



THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family, Mariah Carey is causing quite a stir over "overhead lights." She is adamantly opposed to any form of illumination that starts from the ceiling downward. The pop star went so far as to declare, "Please stop it! Everywhere I go, shut the lights! Overhead lighting makes me sick!" Overhead lighting, however, has existed since the earliest days of the light bulb. Bottom line: Some people don't feel as beautiful when the lighting source starts overhead instead of at table height. Overhead lighting is known to add a few years to everyone's appearance (ouch!)

While we will leave the lighting debate to the pop stars and designers, Christmas reminds us that Christ came as the Light of the world. In fact, John opens his gospel saying, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overpower it." Jesus, John says, "was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man" (John 1:1). This Christmas let His light shine – from the top down!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF



Christmas Eve Services

3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 p.m.

Childcare available for preschoolers 2 and under.



"BRIGHT ANGEL HOSTS" CHRISTMAS BROADCASTS

Tuesday, December 24

10:35 p.m. on KFDA Channel 10
or Cable Channels 12, 112

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 a.m. on KFDA Channel 10
or Cable Channels 12, 112

3:00 p.m. on KZBZ Cable Channels 6, 106



JOY TO THE WORLD TREE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Joy to the World Tree gift-giving this year. Your generosity provided over 550 gifts for children in our community. This is a church-wide project with so many of our

"Family at First" participating. Thank you for being such a blessing to others during the Christmas season.

NEW MEMBERS



Adam Smit
By Statement



James Turner
For Baptism



Maverick Sanford
For Baptism



Swahili Ministry Baptisms

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

This Sunday, Dr. Batson will bring a message entitled "Bookends" from Luke 2. Spend time preparing your heart for our Sunday morning service.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22

No evening Service

Monday, December 23

Church Offices and FLC close at Noon

December 24-26

Church Offices and FLC closed

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 27

Church Offices and FLC Open (regular hours)

Sunday, December 29

No evening Service

Wednesday, January 1

Church Offices and FLC closed

WIDOW'S MIGHT

We continue to provide basic home maintenance and repair assistance to First Baptist Church widows, widowers, and other adults in our congregation who might have specific requests on an "as needed" basis. If you would like help at your home, or would like to serve in this ministry, contact Caron Babcock or call the church office (806-373-2891).

DEACON OF THE DAY

December 22

Bob Sengsoury

December 23

Shane Turner

December 24

James Cooper

December 25

Atlee Runyan

December 26

Ben Brister

December 27

JW Nelson

December 28

John Smith

MAKING JESUS KNOWN GLOBALLY

Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions

Our Church Goal: \$100,020.24

Given to Date: \$ 87,396.48

YEAR-END GIVING

Thank you for your financial faithfulness. To receive tax credit in 2024, end-of-year gifts to First Baptist Church must be postmarked or received in the church office by December 31, 2024. The church office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 31.

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS

Betty Reeves and Cheryl Brewer will lead an eight-week book study of *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty beginning Sunday, January 12, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in room 102. Books will be available in the church office or can be purchased online and downloaded to your device. Watch for more information!

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Beth Moore's *A Woman's Heart*
January 7 through April 1

2:15 p.m. – room 101

Workbooks are available in the church office, \$15 each. For more information, please contact Laura Schelin or call the church office (806-373-2891).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Colossians

led by Bruce Cotgreave

Beginning Thursday, January 9

10:00 a.m. – room 104



*Merry Christmas
from the
Student and College
Ministry Staff!*

Upcoming 2025 Dates

*(registrations available starting
January 1, 2025)*

*Disciple Now
February 7-9*

*High School Spring Break
Mission Trip
March 8-14*

*Breakaway
May 25-30*

*Youth Choir Mission Trip
(for students who are active in choir)
June 18-27*

(Registration and deposit for this trip is due now.) More information on trip is online at <https://www.firstamarillo.org/youth>.



(for those who are college age)

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – room 413

College Spring Break Mission Trip

March 11-16

Cost: \$300

Sign up by using the QR code



KIDS PRAISE

Thank you, Kids Praise choirs and teachers, for leading us in such a special night of worship!



Just A Reminder

Kids Midweek will resume Wednesday, January 8. Be on the lookout for signups after the first of the year!

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**
Have a great
Christmas break.



*Wishing you and
your family a
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!*

Christmas Eve Services

3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 p.m.
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NEW KID ON THE PEW



Ricky Stewart

GRANDPARENT GALLERY



Ezra Lionel Flores
son of
Uriel and Sylvia Flores
grandson of
Sheila Escobedo

SERVICE TIMES AT FIRST

Sunday Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study for all ages	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer & Praise	6:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- The family of David Hall.
- The family of Sue McCarty.
- Jack Hudgins, Jr. in the death of his father, Jack Hudgins, Sr.

REPORTER SCHEDULE

We do not publish/mail the *Reporter* the week of Christmas. You should receive your next edition the weekend of January 3. Thanks for keeping up with the weekly news and information for First Baptist Church!



FOR THE LATEST NEWS
AND EVENTS VISIT
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FINANCIAL REPORT

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December 15, 2024

Weekly budget requirement	\$ 165,228.17
Weekly budget receipts	\$ 364,652.46
Year-to-date budget requirement	\$ 8,261,408.50
Year-to-date budget receipts	\$ 12,267,653.40

TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Noon Bible Study will resume on January 7, 2025, with Dr. Steve Austin leading a study on spiritual gifts. Bible study is from 12:15-12:45 p.m., and a light lunch is available (nominal cost) at 11:45 a.m. First Singers meet in the Music Suite following Tuesday Noon Bible Study.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE DAILY READINGS

<i>Sun, Dec. 22</i>	Jude	<i>Sun, Dec. 29</i>	Revelation 16-17
<i>Mon, Dec. 23</i>	Revelation 1-2	<i>Mon, Dec. 30</i>	Revelation 18-19
<i>Tues, Dec. 24</i>	Revelation 3-4	<i>Tues, Dec. 31</i>	Revelation 20-22
<i>Wed, Dec. 25</i>	Revelation 5-7	<i>Wed, Jan. 1</i>	Genesis 1-2
<i>Thurs, Dec. 26</i>	Revelation 8-9	<i>Thurs, Jan. 2</i>	Genesis 3-5
<i>Fri, Dec. 27</i>	Revelation 10-13	<i>Fri, Jan. 3</i>	Genesis 6-9
<i>Sat, Dec. 28</i>	Revelation 14-15	<i>Sat, Jan. 4</i>	Genesis 10-11

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter or Statement to Date	31
For Baptism to Date	18
Baptized to Date	22
Watchcare	3

WEDNESDAY MEAL

Wednesday evening meals resume on January 8.

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