



January 2025

First Family News

**Love GOD.
Love Others.
Change The World.**



**JANUARY 2025
Worship Opportunities**

Sundays

9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Worship
4:30 PM Choir Practice
6:00 PM Youth

Wednesdays

11:00AM-12:00PM Bible Study
6:00 PM Kids Club
6:30 PM Bible Study

ADDITIONAL JANUARY ACTIVITIES

1/6 BMW Meeting @ 6:30pm
1/6 MMO starts second semester
1/12 Deacon's Meeting @ 11:30am
1/20 Church Council Meeting @ 6:30p.m.

**OUR FINANCIAL RECORDS
December 29, 2024**

General Fund Needed Weekly \$6,875.58
General Fund Needed \$357,550.17
Given to Date \$378,516.74

December 1	Bible Study	65
	Worship	131
December 8	Bible Study	79
	Worship	133
December 15	Bible Study	88
	Worship	187
December 22	Bible Study	71
	Worship	179
December 29	Bible Study	53
	Worship	93

**JANUARY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
Children's Church Workers**

Please remember to sign up in the Welcome Center

1/5
TBD

1/12
TBD

1/19
TBD

1/26
TBD

Safety Teams

1/5 Team 1 1/12 Team 2
1/19 Team 3 1/26 Team 4

Deacon of the Week

January 5 John Gantt
January 12 Jim Doebler
January 19 Paul Havird
January 26 Leon Addy



**WE ARE BUILDING A
COMMUNITY RESOURCE
BOOK.**

THIS WILL LIST PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTORS WITH THEIR SERVICE AREAS AND BUSINESS CARDS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A SPACE FOR THOSE NON-LICENSED INDIVIDUALS TO LIST THEIR SKILL SETS AND THOSE WILLING TO DONATE TIME AND RESOURCES TO PROJECTS.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON

We need help
with
Children's
Church.
We have the
tools and the
resources but
we need YOU!

**WE
WANT
YOU**

Sign up is on the Welcome Center Desk

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Arnold Lee
 1/2 Bonnie Sheppard, P-nut Powell
 1/3 Ernest Tucker, Wayne Haire, Mindy Clark
 1/4 Maria Long
 1/6 Donna Padgett
 1/9 Randall Durst, Krista Parrish, Madison Fox
 1/10 Sophia Roberts, Gracyn Lee Burgess
 1/12 Tom Camp
 1/13 Jim Doebler, Whitney Brunson
 1/14 Carleigh Price, Melodee Prouse
 1/18 Bennie Horne, Lisa Smith
 1/19 Gail Davidson, Pic Hair III, Travis Cook, Kevin Wise, Melissa Husted
 1/20 Denise Cato, Jackie Shealy
 1/22 Rachel Hartley
 1/23 Gislinde Lee, Lynn Campbell, Riley Bundrick
 1/24 Evie Robertson, Marion Smith, Chris Eargle
 1/25 Kathy Ernst, Billy Corder, Dean Fulmer
 1/26 Allan Fallaw, Marion Smith, Jackie Wertman
 1/27 Robin Stewart, Alan Wise, Kathy Aull
 1/28 Paul Edwards
 1/29 Shelton Cole
 1/31 Heather Stoudemire

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1/1 Keith & Mollie Lancaster
 1/13 Kevin & Brandy Crapps
 1/14 Bradley & Brittney Crews, Victor & Cathy Burkett
 1/17 Dave & Allison Reese
 1/19 Vaughn & Kathy Ernst



You! Yes, You!

Did you know that we have Kids Club on Wednesday Nights? We are looking to build this program and need your help. Do you have kids between the ages of 3 and 12? They need to be in Kids Club. Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30pm. Do you have grandkids, neighborhood kids that are between 3 and 12 years old. Bring them!!! Not sure what to do while they are here? Try our adult Bible Study or volunteer to hang out with the kids.

And did we mention - supper is included?

