

First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia



First Family Chimes

Love God, Love Others, Love the World

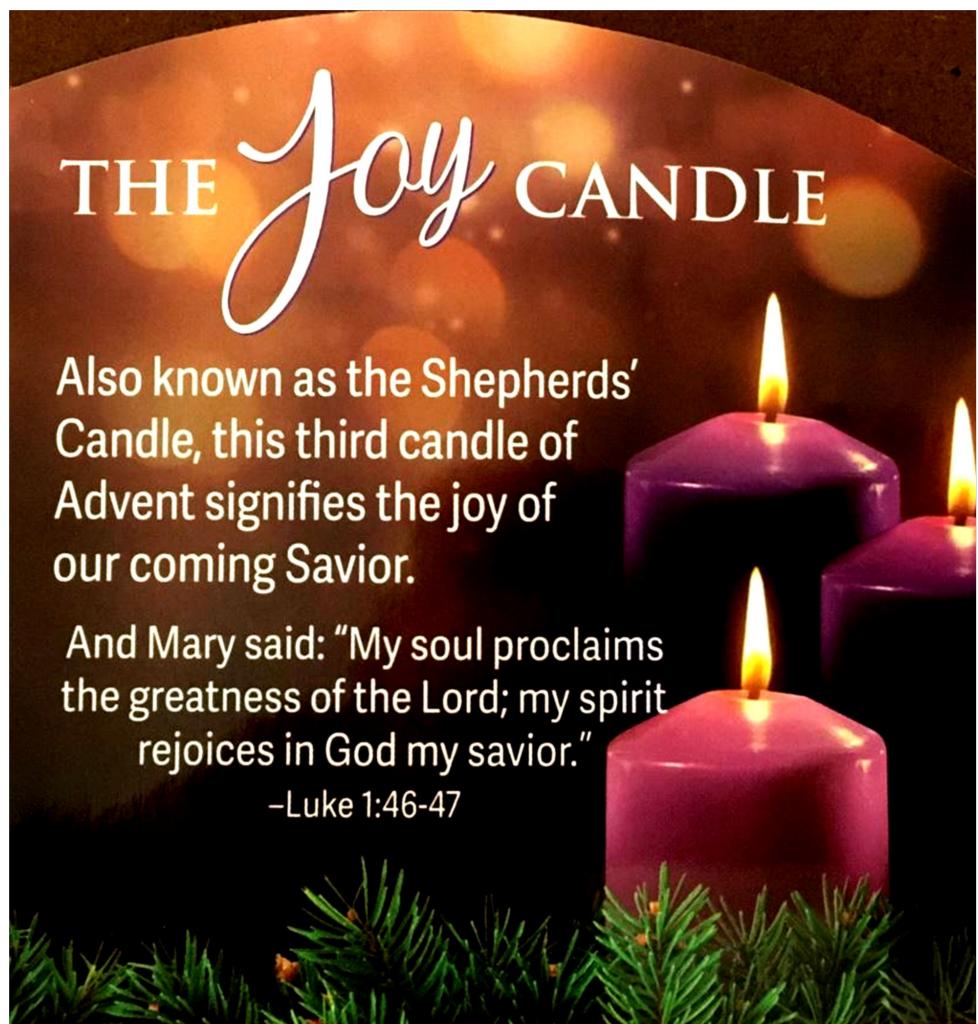


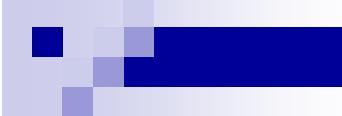
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First Baptist Church
Traditional Service—8:30 AM Sanctuary
Sunday School/Bible Study—9:30 AM
Contemporary Worship Service—10:30 AM
Family Life Center
Valdosta Kids Christmas Program—6:00 PM





Message from God's Word Sunday, December 14, 2025

**Welcome
Rev. Thomas Hammon
Right Start Sermon Series**



Rev. Davis Howell

Student Ministry

MOVE is a student conference hosted by Georgia Baptist at Wild Adventures. MOVE will have the whole park for themselves. Open to students in 6th-12th grade on January 2-3. Family & friends are welcome to register and join in for the fun!!

