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*The First Family*

**JANUARY 2026**

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

### THE GIFT OF TIME

God reveals that time itself is a gracious gift. "Let there be lights...for signs and for seasons, and for days and years." (Gen. 1:14) God intentionally placed humanity within a system of hours, days, months, and years, not to confine us but to bless us. These God ordained cycles allow for reset, repetition, renewal, and fresh beginnings.

Each day reminds us that God's mercy is never exhausted. "His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." (Lam. 3:22-23) When yesterday was difficult, today brings fresh grace. Weekly cycles teach faithfulness. Monthly seasons invite reflection and growth. The turning of a new year graciously says, "Begin anew."

Ecclesiastes affirms this divine order: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Eccl.3:1) God uses repetition not to stagnate us, but to shape us. Over time, He forms our heart to trust Him more deeply. Even when the past holds regret or failure, the Lord speaks hope: "Remember not the former things...Behold, I am doing a new thing." (Isa. 43:18-19) In Christ, renewal is always possible.

We have several highlights as we move forward into the new year. Family Fun Fellowship on Sunday evening the 18<sup>th</sup>. Church League Volleyball starts on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Laymen led service will be held on Sunday morning the 25<sup>th</sup> and the Lord's Supper service that evening.

We are also excited to announce a major February outreach event: WILD GAME SUPPER on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm. The menu will include Wild Hog BBQ and many other wild game dishes. The guest speaker will be Dr. Chuck McAlister, founder of *AdventureBound Outdoors*. Tickets will be \$10 each and we hope FBC members will purchase and allow them to be given to unchurched and unsaved family and friends. Door prizes and Gun giveaways included. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help cover the expenses of this significant evangelistic outreach.

As the Lord leads through the cycle of time, may we embrace each new day, season, and year with gratitude, trusting Him to continually reset, renew, and do a new work among us.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad

### SUMMER 2026 DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

June 5-10: SBC, Orlando, Fla.

June 15-19: VBS

June 23-25: GA Day Camp

June 29-July 3: KBC Worship Camp

July 8-11: Student Camp, Ridgecrest

July 23-26: Children's Camp, Crossings

August 7-8: Fall Choir Retreat

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>,  
OUR MORNING SERVICES  
WILL BE LED BY LAYMEN  
IN OUR CHURCH.

### VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE KICKOFF



Monday, January 19



Thank you church family for every act of kindness you lovingly bestowed on our family over the past several weeks and during Dottie's Celebration of Life. Your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, donations to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, flowers, gifts, food, and company have brought us great comfort. We love you more than we can express. We sincerely hope that God blesses everyone and that you sense His presence during the new year.

*The Craigmyle/Perkins Family*

## WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

### *AULD LANG SYNE? MORE LIKE AULD LANG SING!*

January has arrived – the month where our Christmas decorations slowly migrate back into their boxes, our thermostats cry for mercy, and our calendars start looking suspiciously empty...at least until church life kicks back into gear. And after the Christmas season we just shared? Well, my heart is still glowing like a string of LED lights someone forgot to turn off.

I want to take a moment to say a big, heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our choir, our kids, and everyone who participated in our Christmas Cantata, *Hope Is Born*. You all blessed me more than you know. Hearing those voices come together – adults, teens, children – felt like getting a front-row seat to God's goodness. I was genuinely moved, and honestly, a little proud of our church family. You showed up, sang out, and pointed us straight to Jesus. Well done!

Now as we step into a brand-new year, Psalm 96:1 comes to mind: *"Sing a new song to the Lord; let the whole earth sing to the Lord."* And what better time to start singing that "new song" than right now – even if we're still living off the last candy cane of the season.

So here's something I'd love for you to mark on your calendar (circle it, star it, put a sticky note on your fridge – whatever helps you remember):

#### **Spring Choir Retreat**

Friday, January 9 (5:00pm–9:00pm) & Saturday, January 10 (9:00am–12:00pm)

This retreat is always one of my favorite moments of the whole year. It gives us a chance to reset, reconnect, and start strong as we look ahead to our spring music, our Easter cantata, and our Easter Sunday special. Plus, we get the added blessing of laughter, fellowship, and at least one person asking, *"Wait...are we singing ALL of these?"*

Really though – this is where the foundation for our next season begins: in prayer, in preparation, and in the joy of being together. As Colossians 3:16 reminds us, *"Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you...singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."* That's what we want. A grateful heart. A rich song. And a church family ready to worship boldly in the year ahead.

Thank you again for making December so special. I'm excited for what God has in store, and I can't wait to see – and hear – how He uses us in the months to come.

*Soli Deo Gloria,*  
Bro. Chuck

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy New Year!

As we step into a brand- new year, many of us feel the pull to reset - new calendars, fresh rhythms and renewed hope. In John 10:10, Jesus reminds us of His heart for us: *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* This promise isn't about packed schedules or striving harder; it's about a life deeply rooted in Christ- full of purpose, joy, and peace.

