

Tony McDade gives the message at the 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 16, 2025.



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## From the Pastor...

Happy Thanksgiving! My heart is filled with gratitude for the people of First Baptist Church. Our yearlong celebration of 150 years of ministry was wonderful. The culmination worship service and fellowship luncheon was especially moving. Thank you to all who made it possible.

I'm also grateful for two other initiatives that are progressing. Our Spiritual Discernment-Visioning Process and our Legacy Giving Campaign. The hopes and dreams you filled out were so encouraging. We will incorporate these into our visioning process.

You also have three more opportunities to help set our direction for the future. I hope you will be present for each of these:

- Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – Community Forum (6 pm)
- Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Asset Mapping (After Worship)
- Sunday, April 19, 2026 – Writing Our Future Story (After Worship)

Our Legacy Circle will be one of the most effective things we do for the future. If you didn't get a Legacy Giving Brochure, I hope you will pick one up this Sunday. Legacy giving is for everyone. It is a way any of us can help sustain our ministries beyond your lifetime.

You can leave a legacy by naming the church in your will (or codicil) or making us the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, IRA or other retirement plan. You can also leave real estate, vehicles or other valuables. We'd be honored to help you with any of these.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Advent will soon be upon us. These are exciting times at First Baptist Church. I'm grateful for your generosity and continued partnership in ministry.

*Nolas*

## Schedule

**Sunday, November 30**  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream  
 11:15 a.m. After Worship Sunday School

**Monday, December 1**  
 8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

**Wednesday, December 3**  
 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 4**  
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

**Friday, December 5**  
 6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

**Saturday, December 6**  
 8:00 a.m. White Christmas

**Sunday, December 7**  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream  
 11:15 a.m. After Worship Sunday School

**Monday, December 8**  
 8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

**Wednesday, December 10**  
 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 11**  
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

## 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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# Happy Birthday

<b>December 1</b>	<b>December 15</b>
Tommy Alexander	Jan Cashion
Jean Crowder	Ray Hunt
<b>December 3</b>	Ella Milwood
David Falter	<b>December 17</b>
<b>December 4</b>	Jeri Koontz
Betty Colvert	Donna Workman
Brenda Falter	<b>December 19</b>
<b>December 5</b>	Katie Allen
Caylyn Sykes	William Barnard
<b>December 7</b>	Tim Tompkins
Reg Brown	<b>December 20</b>
Thomas Tillery	Pat Sain
<b>December 8</b>	Alexis Williams
Pat Testerman	<b>December 23</b>
<b>December 9</b>	Mary Jo Anderson
Noah Eckliff	Emily Wiseman
Mike Parker	<b>December 25</b>
<b>December 10</b>	Bob Cashion
Nancy Ivey	Gail Taylor
Tonya Pardue	<b>December 26</b>
<b>December 12</b>	Eleanor Price
Katie Welborn	<b>December 28</b>
<b>December 13</b>	Kelli Palmer
Howard Bryan	<b>December 29</b>
Sharron Parish	Jake Buckner
	Jane Wiseman
	<b>December 30</b>
	Mike Minnix
	<b>December 31</b>
	Gregg Whitson

## Spiritual Statistics

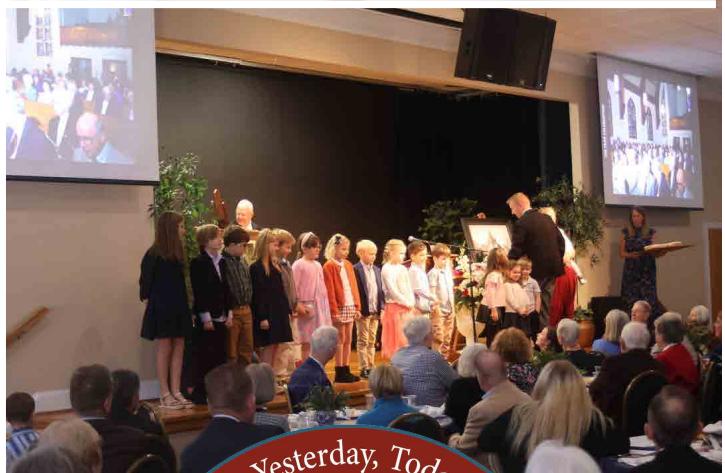
	11/16	11/23
In-Person .....	260	165
Online .....	13	18
Sunday School .....	103	85

## Financial Statistics

	November	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	81,226.00	164,534.00
Budget Receipts	46,344.00	96,466.00
Goals Not Met	(44,882.00)	(68,068.00)
Alms	4,592.00	6,395.00
Designated	6,471.00	17,659.00

# 150th Anniversary Celebration

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## Announcements

### White Christmas

**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

White Christmas which seemed like so far away is now here! We look forward to this day so much. Thank you for shopping, praying and contributing to this ministry. Now we get to do the best part - meeting the families, handing out the gifts, and shopping with them in the clothes closet. If you would like to join us for this please meet me in the Family Life Center at 8:00 a.m. for a light breakfast on Saturday, December 6 and then we will begin passing out gifts as they arrive.

Also in other news the count for the Operation Christmas Child boxes the children made was 59! We look forward to seeing which countries these will bless in the coming weeks and months.

Merry Christmas. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many in our community.

### Welcome to our Church Family!



Mike Miller joined our congregation at the worship service on Sunday, November 23. Welcome to our church family.



Tracey & Creighton Gibson joined our congregation on at the worship service on Sunday, November 23.

### 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.

### Parents Night Out

**Friday, December 5, 2025 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Children (birth-grade 5) are invited for a fun evening. Children will eat pizza, play in the gym, make a craft, and watch a movie. Cost is \$5/child. Use the QR code to register.