Camp Sign Ups are now open for summer 2026!

We have to get a head start on camp sign ups due to earlier deposit deadlines. Let Davis know if you have any questions about camp.

[**IMPACT CAMP SIGN UP - JUNE 1-5**](#)

[**FUGE CAMP SIGN UP - JULY 12-16**](#)

[**MOVE CONFERENCE SIGN UP - JAN 2-3**](#)



Rev. Justin Devereaux

Children Ministry

**AWANA/Worship Arts Ministry-
5:00PM**

December 14—End of Year Christmas Program
Join us as our kids share what they've been working on and help us celebrate the season together. Family Life Center at 6:00 PM.

CentriKid Camp July 10–12, 2026. Camp is open to all kids who will complete **3rd–6th grade in May 2026**. This is one of the best weekends of the year, filled with fun, friendships & time to grow closer to Jesus. Sign-ups are now available.



Rev. Terry Sampson

Education/Administration Ministry

Sunday Night Bible Study

We will meet on January 11 at 6:00 PM.
Benny Olliff will teach a series of lessons on the Book of John.



Dr. J. Michael Dennis

Music Ministry

The Aptly timed arrival

God, the Creator and Savior, who does all things well and perfect, sent his son into the world at just the right time to redeem his fallen creation. December 25 is perfect today for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

As Luke's Gospel begins with the birth of John the Baptist so the timeframe for December 25, begins with the Angel's announcement to Zechariah (Luke 1:13) that John the Baptist would be born. Traditionally that is celebrated near Yom Kippur -September 25. And the annunciation to the Virgin Mary is March 25 - when Elizabeth is six months with child (Luke 1:36). Nine months after the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary, Jesus is born in Bethlehem on December 25.

These dates align beautifully with biblical events (Creation, angelic visits, and festivals). In the fourth century, Augustine wrote that December 25 was a commonly accepted date to remember the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus. (Sermon 194).

As we celebrate Christmas, trust in the God who works out all things well and allows us the grace to see his beauty and love - in the face of a newborn boy swaddled and lying in a manger.

“Hear what you already know; reflect upon what you have heard; love what you believe; proclaim what you love.” Augustine



Rev. Mac Weaver

Missions Ministry

Thailand Mission Team Meeting

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Adult 4 Sunday School Room Behind Church Offices

Team members come prepared to pay your balance for the trip.

This meeting is just six weeks before our departure.

Please pray for our mission team as they prepare for the Thailand trip in February.

THAILAND MISSION TRIP

First Family News



Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers placed in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elton Carver; Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Dees; Dianne's brothers Travis Carver and Danny Carver. Also, in honor of their son, Layton's birthday.



*We Wish You A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year
First Baptist Church Staff*

Church Staff

Rev. Terry Sampson, Minister of Education & Administration
Rev. Justin Devereaux, Minister to Children & Families
Rev. Dr. J. Michael Dennis, Minister of Music
Rev. Davis Howell, Student Minister
Rev. Mac Weaver, Missions Pastor
Rev. Dennis Massie, Church Pastoral Ministry
Caitlin Moore Parizek, Pianist
Joe Corbett, Praise & Worship Leader
Linda Hart, Office Manager
Becky Royals, Church Secretary
Melissa Stephens, Events/Evangelism Coordinator
Cathy Harrison, Wedding Coordinator

Terri Warren, Preschool Coordinator
Teresita Carver, Custodial Staff
Helana Bennett, Custodial Staff
Angelia Miller, Food Service Coordinator

Ministries this Week**Sunday December 14**

8:30am Traditional Worship Service
Sanctuary
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Service
Family Life Center
6:00pm Valdosta Kids Christmas
Program

Monday December 15

9:00am Food Ministry
9:00am Lilies Clothing Ministry

Tuesday December 16

9:00am Mother's Morning Out

Wednesday December 17

12:00 noon Prayer Meeting/Lunch
6:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday December 18

