

First Edition

**JANUARY 2024,
VOL. 50 ISSUE 1**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLORESVILLE, TX

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



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Floresville, TX 78114
Phone: 830-216-4946
Fax: 830-393-3613

Wednesdays

10:30am Ladies Bible Study- **Starting Jan. 31st**

3:30-5:30pm Team Kids- **Starting Jan. 17th**

5:30pm Wednesday Night Supper

Restarting-Jan. 17th, 2024

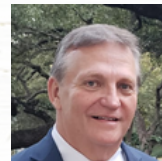
6:30pm Wed. night groups

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

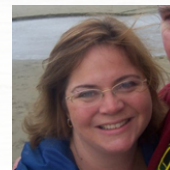
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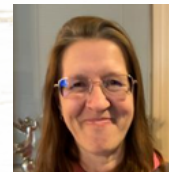
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Custodian

7:30pm Choir Practice- **Starting Jan. 17th**

Happy
New Year **2024**
OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY JANUARY 1ST, 2024

In case of Emergency call:
Pastor Michael- 573-575-9768
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Thoughts from Pastor Michael

Philippians 3:13-14 (HCSB) "Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus."

Dear Church Family! Robin and I thank you for all of your expressions of love and encouragement since we arrived in Floresville and through this Christmas season! We appreciate each of you very much! The Lord has shown His love tremendously to us through you!

The original Greek language used in the above verses compares Paul's pursuit of knowing Christ and becoming like Him in character, to a sprinter blazing down a track with all his effort, stretching and reaching for the tape at the end of the race. Paul had a passion for Christ!

Many who struggle in their pursuit to know God think Paul must of had something extra that enabled him to be zealous in his relationship with Jesus. Paul pursued the Lord vigorously because he knew the zeal that Christ had for him.(v.12) Christ had run down the infamous persecutor of the church on the road to Damascus and had made him the famous apostle of the church. Paul was overwhelmed with this love. He felt it and was compelled by it every day of His life. (2 Cor.5.14)

Do you think of Christ loving you just as He loved Paul? Do you think He cherishes you and will chase after you just as He did him? If we don't feel precious to the Lord, then He won't be highly valued by us. If we think that God is not very interested in us, then we won't be interested in Him. Christmas and Easter is part of the proof that we are precious and pursued.

In order for us to know Him, He journeyed from the praise of angels to the stench of a stable. He became a baby, and spent His first night in a feeding trough. He humbly kept pursuing each of us through His obedience for 33 years until His dying breath, having been nailed to a cross for our sins. All of this, including the resurrection, happened because He desperately wants you and me to be one with Him. After we meet Him, He still pursues us, wanting us to share our tears and our joys with Him, as He shares His life and secrets with us, His treasured friends. Each day He wants us to hear His voice, feel His Presence, and be consumed by His love. As this happens we will be so captivated by Him that we will pursue Him with all of our soul, for He will have become the delight of our soul. Isn't that the secret of it all?

The same God Who pursued Adam and Eve after the fall, Hagar in the wilderness, David in his murder and adultery, Jonah on the run from his mission, the disciples in a boat on a stormy night, and Peter in his denials...is chasing after us right now.

Oh, precious Christ! Your goodness and mercy chases us all the days of our lives and you will cause us to live in your house forever.(Ps. 23.6) We praise your wonderful Name! Help us to seek You with all of our hearts each day this coming year!

Pastor Michael Funderburk

Weekly Announcements



If you would like to receive the weekly announcements or the 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

Happy New Year!!!! Where did 2023 go? I sure don't know, but it came and left in a big hurry! Thinking back to the past year, I know that we are thankful to our Lord for guiding us through and helping us to stay focused on His will during both challenging and good times. One of the best blessings from last year was the arrival of Pastor Michael Funderburk and wife, Robin. We, especially, appreciate the Pastor Search Committee for their perseverance in working so hard seeking God's selection of a pastor for our church. We cannot thank these committee members enough. God bless each one of you! And, Michael and Robin, we are so thankful you both are here! We are looking forward to a great year with you!

OUR FUTURE PLANS

Since I have turned 65, I have been contemplating retirement or semi-retirement. After much prayer and discussion with Sandra and others, I feel this is a good time to consider semi-retirement or serving part time as your Associate Pastor of Worship/Ministry. The actual time I will begin serving as part time minister will be contingent on when I begin receiving my social security monthly compensation. The Social Security Office does not disclose the beginning date of receiving my compensation. They, however, mentioned that it usually takes 2-4 months. I applied for it in November, so I could begin receiving it by February or March.

