



# Welcome

Sunday, November 19, 2023

*Together in Christ: Living, Learning, Serving*

## No Wednesday Evening Activities

November 22, 2023

There will no Wednesday evening activities this Wednesday.

## Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 23 & November 24

The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday in observance of the holiday.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

## White Christmas

Saturday, December 9, 2023

For White Christmas we will have multiple ways to serve. You can serve on the set up team, collect and sort food, buy gifts for the families, provide items for the parents to stuff a stocking for their children, or be a buddy in the Clothes Closet. More information on serving opportunities on December 9 will be available soon.

## Clothes Closet Needs

The Clothes Closet needs children's clothing, sizes newborn-teen. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday mornings or during office house, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Baptist Church

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Please mark your calendars for a wonderful event as First Baptist Church celebrates 150 years of ministry on November 16, 2025. We will actually begin celebrating in November of 2024 and carry out the festivities for a full year. We'd like you to start collecting photos and other memorabilia to share. We are also collecting stories of meaningful times at FBCS that will be published in a book of stories. If you have other ideas to add to our celebration, please tell a member of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team (Carol Hunter, Chair, William Barnard, Kevin Beale, Jerry Campbell, Don Daniel, Allison Faulkenberry, James Foushee, Nan Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Jeri Lynn Kontz, Mary Alice Lowrance, and Kayley Crouch).

## Upcoming Events

Parents Night Out  
Friday, December 1

Christmas Choir Program  
Sunday, December 17—6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service  
Sunday, December 24—4:00 p.m.

Soup Lunch Fundraiser  
Sunday, February 4

Ash Wednesday Service  
February 14—6:00 p.m.

Holy Week  
March 24-31



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# *Our Finitude Focuses Us*

Part of the Series: The Good News About Death

Dr. Nelson Granade

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<sup>1</sup> *Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.*

<sup>2</sup> *Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

<sup>3</sup> *You turn people back to dust,  
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."*

<sup>4</sup> *A thousand years in your sight  
are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.*

<sup>5</sup> *Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—  
they are like the new grass of the morning:*

<sup>6</sup> *In the morning it springs up new,  
but by evening it is dry and withered.*

<sup>7</sup> *We are consumed by your anger  
and terrified by your indignation.*

<sup>8</sup> *You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.*

<sup>9</sup> *All our days pass away under your wrath;  
we finish our years with a moan.*

<sup>10</sup> *Our days may come to seventy years,  
or eighty, if our strength endures;  
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,  
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.*

<sup>11</sup> *If only we knew the power of your anger!  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.*

<sup>12</sup> *Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

Psalm 90:1-12

**We Need Deadlines!**

**We All Have a Deadline We Don't Know**

**Focus on Something Bigger**

**Focus on God's Grace**

**Focus on Living Each Day**

**Focus on Leaving a Legacy**

**Focus on Gratitude**