

THE FIRST BAPTIST VISITOR

NEWSLETTER

Known Birthdays for January

02 - Allen Bullard
 06 - Buddy Tanner
 08 - Mary Ann Earwood
 09 - Haley Mears, Jaye Sawyer
 11 - Beverly Groover, Beth Lane, Archie Scott
 13 - Jonathan Earwood
 15 - Brian Ratcliff, Evelyn Tyler
 16 - Dr. Harry Harris
 19 - Cora Sue Weaver
 22 - Dr. Bill Heaton
 23 - Ryan During, Stephen Gibbs
 25 - Lisa Terry, Charles Watts
 27 - Andrew Carter, Zori Williams
 31 - Wesley Smith

The monthly Newsletter, I will only send them out by email. The current newsletter is always posted on the website as well. Please make sure I have an updated email if you wish to receive the newsletter.

Please update the office on the prayer list

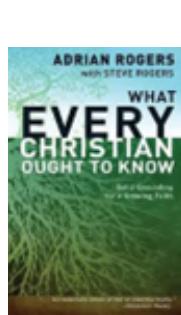
Celebrate Recovery Step Study
 Begins on Sun., Jan. 4th here at the church
 2-4 pm
 See Skip or Freda to sign-up!



Heavenly Father,
 As we step into this new year, we thank You for the gift of life, the lessons of the past, and the hope of what's to come.

Bless our days with peace, our hearts with compassion, and our minds with wisdom. Help us to walk in kindness, speak with grace, and live with purpose. Guide our steps toward what is good and true and give us courage to face challenges with faith. May this year be filled with love that heals, joy that uplifts, and hope that never fades.

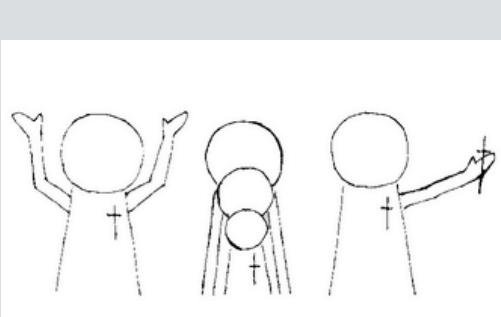
Amen.



Men's Breakfast
 Every Monday at 8 am @ the Snack Shack in Aragon.

Beginning on Monday, January 5 of 2026 we will resume meeting weekly, same time/same place, and we will be doing a book study, based on the book, "What Every Christian Ought to Know" by Dr. Adrian Rogers.

Preschool Registration for 2026-27
 Will begin in January 2026 for FBC members and their families. Please see Kim



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Celebrating the Gospel
 Growing in the Gospel
 Spreading the Gospel





Sounds Tech for January

- Jan 4 David Vest
- Jan 11 Matthew Mize
- Jan 18 Lane Mears
- Jan 25 Jimmy Norris

Church Greeters for January

Scott Kinney

David Vest

Alan Dryden

Sondi Vest

Lucille Harris

(We will update the greeter list to include the new deacons by Feb 26th)

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Deacon of the Week: January

- Jan 4 Ronald Lovell
- Jan 11 Renae Wright
- Jan 18 Skip Sproull
- Jan 25 Wayne Parris

January 4th Church Council at 445 pm
January 18th Deacons Meeting at 445 pm
January 18th Business meeting at 6 pm

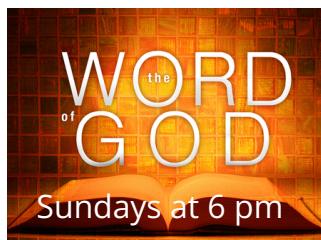
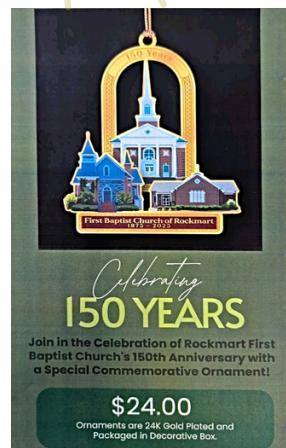
Opportunities for January 2026

Todd Mathis will be responsible for locking and unlocking during the month of January



Nursery for Sun Morning Worship

- Jan 4 Lisa Terry
- Jan 11 Charity Ratcliff
- Jan 18 Stephanie Mears
- Jan 25 Rhonda McCormack



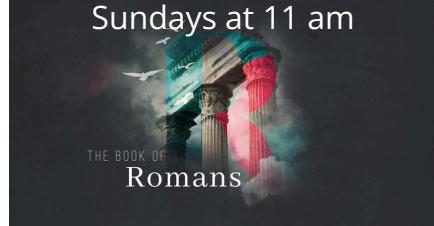
Celebrate Recovery
meets every Monday night in the Great Room
6:00 - 6:45 pm Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 pm Praise & Worship
8:00 pm Open Share Groups

Children's Church January

- Jan 4 Stephanie Mears, Melissa Register & Susan Culver
- Jan 11 Kay Hughes, Kathy Dolbeer & Alicia Clanton
- Jan 18 Michaela Odom, Vickie Worsham & Rhonda McCormack
- Jan 25 Michaela Odom, Melissa Mathis & Paul Bond

Golden Age
Thursday, January 22nd at 11:00 am. Place to be announced later

Wednesday Night Family Dinner
January 14th at 5:30 pm



Youth, Children & Young Families

New!!

Children's programming will resume on Sunday evenings beginning Jan 4th and will now start at 6PM and go until 7PM.

Kindergarten and up will be working on our musical "Look in the Book" (to be presented in April) and learning about the Bible characters we are singing about.

Children under Kindergarten will continue our Mission Friends curriculum in the nursery.

Life Wise begins at our church on January 14! Third grade students from Van Wert Elementary School will come to our church on Wednesday mornings for Bible and character education. Please pray for these opportunities to reach kids and their families for Christ and connect them with a loving church community! We still need volunteers to help with the children and to drive! Volunteers will meet at 9:45, pick-up, teach and return students 10:20-11:10, and clean up/finish by 11:30 each week.

Your commitment doesn't have to be weekly. Volunteers must undergo Life Wise background check and application. See Michaela to get on the volunteer rotation.

For more see <https://lifewise.org>.

Youth Ministry Winter Retreat

January 16-18

6-12th grades

Theme: Total Surrender

We are partnering with the youth ministry of Victory Baptist Church for this retreat at the Pine Acres Retreat Center in Acworth. Pray for our 7 FBC students who are registered to go, and for the students of VBC.

Save these dates!

Vacation Bible School

July 7-10, 2026

Disciple Now

March 13-15

VBS Planning Committee

If you'd like to be a part of planning VBS this year, contact Michaela. Our first planning meeting is January 11th at 5 pm.

I pray that this year we continue to enjoy a wonderful collaboration, putting to good use the many gifts, skills and desires of our members to minister to our youth, children and young families. As a body has many parts, and each part serves its function for the health of the body, our body of faith has many members and each member has a gift to use for the building up of the Body of Christ. May we each be faithful this year to do our part, the "good works He has prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). Our church's health depends on it!

Thanks for being the best part of FBCR!!