9:00am Mother's Morning Out

Saturday December 20

9:00am Food Ministry

Sunday, December 7, 2025**Sunday**

Children Ministry	23
Students	31
Adults	160
Online	10
Total Attendance	224

Traditional Service	111
Contemporary Service	136
Children Church	15
Total Attendance	262

Evening Activities

Adults Bible Study	7
Valdosta Kids	52

12/07/25

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 34,543.04
Budget Receipts	\$ 29,986.33
(Under) Weekly Needs	\$ 4,556.71
Budget Needs to Date	\$ 1,692,608.96
Budget Gifts to Date	\$ 1,438,191.39
% of Budget Needs to Date	—84.97%

(These figures are based on weekly expenses & contributions.)

**Nursery Schedule****December 14**

Jenny Sikes
Emily Courson
December 21
Katie Bearden
Kim Bolton

Deacon Ministry**Deacon Schedule****December 14**

Paul Day—FLC
Jim Clary—Sanctuary
December 21
Mark Howell—FLC
Carroll Griffin—Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 10

Prayer Meeting	53
Choir Practice	17
Total Attendance	70

Food Ministry**November YTD 2025 Grand Totals**

People served ages 0-18	146	955	65,861
People served ages 19-64:	211	1,747	76,199
People served ages 65 & up:	232	2,066	52,953
Total People Served:	589	4,768	195,013
Total Meals Given:	11,778	92,786	4,143,014

Worship Celebrating Christ—The Light of the World

December 14, 2025

8:30AM—Sanctuary

Prelude.....	Joy To The World.....	Hymn 181
Welcome & Announcements <i>Dr. J. Michael Dennis</i>		
<i>Hark The Herald Angels Sing.....</i> Hymn 192		
Third Sunday of Advent— Shepherd's Candle Advent Reading Brad & Meredith Adams Mike & Lynn Fletcher		
<i>Angels (Glory to God).....</i> <i>First Voices</i>		
<i>In The Bleak Mid Winter.....</i> <i>First Voices</i>		
<i>Away In The Manager (All Glory to Jesus)</i>		
Offertory/Intercessory Prayer <i>Rev. Dennis Massie</i>		
<i>Light Has Come.....</i> <i>Dennis Family</i>		
<i>(Children are invited to attend Children's Church)</i>		
Message From God's Word <i>Rev. Thomas Hammond</i>		
<i>We Are The Reason.....</i> <i>First Voices</i>		
<i>Shine Jesus Shine.....</i> Hymn 491		
Benediction		
Postlude.....	Mrs. Caitlin Parizek	

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**First Baptist Church Valdosta
Sunday, December 14, 2025
Contemporary Service 10:30AM
Family Life Center**

Announcements Slides, Scriptures, Music

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing
My Testimony
Goodness of God
O Holy Night*

*Third Sunday of Advent—Joy Bethlehem Candle
Advent Reading
Jeremy & Charlotte Davis*

*Host/Offering
Close In Prayer*

*Message from God's Word
Rev. Thomas Hammond*

*Response Song—Here It Is (I Worship You)
Benediction*

Feeding His Flock

"Feeding His Flock", formerly known as "Feed the Needy", will be on **December 24**. We have several opportunities for you and your family to serve our community. This year's volunteer teams include the men's grill team, prep team, serve team, clean-up team, prayer team, and delivery team. If interested in volunteering, sign-up sheets are located in Sunday School classes or the church office. For more information, call the church office, Michelle Burkett or Catherine McGahee.

We are collecting blankets & winter jackets for Lilies. Please bring your items to the church office. There is a dire need to help those who do not have the proper clothing in order to keep warm during the cold weather. Thanks.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Noon Lunch

Please join our prayer meeting and lunch December 17 in the Family Life Center.
Menu: BBQ Sandwiches,
Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Salad Bar, Dessert.
Donation \$8.00

Upcoming Schedule for December

Sunday, December 14
Third Sunday of Advent
Kids Christmas Musical—FLC

Sunday, December 21
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
5:00 PM in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 28
We will not have Sunday School
10:30 AM—Combined Worship Service in Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 31 & Thursday, January 1, 2026
Office Closed