



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GASTON

BRADY BLOG

A WRITTEN WORD FROM FBCG'S SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

There are 365 times in the Bible where the phrases 'Fear not' or 'do not be afraid' occur in the Scriptures. During the Christmas season, we are going to focus on a 4-part sermon series that I've entitled 'Fear not'. With the current climate of our world and the additional stress that the holidays usually bring, it's important to remember that during the first Christmas, nearly 2,000 years ago, God was clear through his messengers that there was nothing to fear. Imagine the sheer shock if an Angel appeared to you and told you what he told Mary. Notice that it all began with 'fear not'. Some of you may be going through a trial or tribulation that no one knows about. Maybe you're trying to keep it hidden. May we all be reminded this Christmas season that God not only knows everything that is going on in our lives, but He deeply cares. He also does not want us to fear. When we realize just how incredible our God is, whom do we have to fear? I hope you'll join us for this special series. Also, I want to invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve service at 5 PM. This will be a candlelight service and a very special time in the Lord.

This year has been a great year at FBCG. So far this year, **25** people have joined our membership, and 19 of those have been baptisms! Meaning **19** people have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior through the ministry of FBCG and followed through in Believer's Baptism! This is why we exist, Church, to see lost people saved and saved people disciplined. We've had a spectacular year of giving! Almost \$400,000 has been contributed to our building fund, and over \$500,000 has been allocated towards our regular Church budget. To say that God has blessed even amidst an unpredictable economy would be an understatement. The year is not even over yet. I just can't wait to see what God will do next. We've had new ministries start this year, and already existing ministries have been strengthened. We've seen 'new' and 'old' members step up and serve in many areas. We are impacting our community through ministries like the Good News Club, service project teams from the Men's Ministry, feeding students from Swansea High athletic teams, and the newly established Swansea Tiger Sports Network! It's been a great year! Let's keep going!

With Love,
Pastor Brady

Rev. R. Brady Henderson



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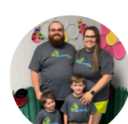
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DECEMBER EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

Dec 7 Team 2 Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Sammy Smith, Ally Smith
Dec 14 Team 3 Sandy Poole, Bonita Mishoe, Aggie Sigh, Jim Thomas, Eden Barfield, Matt Barfield
Dec 21 Team 4 Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Reese Speares
Dec 28 Team 5 Stacy Learn, Sherri Kelly, Lauren Brann, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

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

Monday

12:30 PM Motivational Monday

Tuesday

12:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Warriors

Wednesday

06:00 PM Family Supper
07:00 PM Midweek Worship, Youth, GAs, RAs, Mission Friends & Acteens

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Library Annoucement

Merry Christmas! May all of you have a joyous holiday. The books on display are about God's gift of His Son Jesus to us. Jesus came to earth to forgive our sins and to teach us to love and care for everyone. I pray that you and your loved ones have a safe and happy holiday season!

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Upper Room will once again be sponsoring the Lottie Moon Express from Sunday, November 30-Sunday, December 21. This is a great way to exchange Christmas cards with your church family. All donations go towards the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

December will also see the return of Christmas Wednesdays, culminating in our annual Upper Room Christmas on Wednesday, December 17 from 6-8pm. This is always a special time as we eat, fellowship, and reflect on the past year and look forward to the year ahead. Please pray for our students and this ministry each day. God is moving but our enemy isn't going down without a fight. Pray for their leaders as well. 2025 was a great year and I believe 2026 can be even better.



On Dec 3rd at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, the GA girls are hosting a Coffee Cart to raise money for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The church goal this year for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$15,000. Please be in prayer for the girls and support their event. Also, we will have our Lottie Moon Missions March on Sunday, Dec 21st during the worship service. Please be in prayer for all of missionaries worldwide and how you can be a part of reaching our goal for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



BROTHERHOOD
There will be NO
brotherhood meeting
in December

December 3rd at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
 ham will be served, bring sides and/or dessert

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
December 5th at 6:00 pm
Crafting Christmas
Memories!
Breakfast for Dinner!



'Tis the Season... for what exactly?

The season for shopping, decorating, baking, visiting, gathering, giving...

But most importantly, the season for sharing Jesus.

We have so many opportunities to talk about Him in public this month!

I also know this is a very busy month, I hope you set aside time to be with your church family, to be together in worship and fellowship.

Ask someone to join you for one or all of our services!

We have lots of beautiful Christmas music planned and the

Children's Choir on Dec. 10th at 7:00 PM will be a special treat!

They have been working so hard on their program, come and support them!

Take time to find one or two of your favorite Christmas songs and worship Jesus alone!

Spend time with the One who made you and saved you!

Merry Christmas!

Joyfully Serving,

Sherrell



Dec 3 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Dec 3 GA's Coffee Cart in the Fellowship Hall during supper 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Dec 3 Church Conference after Service
Dec 5 Family Fun Night at 6:00 pm
Dec 7 Grief Gathering Group at 3:00 pm
Dec 7 Church Council at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Dec 10 Children's Choir Christmas program at 7:00 pm
Dec 13 Still Waters Sisterhood meeting at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
Dec 13 Gaston Christmas Parade at 10:00 am and Christmas at the Caboose immediately after the parade in Gaston Town Park
Dec 17 Christmas Drop In at 7:00 pm, with the reading of the Christmas story by Pastor Brady & Mrs. Hannah
Dec 21 Communion during the service
Dec 21 Lottie Moon Missions March Goal \$15,000
Dec 21 Children's Worship Christmas Caroling after service, sign up in Welcome Center or see Sandy Drawdy for details
Dec 23rd thru Jan 2nd church office will be closed for the holidays, messages will be checked
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm
Dec 28 NO Children's Worship
Dec 31 NO Church Service or Church Activities on campus

Lottie Moon Express November 30th through December 21st

NO Women on Missions Meeting and NO Brotherhood Meeting for the Month of December

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