Welcome Team Schedule for January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team A--Welcome Center</u>	<u>Team B--Foyer</u>
January 5	Paula Buzhardt & Patricia Mitchum	John & Van Gantt
January 12	Earle & Tammy Burgess	Anne Sanders & Robin Stewart
January 19	Rhonda Dority & Cheryl Paulling	Ray Cockrell & Dale Robertson
January 26	Gary & Lynda Smallen	Dave & Allison Reese
Substitutes for January—Donna Padgett & Kathy Ernst		

Bible Trivia: New Testament Verses

1. Complete the following, `The light of the body is...` (Matthew 6:22)
2. `Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; the first, _____, who is called Peter, and _____ his brother; _____ the son of Zebedee, and John his brother...` (Matthew 10:2).
3. `_____ not, that ye be not _____` (Matthew 7:1).
4. `Be not forgetful to entertain _____: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares` (Hebrews 13:2).
5. `...Ye should earnestly contend for the _____ which was once delivered unto the saints.` - Jude 1:3
6. Who does God call: "...my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth."? Psalms 89:27
7. Who said, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Philippians 3:7
8. Who said: "Come now, and let us reason together...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."? : Isaiah 1:18
9. What does Paul call the Galatians? Galatians 3:1
10. Who begins their book with: "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken..." Isaiah 1:2

1: Answer: The eye 2. Answer: Simon, Andrew, James 3. Answer: Judge, Judged 4. Answer: Foolish 5. Answer: Strangers 6. Answer: Faith 7. Answer: Paul 8. Answer: The Lord 9. Answer: Foolish 10. Answer: Isaiah

VBS IS COMING!!!!!!

VBS Meeting on
February 10th
for those interested in
helping out!

F3 and G2
Bring a Friend Sunday!!

For youth in
Middle School and High School



January 5th
6:00-7:30pm
Pizza and
Game Night!

Christmas at FBCB

It was a very busy Christmas season at First Baptist Church Batesburg! We hosted and were a part of numerous events. Thank you to all that volunteered to make all this possible!

Hanging of the Greens



B-L Christmas Parade



BMW Christmas Gathering



Choir Cantata



Lottie Moon



MMO Christmas Program



Children's Program



Christmas Eve Service



F i r s t B a p t i s t C h u r c h B a t e s b u r g

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Task Before Us

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20

A New Year is here and with it comes new challenges and new opportunities. This is true in our personal life and in our spiritual life. It is also true for God's church. 2024 was a blessed year for our church. Baptisms were up. We saw attendance increase in Bible Study and in Worship. Giving was almost twenty thousand dollars above budget. We also saw the beginning of two fund-raising projects to pave our parking lot as well as looking to purchase new playground equipment. And to top it all off we welcomed a new Minister of Music to our church.

All in all, last year was a wonderful year full of God's presence and blessings! But now a new year is here, and my prayer (and I hope your prayer as well) is that God will continue to bless us as a church. One thing is certain, the task that God has set before us is still the goal: to reach the lost with the Gospel message, to baptize those who trust in Jesus Christ, and to make disciples of all those who profess Christ as Lord. That it is that task that we have been commissioned to undertake. Jesus himself gave us those marching orders. Our job is to strive, as best we can, to fulfill it.

But to achieve success in fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission for His church takes more than hard work and perseverance. It takes prayer, humility, and dependence on God. That's what makes the Great Commission such a worthy goal. It can never be achieved just in human strength or human intellect alone. It is a work of God carried out by the people of God who work diligently under God's guidance and strength to achieve God's plan. Without prayer, humility and dependence on God we can never achieve the goal set before us.

As we begin this New Year may we be committed to do all three. To pray for God's continued movement in our midst. To stay humble and contrite as God works among us. And to depend on God for the power, strength, and resources to make the Great Commission a reality among us. May that be our goal as a church in 2025! May God's blessings be upon us as we work to be the Great Commission church He has called us to be. AMEN!

In Christ's Abundant Love,

Pastor Henry