

First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia



# First Family Chimes

*Love God, Love Others, Love the World*



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*Sunday, December 7*

*Traditional Service—8:30 AM Sanctuary*

*Sunday School/Bible Study—9:30 AM*

*Contemporary Worship Service—10:30 AM*

*Family Life Center*

*Worship Arts Ministry/AWANA—5:00 PM*

*Sunday Night Students—5:00 PM*

*Bible Study Classes—6:00 PM*



*Week of prayer for International Missions  
November 30-December 7*

## 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**.....Mrs. Caitlin Parizek

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Justin Devereaux*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*.....Hymn 175

**Second Sunday of Advent-Faith— Bethlehem Candle**

**Advent Reading**.....Alan & Caitlin Parizek

*The First Noel*.....Hymn 180

*I Speak Jesus*  
*(Fletcher Family)*

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*.....Hymn 413

**Offertory/Intercessory Prayer**

*Rev. Terry Sampson*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*.....First Voices

*(Children are invited to attend Children's Church)*

**Message From God's Word**

*Rev. Andy Childs*

*Lord I Need You*

**Special Announcement**.....Michelle Burkett

**Postlude**.....Mrs. Caitlin Parizek

*(Our Benevolent Offering will be received following the service.)*

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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*

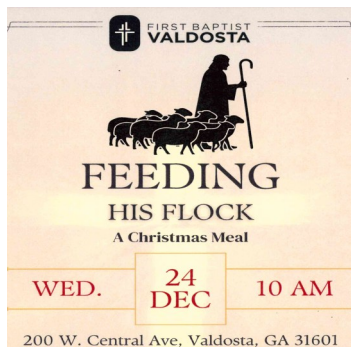
*Rev. Andy Childs*

*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.