Since our church is at a place to consider another staff member, such as a Family Pastor, I think it best if I have my salary package reduced in half in order to help make this possible. A Family Pastor is very important to the ministry of our church, and I want to help contribute financially. As far as my work schedule is concerned, I will be at the church on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays. However, in case I am needed by the pastor, or if there is an emergency, I will be available for ministry anytime of the week, even during one of my off days. I will continue to be available to drive the church bus for students on Wednesdays, and don't worry, Fun Bunch, I will be more than happy to continue our day trips!

Sandra and I have been so blessed to have served with you these last almost 21 years! You all are such a great blessing to us! We are looking forward to this new year, and we are looking forward to what God has in store for us as a Church. The harvest is ripe, and we have so many opportunities to see God at work through His Church. Sandra and I want to be a great part of this!

Love Y'all & Happy New Year!!! *Terry & Sandra Smith*

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Team Kidz Praise: Begins Wed., Jan. 17 at 4:45 pm
- Sunday Worship Choir: Begins Wed., Jan. 17 at 7:30 pm
- Sunday Worship Choir: Sunday morning warm up begins on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 8:45 am



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JANUARY 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1 HAPPY New Year's Office Closed	2	3 No Activities	4 10:30 Monthly prayer time	5	6 Men's Prayer BK 8-9:30am  OCC planning meeting 10 am
7 Deacon Bobby Etheridge	8	9 Guest Services Meeting- 2pm 6:30pm-8pm BSF	10 No Activities	11 Texas Singing Men Park Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tx 7pm 5pm- Movie Night 	12	13
14  Lords Supper Deacon Meeting. Deacon Danny Fenner	15	16 Fun Bunch: 10:30am Cafe' Chris, Pleasanton, TX 6:30pm-8pm BSF	17 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Jars of Clay 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	18 Meeting- COC/ Personal Com. 6pm	19	20 Canning Class- Stew 10am-1pm
21 Deacon Bill Munk	22	23 6:30pm-8pm BSF	24 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Elizabeth Coats 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir	25 Meeting- COC/ Budget and Finance Com. 6pm 5pm- Movie Night 	26	27
28 Deacon Ronald Tipton	29	30 6:30pm-8pm BSF	31 10:30am Ladies Bible study 3:30-5:30 Team kids 5:30pm WNS Men's Group 6:30pm Bible Studies 7:30pm - Choir			

Sundays
8:45am - Praise Choir Rehearsal
9:15am - Bible Study for all
10:30am - In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

Wednesdays- AM
10:30am - Ladies Bible Study
Restarting Jan. 31st, 24

Wednesdays- Nites
Restarting - Jan. 17th

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

5:30pm - Wednesday Night Suppers

6:30pm - Bible Study Classes

7:30pm - Choir Practice

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- 1/1/2024

--- **Tone & Stretch Classes**

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

No Classes on- 1/1/2024

2024

January Birthdays

1 Dayna Deaton	17 Otto Hierholzer	29 Sarah Collins
2 Debra Yeager	17 Jonathan Pehl	29 Kathy Sawers
3 Luke Keith	18 Shelly Boyd	
5 Tami Kensing	18 Jo Carolyn Hierholzer	
5 Charles Sawers	18 Mary Martinez	
5 Harold Snowball	18 Stephanie Pierce	
6 Patsy Roberts	19 Mary Jordan	
7 Caiden Gorzell	19 Matt Haston	
7 Wanda Bodiford	20 Linda Pipes	
7 Hilda Esensee	21 Jim Browning	
8 Jim McWilliams	21 Cindy Mahula	
8 Harry Pehl	22 Barton Brannon	
8 Stan Swahn	22 Lis Kotzur	
9 Tara Loeffler	22 Madeline Street	
11 Paul Moss	22 Midge Perry	
12 Rusty Coston	23 Paula Gorzell	
13 Travis Miller	24 Becky Braune	
14 Neysa Choate	24 Skip Glenn	
14 Connie Calvert	25 Melissa Bland	
15 Grace Pierce	26 Tiffany Gonzalez	
16 Andy Eubanks	26 Asa Welfel	
16 Jay Bell	27 Mason Taggs	
17 Jerrid Alfaro	28 Kathy Mills	



