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December 14, 2025

Christmas at FBC

Festival of Carols

Sunday, December 14 - 6:00 p.m.

A Cookie Fellowship will follow the program in Adams Hall

Clay Lunsford

Wednesday, December 17 - 6:00 p.m.

Following the Wednesday evening meal,
Clay Lunsford will entertain us with Christmas carols

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR FBC STAFF

Nolan	James	Melissa	Kristina
Kari	Elizabeth	Eddie	Kayley
Wayne			Ed

Schedule

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

11:15 a.m. After Worship Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Festival of Carols & Cookie Fellowship

Monday, December 15

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,

Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, December 18

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

11:15 a.m. After Worship Sunday School

Monday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 26

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Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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A Message from Minister of Missions Elizabeth Kilby

A sincere thank you to absolutely everyone who helped in any way with White Christmas. What a fun, full and wonderful day! We welcomed all the families in the church and the clothes closet. It is days like this when I go home so tired and so thankful to do what we do as a church. All but one family showed on Saturday and the final family's presents were delivered to NB Mills with their food bright and early Monday morning.

We impacted 33 families and 103 children this holiday season and all I can say is WOW!!! Special thanks to Janet and Mike McLain, Sherry and Shannon Ashley, Jody Parlier, Marc Poole, Neill Pardue and the countless volunteers who shopped, prayed, contributed, and volunteered at any point during this process.

Also special thank you to Christy Burby and the N.B. Mills staff that helped make the day possible. We can't wait for next year!

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth

Spiritual Statistics

	11/30	12/7
In-Person	160	205
Online	22	21
Sunday School	85	99

Financial Statistics

	November	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	81,226.00	164,534.00
Budget Receipts	83,409.00	143,534.00
Goals Not Met	2,183..00	(21,003.00)
Alms	4,667.00	6,470.00
Designated	50,883.00	62,071.00

White Christmas

Saturday, December 6, 2025

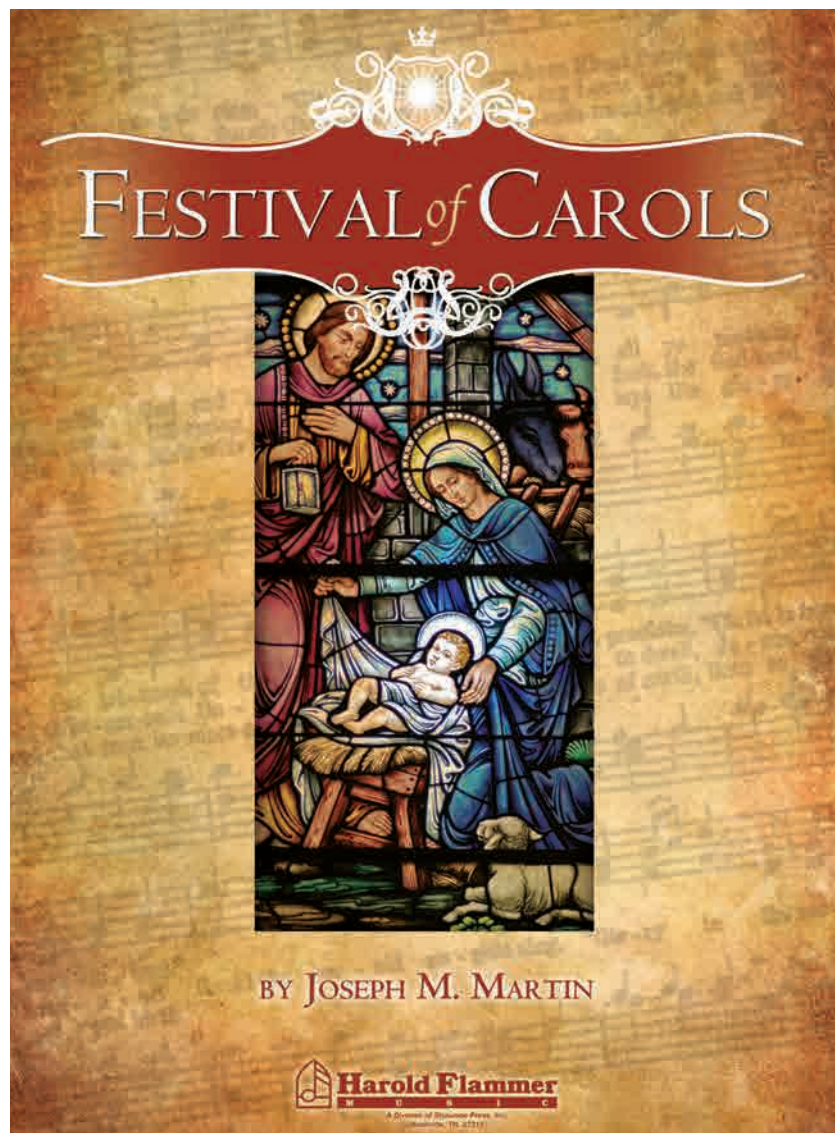




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Announcements



Music Ministry Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Please join the First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir along with the Providence Methodist Church Choir in presenting Joseph Martin's "Festival of Carols". The performance will be on Sunday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church.

"Festival of Carols" invites us to come celebrate Christmas with rich carols and beautiful new songs. It is based on a traditional Lessons and Carols format, which includes nine Scripture lessons along with music to reflect the reading. This work references over 20 carols in delivering the message of redemption and the birth of God's promised Son. Carols new and old are wrapped up in beautiful arrangements, readings, and wonderful instrumental orchestrations.

It is the hope of both FBC's music ministry and the music ministry of Providence Methodist Church that this music presentation serves as a poignant reminder of God's love for all of us. We pray that you will enjoy this retelling of the Christmas story in songs and readings and that the spirit of Christmas will follow you throughout this season.

Cookie Fellowship

Please join the FBC family for a Cookie Fellowship immediately following our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec 14.

Also, please bring a tray of your favorite cookies or sweet treats to share with everybody. You may drop your treats by Adams Hall on Sunday morning or 5:00-5:45 p.m. before the program begins.

