

**Last Sunday's Record**

Sunday School: 193  
 Offering: \$128,560.86  
 (12/24 and 12/31)

**January 1, 2023**

Requirements: \$1,352,788.00  
 Receipts: \$ 1,472,725.24  
 Lottie Moon Offering: \$ 56,129.74

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Jan. 7 - Adam Foreman Jan. 14 -Tommy Cason  
 Jan. 21 - Gary Wilkinson Jan 28 - Ronnie Smith

**Sermon for Sunday, January 7**

**"The Prized" Genesis 37:1-11**

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - January 10**

Chicken Alfredo and Broccoli, Breadstick,  
 Salad Bar and Dessert

**KIDS:** Pizza and Fruit Cut

ADULTS: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20

**SERVERS:** Benny Harrison,

J.B. and Theresa Griffith, Bill Simcox

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY-January 7**

**PRAYER LINE Volunteer** - Ben Webb

<b>Preschool Ext. Session</b> Leslie and Jill Williams	<b>Medical Response Team</b> Emily Anders Cassie Rogers
<b>Worship Welcome</b> Tommy and Marcia Brewer Joey and Melissa Mabry	<b>Greeters</b> David and Helen Webb Benny Harrison Earl Laird
<b>Security Team 2</b> John Calhoun Steve Gressett Brad Henry Ben Webb	<b>Counting Committee</b> Melissa Mabry, <i>chmn</i> Lee Rogers Scott Sills Daphne Calhoun

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, January 7**

9:15 - Sunday School  
 10:30 - Morning Worship  
 3:15 - Acteens  
 4:30 - Children's Bible Skills and Drills  
 - Youth Bible Drills and supper (TBA)

**MONDAY, January 8**

12:00 - Missions Luncheon

**TUESDAY, January 9**

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*Jack's*)  
 9:00 - Ladies' Bible Study/Jane Moseley, facilitator  
 9:30 - GriefShare/John Temple, facilitator  
 6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

**WEDNESDAY, January 10**

5:00 - YOUTH BELLS  
 5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER  
 5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR  
 - Young Ringers  
 6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs  
 6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/  
 - G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends  
 - Youth Worship  
 7:30 - Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, January 11**

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*The Pig*)

**FRIDAY, January 12**

6:00 - G.I.F.T.

**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter,  
 Adam Foreman, Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael  
 Jones, Dave Little, Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims,  
 Brian Sellers, Ronnie Smith, Allan Tolleson, Cary Vaughn,  
 Leslie Williams



*Dr. Will Wall, Pastor*  
*Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music*  
*Rev. Noah Greer, Student Minister*  
*Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries*  
*Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus*  
*Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus*

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**THE MESSENGER**

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**Find Us Faithful**

**for the Generations**

**January 22 through 25**

**9:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**for Adults 55+**

**Bible Study, Music and Worship,  
 Fun Recreation and Crafts with a  
 light lunch to follow!**

**SIGN UP TODAY** in the Welcome Center  
 or call the church office.

**Invite a friend!**



## Join the FUN at FBC's Adult Bible School!

Happy New Year to the wonderful members of First Baptist Church!

Can you believe it is already 2024? Before you fill up your calendar, I want to invite you to pep up your mornings from January 22nd to January 25th, starting at 9 am until 12:30 pm, as we bring to you our brand-new Adult Bible School! Yep, you read that right—something totally fresh and exciting for our “more mature” church family. Now, we know trying new things might not be everyone's cup of tea, but trust us, this is going to be a blast! It's free of charge and I'll offer you our very own “Money-back guarantee”. Our theme for the week is "Find Us Faithful," and we are eager to dive in and finish strong on our faith journey together.

So, what's in store? Buckle up for a week filled with wonderful music, engaging Bible studies, delightful snacks, creative crafts, enjoyable activities, and a joyous time of fellowship. The whole gang will be there to help, including David, Noah, Caitlin, and myself. Even our wonderful office ladies will help to make sure you have a great time. Our registration and morning sessions will take place in the comfort of our gymnasium, where the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and an array of snacks will be waiting for you at 8:45 am each morning. To culminate each day, a light but satisfying lunch will be provided, no charge. We encourage and warmly welcome you to extend this invitation to your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to share in this wonderful opportunity of spiritual growth and community bonding.

Let us gather, learn, and grow together as we endeavor to "Find Us Faithful"!

**You don't want to miss out...please sign up in the Welcome Center or call the church office!**



**DEACON ORDINATION SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**  
**DEACON COUNCIL**  
 4:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL  
 (ALL ACTIVE AND INACTIVE DEACONS)  
**ORDINATION SERVICE**  
 6:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY  
**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**



**GRIEF SHARE**  
 GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUPS  
**Beginning Tuesday, January 9**  
**9:30 to 11:30 at FBC**  
**John Temple, facilitator**

*Join us for a new sermon series as we take a look at*

**JOSEPH**  
 LIVING THE DREAM  
*beginning Sunday, January 7*

**Memorials...**  
**Lottie Moon**  
 In memory of: Charles Roberts  
 Jim Sanders  
 Barbara Jean Knight  
*(Brandon Harkins' grandmother)*



**Ladies Bible Study beginning Tuesday, January 9 9:00 a.m.**  
**The Names of God by Melissa Spoelstra Jane Moseley, facilitator**

**G.I.F.T.**  
**Friday, January 12 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**  
 Birth through 6th Grade  
 Make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway @ 601-934-0803 by **Sunday, January 7.**

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
 ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PICK UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER FOR THOSE WHO CURRENTLY USE THEM FOR THEIR GIVING.

**Associate Pastor Search Committee**  
*Please pray for the following people as they begin their work to find our new Associate Pastor.*

Jonda Henry Betsy Brewer  
 Landry Adkins Clint Walker  
 Gary Wilkinson