February Birthdays

3 Mac Gleeson
3 Tim Lanier
3 Clara Kotzur
3 Pam Talley
4 Bob Whitley
4 Esther Remling

Ladies' Time



Mens' Time



Bible Study Fellowship
BSF

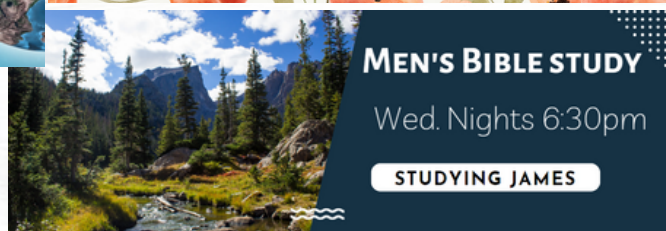
studying-
John's Gospel

Tuesdays- Restart Jan. 9th
6:30-8:00 - Annex Building
Kinder -8th Grade
Women's Group
Men's Group

Fun Bunch

Jan. 16- Café Chris, Pleasanton, Tx.
Feb. 20- Texas Pride BBQ, St. Hedwig, Tx.
Mar. 19- Golden Corral, San Antonio, Tx.
Apr 30- Big Lew's Pizza, San Antonio, Tx.
May 21- Olive Garden, San Antonio, Tx
Bus Leaves at 10:30am

Wednesday Bible Studies - Restarting Jan. 17th, 2024



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Next Generation- Kids and Youth

Restarting Jan. 17th, 2024

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



If Giving For this online use Fund 9503

January Preschool Schedule

Date	Younger Preschool 9:00 am - Noon	Middle Preschool 10:20 am - Noon
01/07	Elizabeth Coats & Bonnie Dickerson	Denise Trabucco & Julia Trabucco
01/14	Sally Gaertner & Jessica Fossler	Volunteers Needed
01/21	Taelyr Coleman & Bonnie Dickerson	Volunteers Needed
01/28	Sherrie Welfel & Mary Zarosky	Pam Dempsey & Celeste Savage

THANK YOU

WE WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE KIND LOVE OFFERING THAT
YOU ALL GAVE US THIS CHRISTMAS. IT IS SUCH A BLESSING TO BE ABLE
TO WORK AND SERVE ALONGSIDE ALL OF YOU AT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLORESVILLE.

Michael Funderburk

Christi Davis

Jill Coleman

Terry Smith

Zoe Fox

Events

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)

Canning Class

Stew

January 20th 2024
In Fellowship Hall
10am-1pm



Missions



All are invited to be there for our meeting on January 6th
at 10am in the Annex building that will allow us to put our
heads together and figure out a plan.

PAL, which stands for Packing Agape Love, is the new acronym we have given to our Operation Christmas Child project. We always try to do a good job of packing our boxes, but I think we can make those efforts more productive if we plan ahead. There are lots of sales through the year that we can take advantage of. We can also help educate individuals on what makes a good box, and by planning ahead we can have awesome selections available, should we decide to do a packing party.

Text or call Sallie Bluff at 830-391-2344 if you have any questions.

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New Members

Jim & Suzanne
Reilly



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

JAN. 14TH

AFTER

SERVICE

Kitchen Drifts

Wednesday night suppers will start again on Jan. 17th. Thanks to all the teams that provide the yummy food and offer their time and culinary skills to our church. We appreciate the help laundering the kitchen towels please remember to return them to the kitchen as soon as possible.

God is So Good!

And He has Blessed us with an amazing Church Family



MENU

Jan 17th Dinner by :

Jars of Clay

Chalupas

Fixings & Dessert

Jan. 24th Dinner by :

Elizabeth Coats

Amarillo Chicken,
dessert

Jan 31st Dinner by :

Men's Group

Chili

Cornbread

Cookies

Committee on Committee meeting
w/ Personal Committee-
1/18/24 6pm

Committee on Committee meeting
w/ Budget and Finance Committee-
1/25/24 6pm

Prayer Time

Monthly Time Of Prayer

Thursday, Jan. 4th, 2023

"ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY
OF EVERY
MONTH

10:30 am
Annex Kitchen



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



**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



Movie Nights

Starts at 5:30pm

Thursday January 11th

God's not Dead

Thursday January 25th

God's not Dead 2

BRING:
Your Favorite
Finger Food



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NOTES FROM BUILDING AND GROUND

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 2:30-4:45

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

CDL GOOD BUT
NOT REQUIRED

Exercise

Line Exercise Class

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

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

Cardio & Stretch
No Classes on
1/1/2024

Line Exercise
No Classes
1/1/2024

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alternative to writing a check.
Go to the church's web page,
www.fbcf.org or scan the QR
code with your smart phone.



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
November 2023	\$45,075.00	\$50,405.83
YTD thur Nov. 2023	\$529,131.27	\$554,464.13

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