

***Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, December 29, 2024***



10:30 AM SERVICE

Message - All Other Ground is Sinking Sand
Matthew 7:24-27
Pastor Tim Knaus

Church Information

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Today's Events

- 5:30pm • College Bible Study**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- 6:00pm • Sr. High Bible Study** (Youth Room)
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This Week's Events

MONDAY

6:30pm

- **NO Shuffleboard** (Resumes Jan. 6)
- **Men's Basketball** (Gym)

TUESDAY

- **New Year's Eve**

WEDNESDAY

- **New Year's Day**
- **Church Office Closed**
- **NO Evening Activities**

THURSDAY

6:30pm

- **Single Women's Bible Study**
(Bancroft Barn)

FRIDAY

7:00am

- **Elder's Meeting**
(Office Level-Conference Room)

10:00am

- **Women's Bible Study**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

Coming Events

Sun., Jan. 5

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **Communion, AM Service -- 10:30am**
- **PM Service--5:00pm**
- **Evening Fellowship--After the PM Service** (Gym) See Article
- **College Bible Study--After PM Service**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6:45-8pm**
(Youth Room)

Tues., Jan. 7

- **Busy Hands for Missions--9:30am**
(Lower Level-Classroom #15)

Wed., Jan. 8

- **Awana--6:30pm**
- **24/7 Jr. High--6:30pm**
- **Prayer Meeting--6:30pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)
- **Women's Bible Study--6:30pm**
(Ruth Hills' Home)

Thurs., Jan. 9

- **Pickleball--6-8:00pm** (Gym)
- **Missions Committee Meeting--6:30pm**
(Bancroft Barn)

Sat. Jan. 11

- **Coffee Conversations for Men--7:00am**
(Gym)

Sun., Jan. 12

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **AM Service--10:30am**
- **College Bible Study--5:30pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm**
(Youth Room)





THANK YOU FOR VISITING TODAY

We invite all our visitors, to fill out the visitor slip located in the pocket on our chairs. You may place it in the offering. You can also use the QR code to fill out a visitor card on our website.

January Sunday Evening Fellowship **Sunday, January 5, 2025**

Our January Sunday Evening Fellowship menu: Your family's favorite hearty soup or stew, fruit tray, dessert. (Crockpots welcome).

It's important that we all sign up for items needed for the meal. Use Church Center: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/TMAE5631>, OR on the signup sheet in the Information Area.

We look forward to gathering together as a church family!

2024 Year End Contributions

In Person Giving will be accepted through December 29 and Online Giving will be accepted through December 30.

In order to receive a giving statement from First Baptist Church, you need to use the envelopes which the church provides on the chairs or give online.

You will receive your giving statement electronically if you have email. If you do not have email, it will be mailed to you. Please contact the church office if you do not receive a statement by the end of January.

If you did not use the giving envelopes provided and need a giving statement, we would be happy to provide one for you. We need you to give us an itemized list of your gifts (date, check # and amount). You may mail it to us or stop by the office, Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m.

Mitten Tree

There is a Christmas Tree in the Foyer (by the Library) for you to donate NEW hats, gloves, and mittens for the children at Youth Haven Ranch ages 7-14. Youth Haven cannot accept scarves, homemade or used items.

Please place your donation in the box located under the tree.

To Our First Baptist Church Family

We are grateful beyond words for the generosity and kindness you show us as pastors year after year. The financial gift that you gave us for Christmas was a tremendous display of love. We feel inadequate in our desire to tell you how much we appreciate every one of you. It is a joy and honor to serve among you.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (ESV)

God Bless You!

Pastor Tim, Pastor Chad, Pastor Mike, and Pastor Dan

A Day of Emphasizing the **Importance of the Bible**

On Sunday, January 12th, we will place a special emphasis on the importance of the Bible. The Gideons International will share for 10 minutes during the service, and Pastor Tim will preach about the authority and complete trustworthiness of the Bible. We will be taking a special offering for The Gideons International.

AM Sermon Notes

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- I. Change is Inevitable
 - A. Next year, 2025, will be a year of change.

 - B. Beware of building your life on sinking sand.

- II. The Solid Rock
 - A. If you build your life on the Rock, you will be able to withstand all of the storms of this life.

 - B. A new year is the perfect opportunity for you to grow stronger in Christ than ever before.

John 15:4-5

Colossians 1:9-10

Hebrews 13:8

Here is how you can accept Christ into your life:

- Admit your need. (*I am a sinner*)
- Be willing to turn from your sins. (*Repent*)
- Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. (*Be saved by faith*)
- Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to control your life through the Holy Spirit. (*Receive him as Lord and Savior*)

We suggest a prayer like this one:

“Dear God, I know I’m a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

(From the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET: \$1,372,824.86

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,272,738.93

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,305,242.99

Income Minus Expenses: (\$32,504.06)

- **Childcare for ages 0-3yrs. old and Children’s Church for 4-8 yrs. old is available in the Children’s Wing during the 10:30am service.**
- **Drinks with lids are allowed in the Auditorium**
- **Hearing devices are available at the sound desk**

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Tuesday - Friday 8-12 & 1-4

Guest WIFI

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