

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON

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Gather. Grow. Go.

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And just like that, 2024 is officially over. It was an incredible year in the life of FBCG. We saw 29 people become apart of our Church family through membership with 15 of those being baptisms. Meaning, 15 people (that we know of) accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior through the ministry of FBCG. Praise the Lord! In my opinion, 2024 was by far a breakthrough year in relation to Church health that I pray will last for many generations. Here are just a few of the highlights from 2024:

- A new weekly podcast was launched and still continues each Thursday.
- 3 NEW Deacons were ordained and began their Deacon Ministry.
- The Church unanimously voted to launch our 'Field of Dreams' vision for a Multi-Purpose facility on our 9 acres of land one day, soon.
- The Church unanimously approved the largest budget in the history of our Church for 2025. A 43.8% increase in the budget since 2021.
- The Church unanimously voted to purchase a piece of property that is adjacent to land that we currently own.
- Cooperative program giving has increased by 100% since 2023.
- This year the Church voted to increase giving to our local association (Lexington Baptist Association) by 25%.
- Voted and approved that all full-time Church Staff members be provided health insurance.
- Rev. Steve and Sandy Kittrell joined us on staff with Steve serving as the Associate Pastor. With 50+ years of Pastoral experience, this was and is a huge blessing to add Pastor Steve to the staff
- Since 2021, we have not missed our goals for Jamie Chapman, Annie Armstrong, or Lottie Moon Offerings.
- Multiple mission partnerships (local and abroad) began!
- 2 International missionaries were called and sent out and will be on the field in just a few days.
- Our Women's ministry (WMU) hit a record 54 ladies at one of their missions meetings.

There's so much more that God did in 2024 that I could highlight in this edition of the Brady Blog, but for now, those are just a few. 2025 has the potential to be a remarkable year for ministry. I want us to go ahead and decide right now, that we as the members and attendees of FBCG will pray daily for God to do the unthinkable in and through FBCG in 2025. This is a new year, full of new possibilities and potential for the Kingdom of God to continue to grow in and through the ministry of FBCG. Our word of the year this year is SelfLESS. On Sunday, January 5th I cast the vision for this year during the sermon from John 3:30. I hope and pray that we will be a body of believers in 2025 that are SelfLESS in all that we do, so that Christ may increase in our lives and that we may decrease.

I love you all, and I can't wait to begin my 5th year as your Pastor!

Sincerely,

Rev. R. Brady Henderson

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 5 Grief Gathering Group meeting at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Jan 5 Choir Practice at 4:00 pm
- Jan 8 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Jan 12 New Members Class at 9:45 am (5 week course)
- Jan 12 Choir Practice at 4:00 pm
- Jan 13 Motivational Monday resume at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Jan 14 Intercessory Prayer Warriors at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary begins, see Susan Whitten for info
- Jan 17 Family Matters 2.0 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A meal & child care provided, sign up in the Welcome Center
- Jan 20 Women on Mission at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, guest speaker is Stephanie Sharpe
- Jan 24th-26th Youth Trip-Converge
- Jan 26 Last day to sign up for Adult/Pediatric First Aid Training Class on February 1st 9:30 am till 2:00 pm
- Jan 28 Brotherhood Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

JANUARY DEACONS ON CALL

- Jan 5 Mike Rollison 803-269-3089
- Jan 12 Stafford Johnson 803-908-9090
- Jan 19 Noel Pound 803-467-0382
- Jan 26 Troy Peele 803-673-5330

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	2 Traci Rish	3 Erika Browning	4 Christian Dawkins Dickey Mosley
5 Ed Duraski	6 Chris Richardson ♥Marion & Deborah Marks	7 Randa Burton Jo Lynn Phillips	8 Shannon Edwards Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	9 Elizabeth (Lynn) Barber Tommi Caldwell	10 ♥Terry & Sandra Pound	11 Sandy Poole
12 Sandy Drawdy Isaac Hull Brittany Burns	13 Kaylan Bailey ♥Kyle & Erin Taylor	14 Clara Thomas Samantha White Jennifer Young	15 Crystal Robinson Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	16 Diane Sharpe	17 Timothy Smith	18 Nick Cross
19 Diane Thomas	20 Katie Johnson Sheri Wood	21	22 Allison St. Clair Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	23	24 Troy Bivens Steven Kirkland Dalton Painter	25 Harvey Reynolds Megan Scott
26 Courtney Painter	27 Patricia Hayes Elizabeth Horvath	28	29 Sabrinia Bailey Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible Study @ 6:15 pm-8:00pm GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	30 Stacy Painter Jared Poole	31 Serenity Painter Jake Rish Jim Thomas	



SPIRITUAL WARRIORS NEWS from Vicki Vidrine, Director

The monthly luncheon is Wednesday, January 8th at 11:30 am.
We will be having fried chicken and we ask that you bring a side and/or a dessert for the meal.



