



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GENEVA NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2024

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. Matthew 2:10

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From the Staff of First Baptist Church

Dr. Ed Scott, Rev. Steve Skidmore, Emmett Massey, Lori Shortt, Martha Herring,
Earl Whitehead, Heather White, and Angie Bell

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Breakfast, 8:30 AM

No Sunday School

Early Worship Service, 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Service, 5 PM

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

December 25-27

Wednesday, December 27

No Wednesday Service

Sunday, December 31

Morning Worship Service, 10:30 AM

No Sunday School

Church Office Closed

January 1 and January 15

Wednesday, January 3

No Wednesday Night Service

Wednesday, January 10

Regular Wednesday Night Services Resume



Family Meeting
Sunday, December 31
at 10 AM
To vote on the Budget

(A Copy of the Budget
is attached to the email.)



ROTATIONS

Nursery Workers Rotation

01/07: Krissy Gilmore, Emily Ammons, Hanna Commander
01/14: Shayla Finch, Katie Warren, Melanie Adkison
01/21: Brandie Green, Sherrie Aycock, Erica Martin
01/28: Mandy Precise, Jomanda Johnson, Kerry Commander
02/04: Jennifer Adams, Stacey Shirah, Michelle Miller

Children's Church

01/07: Lori Shortt, Sue Earley
01/14: Lori Shortt, Michelle Cooley
01/21: Lori Shortt, Sonya McLaney
01/28: Karol Beck, Melanie Adkison
02/04: Lori Shortt, Katie Warren

Security Rotation

01/07: Brent Johnson, Tony Knowles
01/14: Brad McCoy, Phillip Mixon
01/21: Brad Bynum, Kerry McLaney
01/28: Terry Aycock, Wade Green
02/04: Jay Cooley, Marvin Miller

Deacons In Service

01/07: Ricky Beck, Keith Owen, Jason Padgett
01/14: Jeffrey Adkison, Joey Stephens, Randal White
01/21: Mickey Bennett, Freddy Martin, Larry Sharpe
01/28: Greg Adams, Ricky Bennett, Jack Commander
02/04: Ricky Beck, Keith Owen, Jason Padgett

Sound and Media Shout

01/07: Mike Turner/ Derek Cotton
01/14: Steve Shirah/ Larry Sharpe
01/21: Steve Shirah/ Larry Sharpe
01/28: Adam Commander/ Ethan Commander
02/04: Mike Turner/ Derek Cotton

Ushers

01/07: Donnie Chesteen, Allen Mote, Todd Mote, Jason Padgett
01/14: Baylor McKnight, Brigham McKnight,
Randal White, Cooper White
01/21: Rufus Kervin, Kerry McLaney, Larry Sharpe, Sam Sharpe
01/28: Jack Commander, Al Folsom, George Folsom, Toby Seay
02/04: Kevin Ammons, Haze Ammons, Adam Howell, Keith Owen

Greeter

01/07: Ricky Beck
01/14: Jeffrey Adkison
01/21: Mickey Bennett
01/28: Greg Adams
02/04: Jason Padgett

Wednesday Night Children:

01/10: Team 2
Bible Lesson: Lori Shortt, Jess Russell
Rec: Randal White, Dennis Russell
Bible Drill: Chelsie Dean, Hannah Tidwell
Music Helper: Bridgett White
Check In/Out: Bridgett White
Playground: Chelsie Dean
Pre-K: Mikala Smith

01/17: Team 3
Bible Lesson: Lori Shortt, Krissy Gilmore
Rec: Chad and Loren McKnight
Bible Drill: Abbie Kay Thompson, Renee Clemmons
Music Helper: Michelle Miller
Check In/Out: Mandy Precise
Playground: Krissy Gilmore
Pre-K: Tiffany Turner

01/24: Team 4
Bible Lesson: Lori Shortt, Samantha Dawsey
Rec: Adam Howell, Todd/Katie Mote
Bible Drill: Hannah Commander, Tiffany Howell
Music Helper: Mike Shortt
Check In/Out: Emily Ammons
Playground: Mike Shortt
Pre-K: Maci Roney

01/31: Team 1
Bible Lesson: Lori Shortt, Allison Crews
Rec: Dawn Wilks
Bible Drill: Mallory Mixon, Brandie Hall
Music Helper: Jami Seay
Check In/Out: Allison Crews
Playground: Brandie Hall
Pre-K: Karol Beck

02/07: Team 2

Youth Wednesday Night Helpers

01/10:
01/17:
01/24:
01/31

Wednesday Night Supper Greeters

01/10: Keith Owen
01/17: Joey Stephens
01/24: Larry Sharpe
01/31: Greg Adams
02/07: Jason Padgett

If not able to make your appointed time,
please call someone else on the list and swap with them.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Several weeks are available in the coming year for weekly Altar Flowers.
If you would like to change your week or drop your week, please call the church office.
If you would like to be added to the list to supply flowers,
please call the church office. Church Office: 334.684.9910

January 7: In Memory of Mr. Lamar Vaughn for His Birthday
By Charlene Vaughn and Joey, Amy, Emily and Marla, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren

January 14: In Memory of Fred M. and Dot K. Byrd By Elise, Chris, Patsy and Jana

January 21: In Memory of Thomas Ray Willingham By Jeanette, Gary, Dale, and Cody Willingham
and Adam, Hanna, Ethan, and Kinley Commander

January 28: In Memory of Ayla Perez
By Teresa, Ivan, Avery and Addyson Perez, Mrs. Vernon Spence,
Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Spence, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Roney and Mr. & Mrs. Keith Owen

February 4: Open





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY JANUARY UPDATES

Our Christmas Musical, "Bethlehem Express," was such a wonderful presentation! I am so proud of each of the children who worked so hard learning the music and the message involved. Many of these children stepped outside their comfort zone and they did great. Thanks to all of our adult workers who gave so much time and effort to ensure this presentation was a success.

