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DECMBER EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

First Baptist Church

Gather. Grow. Go

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON

121 Oakey Springs Drive Gaston SC 29053

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.



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 discipled. 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**





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON STAFF

Rev. R. Buy Hendeur

Rev. R. Brady Henderson, Senior Pastor Rev. Steve Kittrell, Associate Pastor Mrs. Sherrell Ott, Minister of Music Mr. Allen Ott, Media Director Mrs. Velvet Lucas, Administrative Assistant



Women on Mission

The holidays are here and everyone is so busy, please don't forget our mission opportunities. First, I want to thank everyone who helped with the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We collected 272 boxes. Also, thank you for everyone that helped prepare prison packets. We collected 34 Packets. Thanks for all your support.

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.

There is no ladies meeting in December. We'll meet next on Monday, January 19th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. More information will be in the January newsletter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Dec 7 Traci Rish, Faith Cavarretta, Bonita Mishoe

Dec 7 Children's Worship Quarterly meeting at 6:15 pm

Dec 14 Stafford Johnson, Emily Petrey, Liz Henderson

Dec 21 Sunnie Gail Pound, Amber Bachelder, PJ Hathway

Dec 28 NO Children's Worship

Children's Worship

FBC Gaston



Children's Worship Families, if you and your child are interested in a special time of Christmas Caroling, please join us on Sunday, December 21st. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the morning service, eat a light lunch, then visit some of our local Homebound church members. We will then enjoy donuts and milk when we return to the church. Sign up in Welcome Center or see Sandy Drawdy for details.

BROTHERHOOD
There will be NO
Brotherhood meeting
in December

SPIRITUAL WARRIORS

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!



December Music Notes

'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





DECEMBER DEACONS ON CALL

Dec 7 Heyward Kelly 803 794-0723 Dec 14 Keith Ray 423 823-2555

Dec 21 Chris Vidrine 803 513-4915 Dec 28 Mike Rollison 803 269-3089

Dec 3 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hal

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Colson White	Addison Pound Tyler Brant Jennifer Robinson Scarlett Williams	Lee Willetts Family supper-6:00 pm Youth Supper & Bible study 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm: GA/RA, Mission Friends 7-8 pm	Sampson Pound Shirley Chavis Roberts Brenda Spires	Ray Smith	Garrett Phillips
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Shawn Goff Debbie Cole Terry Pound		Trey Greene Stuart Pound Susan Whitten	Ashley Chappell Jonah Pound Family Supper at 6:00 pm Children's Choir Program at 7:00 pm	Ricky Eberhart Brittany Walker Wendy Sanford	George Autry Eden Barfield Jeremy Fallaw	Jason Furtick Faith Hanna Zapphanias Harris Lisa Jumper Kim Reynolds
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Madison Hook Allen Ott Patti Reynolds		Ashley Simms Connor Skinner	Debra Clackley Kyle Reynolds Christmas Drop In Pastor Brady & Mrs. Hannah will read the Christmas story to the children, at 7:00 pm		Michelle Fallaw Noel Pound Ashleigh Rogers	Donna Estep
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Melissa Goff Rhonda Smith	Robbie Justice James Lucas Randall Wilson	Brent Cole Thomas Dowd Sr. Tessa Kelly Vicki Vidrine	Jordan Hulon Nicloe White	David Smith	Bo Hulon II	
			Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm	Merry Christmes		
28	29	30	31			
ludith Cooper Guy Gabriel Mills Paisley Hutto	Kathy Fallaw Amber Pound William Godfrey	Robert Crapps	Christian Chavis Alton Sightler NO Church Service or Activities on campus			

Family Supper 6pm - Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15-8pm - GA/RA/Mission Friends 7-8pm Worship Service 7pm