Come check out the books in the church Library! If you have any questions or looking for something specific see Mrs. Marilyn Hook.

LIBRARY NEWS: Marilyn Hook (email: marilyn.hook1@gmail.com)

Brotherhood Meeting January 28th at 7:00 pm, a meal will be served and Mr. Brian Skelly will be speaking.



January 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR! What a wonderful 2024 God blessed us with!

We have new family members, and the kingdom of God is growing.

We certainly miss the ones that completed their earthly journey this year, but that is even more reason for us to be about God's business of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone!

I wanted to let you know that we will be having our Valentine's Banquet on Friday, Feb 14th!

We will have more details and the sign-up envelopes later this month but

save the date!

We will have choir practice on two Sundays in January at 4:00 PM January 5th and 12th.

We would love to have you join us, remember it is not about you being the best singer in the church, it is about you having a heart that wants to praise God in song!

See me or another choir member if you have any questions!

Joyfully Serving,

Sherrell



Happy New Year everyone. I hope you had a great Christmas and are ready to start the new year with mission projects. First, thank you for your giving to the Lottie Moon Missions Offering. Goal we exceeded our goal of \$12,000. Praise the Lord.



We are starting our ladies meetings back Monday, Jan. 20th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have soup and salad for supper and we will have a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. We have a guest speaker, Ms. Stephanie Sharpe, who will explain how Hospice can be helpful, not scary. I encourage you to come hear what she has to say. We will be making the fleece balls as our craft.

Women on Mission
Margie Rish,
Director

The GA girls are collecting items to make homeless bags until the end of January. See the info below, if you have any questions please contact Savannah Peele or Sandy Drawdy.

Pray for our missionaries worldwide.



Church Family, the GAs are collecting donations for those living in homeless conditions. Temperatures go down a lot in the winter months, so please consider donating any of these items: backpack, blanket, soap, lip balm, warm socks, knit hat, gloves or bottles of water. A collection box will be in the Welcome Center until the end of January.

Thank you.



Children's Church
meets on Sundays
in Room 203

Jan 5 Team 4 Emily Petrey, Stafford Johnson, Liz Henderson
Jan 12 Team 5 Sunnie Gail Pound, Amber Bachelder, PJ Hathway
Jan 19 Team 1 Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey
Jan 26 Team 2 Shawn Goff, Melissa Goff, Ally Sanford



December's Attendance

Sunday School Average: 149
Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church: 265
Wednesday Evening Worship: 136

SERVICES

Sunday,

09:30 AM.....Men's Prayer Group
09:45 AM.....Sunday School
11:00 AM.....Morning Worship
Children's Worship

Monday,

12:30 pm.....Motivational Mondays

Tuesday,

12:00 pm.....Intercessory Prayer Warriors

Wednesday,

06:00 PM.....Family Supper
06:15-6:45 ...Youth & Acteens Supper
06:45-8 PM.....Youth Bible Study
07:00 PM....Prayer Service, GAs, RAs,
Mission Friends & Acteens

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY—2024-2025

Mike Rollison 803-269-3089 A-B	Keith Ray 423-823-2555 C-D	Troy Peele 803-673-5330 E-F	Tom Learn 803-429-1358 G-H
Dwain Smith 803-446-1595 I-J-K	Noel Pound 803-467-0382 L-M	Glenn Pound 803-238-7477 N-O-P	Chris Vidrine 803-513-4915 Q-R
Stafford Johnson 803-908-9090 Sa—Sm	Heyward Kelly 803-794-0723 Sn-T-U	Allen Ott 803-960-6820 V-W-X-Y-Z	

JANUARY EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

Jan 5	Team 1 Collette Knight, Jo Lynn Martin, Wendy Sanford, Patti Reynolds, Pam Thomas, Erin Taylor
Jan 12	Team 2 Amie Cobia, Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Christian Chavis, Sammy Smith, Ally Sanford
Jan 19	Team 3 Sandy Poole, Bonita Mishoe, Aggie Sigh, Jim Thomas, Ginny Henderson, Bailey Speares
Jan 26	Team 4 Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Melody Sanford, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Reese Speares

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Happy New Year! Thank you for your smiling faces and service with a joyful attitude in Extended Session. You are appreciated more than you know. In His service, Lisa



It's a new year and with it comes new opportunities to worship and serve the Lord. Our hope and prayer is that our students will grow in their relationship with Jesus in 2025. As the new year begins, our team will be emphasizing discipleship. This is an area we know we can improve upon and we are committed to do just that. Our team currently consists of Adam Callahan, Erin Taylor, Hannah Henderson, and Noel Pound. Please pray for us and the kids we lead.

Converge Collegiate Conference is January 24-26 in Myrtle Beach for 11-12th graders and college students. Sign up will be available until Sunday, January 19. If you need information or have questions, please contact Adam.



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