

First Edition

**DECEMBER 2023,
VOL. 49 ISSUE 12**

OUR SERVICE

Sunday's

8:45 Praise Choir
Rehearsal

9:15 Bible Study for all

10:30 In-person
Worship and
online worship through
Facebook LIVE



Wednesday

10:30am Ladies Bible Study

3:30-5:30pm Team Kids

5:30pm Wednesday Night Supper

6:30pm Wed. night groups

- Ladies Bible study
- Men's Bible study
- Creation Class
- Youth Bible Study
- King's kids' bible study
- Nursery available

7:30pm Choir Practice



In case of Emergency call:
Zoe Fox-719-207-2441
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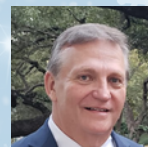
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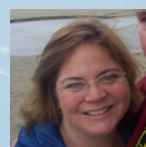
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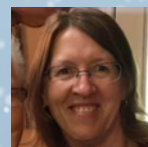
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Dear Church Family,

Robin and I are genuinely grateful for all that you have done to make us feel so loved and welcomed! God's grace has been poured out on us through you! Thank you so very much! As we begin this Christmas season, I want to share some thoughts that I hope will encourage you.

Matthew 1:23 (HCSB) See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel, which is translated "God is with us."

Whether it is an ameba or a mighty angel, a snowflake or the moon, Jesus is our glorious Creator of all that exists! He is not only the Creator of heaven and earth, but He is also the ruler of heaven and earth. Christ did not make everything then leave it to run by itself. He is governing all events from the rise and fall of a nation, to the resting place of a microscopic flake of dust. Nothing is happening in your life that is outside of His attention or the perfect design of His infinite, perfect wisdom. These are wonderful truths, but there is more.

The Creator and Ruler of the universe is also called Immanuel...God with us! As Christians we must understand that this magnificent God is not only on a throne in some place we cannot see; He is also with His people. Being with us means that He is for us! He does not just want to be on the outside looking in. He wants to be on the throne of your heart and be known to you as Immanuel....the God Who is with you and for you in every detail of your life. From the so-called mundane to the greatest of tragedies, you can count on Him to be there. That does not mean that He is just going along for the ride! It means He is carrying you, fighting for you, fulfilling His purposes for you, making you know Him and His love, and making you more like Himself!

Imagine how this particular Name for God reverberated through Joseph and Mary's hearts! May the meaning of this Name impact us greatly this Christmas season!

Merry Christmas and thank you for letting me be your Pastor!
Michael

Weekly Announcements

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR E-MAIL AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO THE LIST. PHONE- 830-216-4946



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TERRY'S NOTES

How are you, my church family? I hope you have had a great 2023! It sure has been a great year for the Smiths! December is the last month of the year and is always an exciting and festive month with all of the Christmas gatherings and parties to attend!

One of my most favorite activity or ministry is the Angel Tree Ministry. I love delivering the Christmas gifts to the South Texas Children's Home (STCH) in Pettus, Texas. I always enjoy taking a few of you with me in the church bus and dropping off all of those precious gifts you have donated for the children/youth that live there. Your gifts mean so much to these guys! Thanks to Celeste Savage for heading up this ministry! We appreciate the angel tree you set up each year with the angel ornaments, which list the children's wish list. Thank you, Celeste!

Oh, yeah! Thanks to Jeannie McCarville and her crew who help decorate our church so beautifully at Christmas! Not only does Jeannie and the Flower Ministry set up our Christmas décor, but they make sure our church looks beautiful at all times of the year, especially the flower arrangements at the communion table! Thank you, ladies!



Welcome, Pastor Michael and Robin Funderburk!

Have you had an opportunity to personally meet our new pastor and his lovely wife? If you haven't, you need to. You will be so blessed! I have worked with Pastor Michael for a few weeks, and I can honestly say that he is a pretty cool dude! That's right! He is very personable and very nice, and unlike most of us, he remembers names! I have been here for almost 21 years, and, unfortunately, I am still learning some of your names. (Just kidding!) But, it did take me awhile. Please take time to meet Michael and Robin; they are looking forward to meeting you! I feel very confident that Pastor Michael will continue to lead our church in the way the Lord wants us to go. There are so many opportunities in our own back yard to minister and so many lives that need the Gospel. Pastor Michael has the compassion for the lost, and I feel he will help us reach these precious souls.



CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The last Sunday choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, Dec. 13
The last TKP choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, Dec. 6



Click Links
for more



[The Great Pursuit on Vimeo](#)
[Lottie Moon Video](#)



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DECEMBER 2023



Lottie Moon Missions

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



						1 Men's Prayer BK 8-9:30am Canning Class 10am-1pm
3 Deacon Meeting Deacon Ron Bluff	4	5 Guest Services Meeting- 2pm 6:30pm-8pm BSF	6 10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Elizabeth Coats 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	7 10:30 Monthly prayer time	8 Adopt a Veteran -Deadline	9 10:00am Men Doing Men Stuff w/ Men
10 Christmas Program 6pm w/ Cookie Fellowship Deacon Chris Coats	11 Funeral Michael Villareal 10am Viewing 11am Service Anger Tree Presents Due	12 Fun Bunch: 10:30am Alamo Cafe', San Antonio, TX 6:30pm-8pm BSF	13 10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Helping Hands 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	14 5pm- Movie Night Queen Esther	15 Deacon Christmas Party - 6pm	16 Noon- 2pm Ladies' Potluck Lunch w/ ornament exchange
17 Pleasanton Christmas Program 6pm Deacon Bob Herndon	18	19	20 3:30-5:30pm Team Kid Christmas Party 4:30-7:30pm Youth Christmas Party 6:30pm Business Meeting	21	22	23
24 Deacon John Long Candlelight Service 5:30pm Deacon Bob Whitley	25 Merry Christmas Office Closed	26	27 No Activities	28	29	30
31						

Sundays

8:45am - Praise Choir Rehearsal

9:15am -Bible Study for all

10:30am -In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

Holiday Times

Dec.24- No Sunday School

Dec.31st- No Sunday School

Dec. 24 - Candlelight service

5:00 PM

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands Quilting

Mondays at 10:00 am

-- Line Exercise Classes

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - from 9:30 -10:30 am

No Classes from- 12/22/2023- 1/1/2024

-- Tone & Stretch Classes

Mon, Tues. Wed. & Thurs. from 4:30 -5:15 pm

No Classes on 12/25/2023 or 1/1/2024

Wednesdays

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study
Dec. 6th & Dec. 13th

3:30-5:30pm - Team Kids and Team Kids Praise

5:30pm - Wednesday Night Suppers

6:30pm -Bible Study Classes

7:30pm - Choir Practice



December Birthdays

3 Nathaniel Yeager
4 Lauren Moore
4 Aaron García
4 Rob Coleman
4 Stacey O'Leary
4 Preston Taggs
5 Jerry Kotzur
5 Randy Richards
5 Doug Watson
6 Elliana Woods
7 Drew Clements
8 Ross Koenig
9 Samuel Yeager
9 Braelyn Burns
9 Sara Ham
11 Clay Respondek
12 Susan Eubanks
13 Dahlia Sellers
14 Norma Idrach
15 Marty Choate
15 Cole Harris
15 Chad Rex Reed

17 Jean Evelyn Hughes
17 Karen Sada
18 Melba Dunn
19 Gearis Herndon
19 Deana Smith
19 Peggy Tipton
20 Lyla Smith
21 Timothy Davis
21 Chuck Garza
21 Craig Wilder
22 Cathy Kotzur
22 Shine Trabucco
23 Sheila Brieden
23 Evie Carter
24 Judy Murray
28 Ron Tipton
29 Vira Wright
29 Robert Calmes
30 Bob Bagley
30 Judy Whitley
30 Cody Bland
31 Pamela Dempsey




January Birthdays

1 Dayna Deaton
2 Debra Yeager
3 Luke Keith

Ladies' Time

Wednesday Morning
Dec 6th & 13th
Women's Bible Study
Led by Mary Ellen Long
In the Annex Building
at 10:30