Below is the schedule of lessons that our children and preschoolers will be learning during the month of January. We encourage you as parents to discuss these topics with your children in order to further expand their understanding of what the Bible teaches on these subjects.

Children's Church Lessons:

- December 31: No CC (New Years Eve)
- January 7: Wise Men Still Seek Him (Matthew 7:7)
- January 14: Bright Lights or Burned Out Bulbs (Matthew 5:14)
- January 21: A Story About a Lost Son (Luke 15)
- January 28: A Story About a Lost Coin (Luke 15:8)
- February 4: A Friend Who Couldn't Forgive (Matthew 6:15)

Children Wednesday Night Lessons:

- December 27: No Midweek Services
- January 3: No Midweek Services
- January 10: Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25-33)
- January 17: Jacob Works 14 Years (Genesis 29)
- January 24: Jacob Wrestled An Angel (Genesis 32)
- January 31: Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37-43)
- February 7: Moses Is Born (Exodus 1-2)

Preschool Wednesday Night Lessons:

- December 27: No Midweek Services
- January 3: No Midweek Services
- January 10: Jacob and Esau's Choices (Genesis 25-33)
- January 17: Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 29:15-28)
- January 24: Jacob Wrestles with God (Genesis 32)
- January 31: Joseph's Coat of Many Colors (Genesis 37)
- February 7: Birth of Moses (Exodus 1-2)

Ministry opportunities are available for those who are looking for a place to serve. If you are looking for a place that truly makes a difference in the lives of others with rewards out of this world, please contact me about serving in the children's ministry. I'm not looking for a warm body to fill a spot – I'm looking for people who want to be used by God to make a difference in the lives of young people!

I pray that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Let's decide now that 2024 will be the best year ever and that we will strive to honor God with our time, talents, and resources. The Best Is Yet To Come!

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| 1 Delton Grace | 14 Leborah Smith |
| 5 Kade Senn | 15 Ronnie Parker |
| Jamie Weeks | 16 Samantha Bilbrey |
| 6 Jaylee Stough Hood | 17 Kay Clemmons |
| 7 Michael Davis | 18 James Alberson |
| Sabrina Kervin | 19 Ray Anna Ausley |
| Linda Miller | 20 Isaac Green |
| 8 Vanessa Folsom | 22 Jeff Cain |
| Rita McCollum | Chandler Green |
| 9 Sibyl Parker | Paula Salter |
| 13 Seth Commander | 23 Linda Spence |
| Michelle Cooley | 24 Steve Skidmore |
| Ivan Perez | 25 Krissy Gilmore |
| Blake Ruddell | 27 Madelyn Knowles |
| | 28 Craig Culverhouse |
| | Briley Senn |
| | 30 Sophie Gilmore |
| | 31 Sarah Smith |
| | Evie White |



First Baptist Church
Geneva, Alabama

Nichols Mission Building

Open Every Tuesday from 8 AM - 1:45 PM

Closed for lunch 12 Noon - 12:30 PM

All items are free!

Donations of gently used items accepted.

Brown Bag Calendar

January 7 - Any Canned Meat
January 14 - Canned Veggies/Fruit
January 21 - Peanut Butter/Crackers
January 28 - Any Canned Soup
February 4 - Bags of Rice

BROWN BAG



MINISTRY

Financial Report As of December 24, 2023

Budgeted Weekly: \$7,506.48
Budgeted YTD: \$390,336.96
Tithes and Offering YTD: \$399,271.32
Quarterly Missions Offering, to Date:
\$7,703.00



**Christian Condolences
are extended to:**

Kathy Sasser and Family
on the death of her Husband,

Mr. Jerry Sasser

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Wednesday, January 10

Chicken Fingers/Pork Chops, Butter Beans, Hash Brown
Casserole, French Fries, Salad, Dessert, Rolls

Wednesday, January 17

Chicken Fingers/Roast, Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans,
Salad, Dessert, Rolls

Wednesday, January 24

Chicken Fingers/Chicken Pot Pie, Nibbled Corn, French Fries,
Salad, Dessert, Rolls

Wednesday, January 31: Youth Fund Raiser

Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Cost: \$5 Each; \$25 Family Limit

Please sign up if you plan to attend!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP: Serving, Cleanup, etc.
See Cathy Bennett to sign up!**

Contributions for 2023

For personal tax purposes: for a contribution to be reported as a 2023 gift, it must be in the church office by December 31 or postmarked by December 31, 2023. Any gift not received in the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2023 will be recorded as a 2024 contribution for our reporting purposes.



Give
unto the Lord

Three
WAYS to
GIVE
at

First Baptist Church



Mail-In

Mail in your offering to our church office.

Visit online at www.fbcgeneva.org to use our giving website directly.



Online Giving

Drop Off
or
In-Person

Visit our church office or use the offering basket at our service times.

Community Announcement



Please join us in extending best wishes to Danny Holloway who is retiring from Warren Holloway Ward Funeral Home. Danny has been an esteemed member of the ownership team since the purchasing of the funeral home in November 2015, and he will be greatly missed. He departs with 48 years of experience in the funeral business and has taken care of countless families in Geneva County and the surrounding areas.

We invite you to attend a reception in his honor on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at Warren Holloway Ward Funeral Home from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Receive your newsletter by email.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please call the church office, or go to the homepage of our website and give us your email address. If you do not have email access, you will be able to pick one up at church.

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