Week: \$39,500.12

Lottie Moon: \$17,685.02

FLOWERS

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 22th in loving memory of Keith Leggett's birthday on December 24th given by Jennie Leggett, Lisa Bagett & Rita Leggett.

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 29th in loving memory of Max Eaton's birthday on December 29th given by the family.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

The outpouring of love you've shown our family these last weeks, has been so comforting as we learn to go on without our Bettye Sue. The visits, calls, food and flowers have comforted our spirits and nurtured our souls.

Thank you for loving Bettye Sue. She truly loved all of you.
Sincerely, Julie Sumner

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 29

Deacon Schedule:

December 29: Johnny Cochran, Don Monk

Usher Schedule: 8:45 AM: Mike Houston, Keith White

11:00 AM: Taff Douthit, Johnny Cochran, Beau Sanders, Terry Young, Colby Cooper, Castin Cooper

Bereavement: Wade Salter, Gator Johnson

Security: Trent & Mandy Davis, Justin Davis, Angie Davis, Chad Kuck

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 19	Bobbie Eason	December 27	Glenn Parkman
	Kelly Cooper	December 28	Wade Salter
	Drew Sumner		Leigh Vickery
December 20	Bailey Reynolds	December 29	Jase Culpepper
December 22	Justin Cooper	December 30	Ricky Headrick
	Hardy Martino	December 31	Tommy Snipes
December 23	Kendal Garwood		Greg Spooner
December 25	Charles Jones		Luke Jordan
December 26	June Barnard		
	Brynlea Carlisle		

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to our Children's Choirs for a great job Sunday evening. Thanks to Kelly Cooper, Amber Hudson, Rebecca Margescu, Janet Shiver, Glenda Giles and Jeanie Carter for all their work leading these Choirs; to David Dowdy for his help with sound. A special thanks to our parents for bringing your children to choir each Wednesday night. Thanks to our Social Committee for another great fellowship and to everyone who brought all those cookies. Bobby



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SYLVESTER

First Baptist announces the 2025 Life of Christ Pageant Kick-off. The Pageant Choir will hold their kick-off on Wednesday, January 8th @ 7:30 and is open to all youth and Adults. Pageant Drama, open to all children, youth and Adults as well as those willing to serve on a pageant committee, your kick-off luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 12 following 11 AM worship. Please contact the church office if you would like to be a part of the luncheon so we can prepare a great lunch for you.

UNMET EXPECTATIONS

Women's Bible Study (13 week study)

Led by: Jackie Duncan

Starting January 8th, 2025

Wednesday evenings 6:15-7:15

Books are \$7. DEADLINE to sign up is Dec.29.

Sign-up on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

Old Testament Survey

Classes Starting Monday, 1/13 at 6p-8:45p @ FBC Sylvester

Course Cost for Credit \$150 / Course Cost Audit (No Credit) \$75

<https://apply.gbbsi.bpc.edu> to apply. Under "Campus" select

"First Baptist Church Sylvester (Mallory Baptist Association.)"

FMI email hwunch@mallory.org or call (229)435-6171.

PRAYER LIST

Members in the Hospital

Members Home

Carlene Barbee
Betsy Davis

At Home

Geraldine Braswell
Eutonah Howard
Lillie B. Stanford
Sonny Whitten
Walter Young

Atrium Navicent Rehab

Doris Shiver
Cypress Pond
Evelyn Golden
Harborview
Barry Bowen
Maple Courts
Dean Morris
Pine Shadows
Carolyn Paulk
Joyce Sutton

Pruitt Healthcare

Alice Blackwell
Willie Dwight Hobby
Winnie Sherrod
Westhill Newnam
Laura Deariso

Others in the Hospital

Chris Harrell
Darlene Stephenson

Non-Members Home

Wendi Chambers
Doris Cowart
Michael Fowler
Richard Green
Alfred McDonald
Griffin Melton
Bertha Murphy
Brian Norton
Lee Watson
Bobby Weldon
Tom Williams

SYMPATHY: We extend Christian love & sympathy to the family & friends of Judy Sandlin.

We extend Christian love & sympathy to Brennan Harris and family in the death of Delaney Anglon Harris.

We extend Christian love & sympathy to Ronnie & Kim Goodwin and family in the death of Kim's cousin, Lisa Glover Roberts.