Ladies' 2nd annual Potluck Luncheon & Ornament exchange
12pm Fellowship Hall
December 16th, 2023
Please Bring a Guest
& share the **Reason for the Season**



Mens' Time


Men's Prayer Breakfast
in Fellowship Hall
December 2nd, 2023
8-9:30am



Men Doing Men Stuff...
With Men
First gathering of a new men's fellowship group
9 Dec. @ 10:00am
Lunch and Drinks Provided
Contact: Robert Calmes
for info or to RSVP
210-232-3344

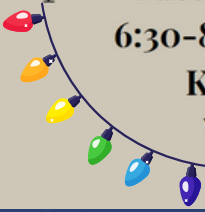



Fun Bunch
Dec. 12th Alamo Café
San Antonio, Tx
BUS LEAVES
AT 10:30AM



Bible Study Fellowship
BSF
studying-
John's Gospel

Tuesdays- Dec. 5th & 12th
6:30-8:00 - Annex Building
Kinder -8th Grade
Women's Group
Men's Group



Wednesday Bible Studies - Dec 6th & 13th

Nursery Available



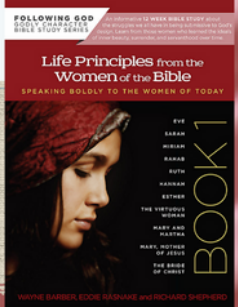
6:30 PM Kids Bible Study
King's Kids



Creation CLASS
WEDNESDAYS
AT 6:30



Women's
Wednesday Night Bible Study
6:30 pm after
Wednesday Night Supper
Life Principles from the Women of the Bible
Books \$10
Available in Church Office



Youth Bible Study
6:30pm Family Life Center



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Wed. Nights 6:30pm
STUDYING JAMES



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Next Generation- Kids and Youth

TEAMKID Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 20th
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm



Youth Christmas Party
Dec. 20th, 4:30- 7:30pm
White Elephant gift exchange
&
Gingerbread house decorating Contest.



Please Let the Office
Know- If you would like
your child to ride one of
the buses to the church
after school.
(830)-216-4946

Wednesday Night Family Ministry Bus Pick-ups at North Elem, South Elem, FMS & FHS.

3:30- Team Kids
4:45-Kids Choir
5:30-Family Dinner
6:30- Kids Bible Study

PLEASE GIVE TO THE
BUILDING FUND
TO REFURBISH THE
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

THANK YOU

If Giving For this online use Fund 9503

Events

Angel Tree

Choose a red angel from the tree
in the church foyer for a boy or girl!

1. You don't have to buy everything on their list.
Pick a few items that would make a nice gift.
2. Wrap the gifts and return them to the church
by DECEMBER 11th.
3. Please attach the angel to the gift
so we know who it belongs to!



First Baptist Church Floresville
December 10th 6:00pm
Cookie Fellowship to follow

HIS NAME IS JESUS

A MUSICAL FOR CHRISTMAS
Joint Floresville &
Pleasanton Choirs

First Baptist Church Pleasanton
December 17th 6:00pm



Please Bring a Dozen Cookies
to the Fellowship
to share following the Musical.



Jan. 11: Parkhills Baptist Church,
San Antonio

Feb. 22: First Baptist Church,
Westlaco 6pm

Mar. 21 Westloak Woods Baptist
Church, Austin

May 15: First Baptist Church,
Pflugerville
(combined concert with
Singing Women of
Central Texas)



Deacon
Christmas Party
December 15th, 2023
At the Church - 6pm



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
AT 5:30 PM

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE
CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHICH IS CHRIST
THE LORD.
LUKE 2:11

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New Members

Will & Kim Gates

Lauren Robles

Dustin & Kasie Meyer



Kitchen Drifts

Hope you all are enjoying the Wednesday night suppers and the fellowship with friends and family. Thanks to all the teams that provide the yummy food and offer their time and culinary skills to our church.

God is So Good!

