

First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia



First Family Chimes

Love God, Love Others, Love the World



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Message from God's Word Sunday, December 7, 2025

Welcome Rev. Andy Childs Right Start Sermon Series



Rev. Davis Howell

Student Ministry

This Sunday Night is our final Sunday Night of the year for 2025! It will be our annual Christmas party night! Students should wear their best ugly Christmas sweater or other Christmas attire and join us for a fun night. Please send your student with a gift for our gift game valued at \$10. Meet upstairs in the FLC from 5-7.

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](#)

Children Ministry

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



Rev. Justin Devereaux

This Sunday night is our last regular Sunday Night Kids Ministry of 2025, and our last Sunday night practice before the Christmas program.

We are ending Sunday night with our snow machine. The kids will get a chance to run, play, and enjoy a burst of snow before heading home. Send them in clothes they do not mind getting a little dirty so they can enjoy every minute.

December 13—Santa Train. Reward trip for kids who faithfully participated in our Christmas program practices. Meet at FLC at 10:00 AM

Depart for Nashville at 11:45 AM

Pizza, chips and drinks will be provided on the train.

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.

Santa Train





Rev. Terry Sampson

Education/Administration Ministry

Sunday Night Bible Study
6:00 PM, Outlaw Sunday School Classroom



Dr. J. Michael Dennis

Music Ministry

“Reject Christianity, if you will out of motives of cynicism. Turn away from it because you believe that reality is my malign and punitive, and you would rather choose a God that is cantankerous, vindictive, or forgetful, or determined to keep man in his place, if that is to your choosing. If you cannot accept the idea that love is at the core of the universe, that is your privilege. If you do not believe that the Absolute passionately wants to be our friend and our love, then by all means reject such a seemingly absurd notion. If you do not believe that we have the enthusiasm in the strength and the courage and the creativity to love one another as friends, then quickly cast aside such an incredible idea to the trash can. And if you think it is ridiculous to believe that life will triumph over death then don’t bother with Christianity because you can’t be a Christian unless you believe that.”(Andrew Greeley)

And also, if you cannot believe that God can work a miracle, don’t look at my life. Because God has deeply loved me and forgiven me in Christ loved me so now I love him and love others.

BUT if you can believe, and if you can receive the gift that God offers you this Christmas, your life will never be the same.



Rev. Mac Weaver

Missions Ministry

Thailand Mission Team Meeting
Sunday, January 11, 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. G. W. Janney, William & Helen Rogero, Mary Kebrdle & Blance Kebrdle Krivanek by Wes and Genie Krivanek.

Congratulations to Bo, Dolly, Stetson, and Dallas Corbett on the birth of Baby Girl Denver Kayt Corbett on December 3, 2025.

Upcoming Schedule for December

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 10

Prayer Meeting/Noon Lunch

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

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 7
8:30am	Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary
9:30am	Sunday School
10:30am	Contemporary Service Family Life Center
5:00pm	WAM/AWANA
5:00pm	Sunday Night Students
6:00pm	Bible Classes
Monday	December 8
9:00am	Food Ministry
Tuesday	December 9
9:00am	Mother's Morning Out
Wednesday	December 10
12:00 noon	Prayer Meeting/Lunch
6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	December 11
9:00am	Mother's Morning Out
Saturday	December 13
9:00am	Food Ministry
9:00am	Lillies Clothing Ministry

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Sunday	
Children Ministry	23
Students	38
Adults	150
Online	10
Total Attendance	221

Traditional Service	117
Children Church	24

Evening Activities

Adults Bible Study	9
Valdosta Kids	43

11/30/25

Weekly Budget Needs	
\$ 34,543.04	
Budget Receipts	
\$ 20,225.00	
(Under) Weekly Needs	
\$ 14,318.04	
Budget Needs to Date	
\$ 1,658,065.92	
Budget Gifts to Date	
\$ 1,408,205.06	
% of Budget Needs	
to Date—84.93%	

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

**Nursery Schedule**

December 7
Carol Wisenbaker
Ashley Fielding
December 14
Jenny Sikes
Emily Courson

**Deacon Schedule**

December 7
Mike Davis—FLC
John Gayle—Sanctuary
December 14
Paul Day—FLC
Jim Clary—Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 3

Prayer Meeting	53
Choir Practice	19
Total Attendance	72

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 7, 2025

8:30AM—Sanctuary

Prelude.....	<i>Mrs. Caitlin Parizek</i>
Welcome & Announcements	
<i>Rev. Justin Devereaux</i>	
<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel.....</i>	
Second Sunday of Advent-Faith— Bethlehem Candle	
Advent Reading.....	<i>Alan & Caitlin Parizek</i>
<i>The First Noel.....</i>	
Hymn 175	
<i>I Speak Jesus</i>	
<i>(Fletcher Family)</i>	
<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.....</i>	
Hymn 413	
Offertory/Intercessory Prayer	
<i>Rev. Terry Sampson</i>	
<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem.....</i>	
First Voices	
<i>(Children are invited to attend Children's Church)</i>	
Message From God's Word	
<i>Rev. Andy Childs</i>	
<i>Lord I Need You</i>	
Special Announcement.....	<i>Michelle Burkett</i>
Postlude.....	<i>Mrs. Caitlin Parizek</i>
<i>(Our Benevolent Offering will be received following the service.)</i>	

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**First Baptist Church Valdosta
Sunday, December 7, 2025
Contemporary Service 10:30AM
Family Life Center**

Announcements Slides, Scriptures, Music

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven
Spirit Move
The Lord Will Provide
Yes and Amen*

*Second Sunday of Advent—Faith-Bethlehem Candle
Advent Reading
Jared & Catherine McGahee*

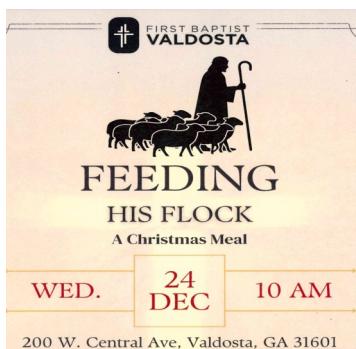
*Host/Offering
Close In Prayer*

*Message from God's Word
Rev. Andy Childs*

The Heart of Worship

*Michelle Burkett-Special Announcement—Feeding His Flock
(Our Benevolent Offering will be received following the service.)*

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.



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.

Christmas Poinsettias

We are taking orders to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary and/or Family Life Center in memory of or in honor of someone special. Forms are available in the foyer of the Sanctuary and in the lobby of the Family Life Center. Please return the form and \$20 to the church office. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Chimes

If you would like to receive a copy of the First Baptist Chimes by email, please contact the church office at 229-242-0484.