As parents and caregivers, our children are watching how we live this out. One of the most impactful gifts we can give them is a model of an intentional faith. Living life to the full with Jesus begins with simple, faithful practices; making space for prayer in our homes, opening God's Word together (even in small moments), and showing our kids what it looks like to turn to Christ in both gratitude and struggle.

This year, I encourage families (mine included) to focus less on "doing more" and more on *being present*. Share meals when you can, talk about where you've seen God at work during the day, and let your children see you choosing trust, kindness, and grace. When kids witness adults pursuing a relationship with Jesus - not perfectly, but faithfully- they learn that abundant life isn't something we chase, but Someone we follow.

My prayer for our children and families this year is that we would walk closely with the Good Shepherd, guiding our kids toward a faith that is alive, joy-filled, and deeply rooted in Christ. Together, may we step into this new year embracing the abundant life Jesus promises - and inviting our children to do the same.

Peace and joy,  
Kiley

## MEMORIALS

*Frank Downing* – Chuck & Dana Gill

*Karen Karsner* – Tim & Sherry Craigmyle

*Donald Perkins* – Chuck & Dana Gill, Dallas & Melody Stafford, Lloyd & Lana Vannarsdall

*Ricky Fitzgerald* – Jimmy & Susan Sutherland

*Dottie Craigmyle* – Mike & Sarah Cobb; Bob & Judy Cull; Sidney & Mitzy Ford; Charlie & Donette Gaines; Andrew & Terri Ghent; Chuck & Dana Gill; Richard & Vicki Greene; Matt & Meagan Greenlee; Danny & Denise Humphries; Deborah Lewellyn; Blake & Meredith Lewis; Todd & Lesa Marston; Donna McDonald; Martha McGibney; Terry & Billie Patterson; Rodney & Deborah Parker; Gregg & Suzanne Peak; Shawn & Jennifer Power; Mike & Barbara Ramsey; Billy & Janice Riddle; Ronnie & Joy Roberts; Dave & Susan Stowe; Jimmy & Susan Sutherland; Bill & Janet Turner; Shirley Walker; Jerry & Anita Wainscott; Linda Webster; Brock & Leigh Karil, Brax & Broox Ward; Kevin & Gabby Welsh

# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 6:30p Evening Service 7:30p Deacon's Meeting	5	6	<b>7</b> 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings	8	<b>9</b> <i>Spring Choir Retreat</i> 5:00-9:00pm	<b>10</b> <i>Spring Choir Retreat</i> 9:00am-Noon
<b>11</b> 9:00a Early Service 10:00a Sunday School 5:30p Trustee's Mtg. 6:30p :Evening Service 7:30pm Business Meeting	12	13	<b>14</b> 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Practice	15	16	17
<b>18</b> 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services – <i>Sanctity of Life Sunday</i> 10:00a Sunday School 5:30p Family Fun Fellowship	<b>19</b> <i>Church League Volleyball</i>	20	<b>21</b> 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Practice	22	23	24
<b>25</b> 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services – <i>Laymen Led Sunday</i> 10:00a Sunday School 6:30p Lord's Supper	<b>26</b> <i>Church League Volleyball</i>	27	<b>28</b> 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Practice	29	30	31

**The Annual Valentine's Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 15  
 Wild Game Outreach Supper – Friday, February 27 at 6:00pm**


  
**Birthdays**  
*of the Month*

<u>1/3</u> Gail Forsee Derris Hedger	<u>1/14</u> Nathan Watkins Brett Wooten	<u>1/27</u> Tyler Cammack Jonathan Caudill
<u>1/4</u> Darryl Traylor	<u>1/15</u> Garrett Cobb	<u>1/28</u> Jane Ayres Dana Cobb
<u>1/5</u> Hayes Smith	<u>1/16</u> Morgan Weintraught	Kate Grace Rodney Parker Krista Power
<u>1/6</u> Kent Grace	<u>1/20</u> Lacie Risch	<u>1/29</u> Brian Blair Garalynn Colston
<u>1/7</u> Bruce Wash Phyllis Wolfenbarger	<u>1/21</u> Kitty Cammack	<u>1/30</u> Moto McDanell Clark Roberts Katrina Sharp
<u>1/8</u> Cody Cobb	<u>1/22</u> Easton Baldwin Owen Grace Alice Perkins	<u>1/31</u> Kiley Blair Matt Cammack
<u>1/9</u> Campbell Grace Sally Patterson	<u>1/24</u> Dylan Cobb Teresa Dempsey Tonya Jones	
<u>1/10</u> B J Colston Lloyd Vannarsdall Linda Webster	<u>1/25</u> Cortney Gobel	
<u>1/12</u> Paul Banks Austin Perkins	<u>1/26</u> Machele Bess	

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

#### VOLUNTEERS



**Volunteers for the Month of January**  
**Will Appear in the Weekly Bulletin.**

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