And He has Blessed us with an amazing Church Family



MENU

Dec 6th Dinner by :

Elizabeth Coats

Amarillo Chicken,
dessert

Dec. 13th Dinner by :

Helping Hands

Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw,
Beans, Chips, Dessert



The Flower Calendar is on the wall at the Coffee/Tea station Feel free to choose a date if you would like to provide flowers for the Altar. Thank you! Call Jeannie McCarville (520) 251-1623

Meetings

DEACON MEETING
SUNDAY DEC 3RD AFTER SERVICE

Guest Services
Ministry Meeting
Dec. 5th
2:00pm



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

HOMEMADE
JAMS & JELLIES
FOR CHRISTMAS

CLASS DATE
DEC. 2ND, 2023
10AM-1PM

BUSINESS MEETING

SCHEDULED
for Wednesday
December 20th, 2023
6:30 pm

Adopt a Veteran
from the Frank
Tejada Veterans'
Home

Donations can be placed in an offering envelope-Mark envelope "Adopt-a-Veteran"
30 Veterans still need to be adopted

Mint Bliss Energizing
leg/foot lotion &
fuzzy socks. \$13ea

Deadline
Dec. 8th

Celebration of Life Michael Villarreal

December 11th, 2023

Visitation - 10 am

Funeral - 11 am

Internment - 2:30pm
at Fort Sam Houston

Movie Nights

Starts at 5:30pm

Thursday December 14th

Esther

BRING:

Your Favorite
Finger Food



Great video link
to see where our
OCC shoeboxes
go next.
Fun to see the
blessings



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Prayer Time

If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly Prayer list or add a prayer request to the list - Please just call the Church office at (830)216-4946

Monthly Time Of Prayer

Thursday, Dec. 7th, 2023

10:30 am

Annex Kitchen

"ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH"



HAPPY New Year 2024

JACK & PAT VAN DIEREN
126 US HWY 181
RSVP: 830-330-1341
BRING A DESSERT FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 7PM
FIREWORKS 9 PM

DONATIONS TOWARD THE FIREWORKS SHOW ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

"THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY, AND SEE, THE NEW HAS COME!"
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Intercessory Prayer Group

We need additional prayer warriors for Sunday's intercessory prayer group. We Pray during the service, for the service. It is on a rotating basis, 2 men, 2 women, or a married couple per Sunday.

If God is calling you to this ministry contact Bill Perry 614-309-1940 or Call the Church Office at 830-216-4946



Building and Grounds

NOTES FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED TO HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH LOOKING ITS BEST!

Do you see a need?!!
confetti or litter cleanup,
windows washed,
mowing & edging grass,
cleaning light housings, etc...



If you have any questions, please feel free to ask,
John Kelley- Building and Grounds Chairman (830)391-7704
or any member of the Building and Grounds Committee



Bus Drivers

Still Needed

Sundays 8:30 & After Church
in Fall-Wednesdays 2:30-4:15

See Pastor Terry,

John Long, Or Call
the Office (830) 216-4946



CDE GOOD BUT
NOT REQUIRED

Line Exercise Class

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
In the Family Life Center
9:30am-10:30am

Line Exercise

No Classes from-
12/22/2023- 1/1/2024

Cardio and Stretch

No Classes on
12/25/2023 or 1/1/2024

Exercise

Cardio STRENGTH TRAINING FOR SENIORS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX
(OLD WELLS FARGO BLDG.)
4:30PM- 5:15PM

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY
(AFTER LABOR DAY, WE WILL
ADD WEDNESDAY)



Text Linda at
210-632-6018

For More Information

Thank You for Giving

TEXT "Fbcf1234" to the number 73256;

Give ONLINE at www.fbcf.org;

Drop off or MAIL your gift to:
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Budget at a Glance	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to meet Budget
October 2023	\$44,269.86	\$50,405.83
YTD thur Sept. 2023	\$484,456.27	\$504,058.30

Online giving is an easy, convenient, and secure alternative to writing a check. Go to the church's web page, www.fbcf.org or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



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