

**Youth and Children News**  
**A reflection on 2021**

Happy New Year Church! As I reflect on 2021, all I can say is that God has been and continues to be faithful. In the challenging times of navigating through the pandemic, the Lord has certainly taught us all so many things as a church. He has taught us all about the importance of relationships and togetherness. I am thankful that he paved a way for us to get back to our familiar activities here on campus. We are thriving so much more because we get to interact with one another again. One of the other things I reflect on is how much God has taught me concerning the spiritual disciplines of the faith. He has challenged us as the church to pray more, to dig into scripture more, and to evangelize more. He has challenged us to do things His way and to move past just going through the motions of coming and going from the building.

As we reflect on Student Life Mission Camp from this past year, we were reminded that God hasn't retired from the transforming lives business. We had the experience of watching God work in the life of James Ward and others. We look forward to seeing how God works this year when we go again. What about VBS? God worked wonders in order for us to be able to pull this off! I wasn't sure initially of our comfort level in coming back to work during a pandemic, but you answered the call, and our children were blessed because of it. Thank you!! I can really go on and on but I think we all can testify about his work in our lives this year.

David says in Psalm 143:5-6, "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land." May we always reflect on the things God has done and may that cause us to stretch out our hands to him even more in the days ahead

May God bless you all,  
Jerret Dooley  
Youth and Children's Pastor  
First Baptist Church Rockmart.

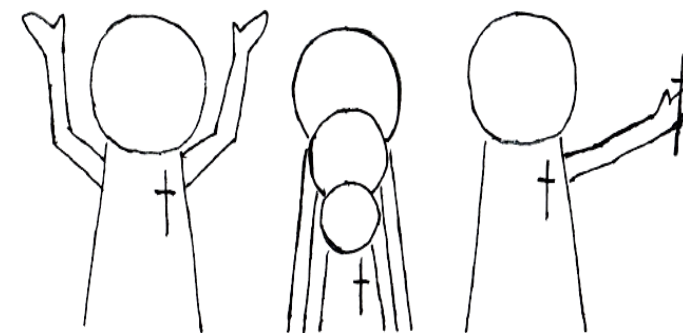
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**Church Office Hours:**  
**Mon-Thurs 8 AM—12:30 PM**  
**Friday Closed**

**For assistance on Mon –Thurs during the hours of 1-4:30 pm, please call the church office and leave a message or call (770)316-9242**



**First Baptist Church of Rockmart**  
*Celebrating the Gospel*  
*Growing in the Gospel*  
*Spreading the Gospel*

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**January 2022**

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Rev. Jerret Dooley, Youth & Children's Pastor  
Andrew Carter, Director Of Music Ministries

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**Back Pack– First Fruit Ministry**

We appreciate those who have continued to make contributions to this ministry throughout this past year. We would like for you to consider giving to the Backpack Ministry once a month so we can continue to serve our community. The first week/Sunday will be set aside for this offering. The Backpack Ministry provides food and school supplies for students of Polk School District.

Kim Wilson & Susan Culver

Come connect with our Teen and Children’s Ministry on Wednesdays from 6-7:15 pm

Teen Girls & Guys fellowship at the home of Jerret & Missy Dooley on Sundays 5-6 pm

**Check with Jerret for more details!**

For the first 2 weeks of the new year, I will have a working copy of the new church directory in the church foyer and in the welcome center area. Please go by and check your information to be sure it is correct. If you need to change, add or delete anything, please write on the sheets provided.



There are many ways to turn in your contribution: 1) Place it in the secure drop box at the back of the church building, now located in the office door. 2) Go to firstbaptistrockmart.org, click on “Giving,” and fill in the simple form. 3) Drop by during weekly office hours (Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to give in person. 4) Mail it to the church office (P.O. Box 388 Rockmart, GA 30153). 5) Place it in offering plate in the foyer or on the altar before or after the worship service.

**Teen Winter Retreat  
Pigeon Forge**

**Strength to Stand Conference  
January 15-17th, 2022**

**\*See Jerret Dooley for more details!**

**Donations for 2021 will need to be in by January 3, 2022 in order to be counted for this year. I will be closing the 2021 year out around January 6th with a target date of January 22, 2022 to have the contribution statements sent out.**

**Contribution envelopes for 2022 are available and are placed in the back hallway near office, welcome center area, and the church foyer. We do not use the envelope numbers any longer.**

**Wednesday Night Meals are BACK!!!!**

**Wednesday, January 5th at 5:30 pm, Bring a covered dish and let’s fellowship together.**

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Deacon of the Week for January

- Jan 2nd Todd Mathis
- Jan 9th Ronald Lovell
- Jan 16th David Vest
- Jan 23rd Charlie Watts
- Jan 30th Ronald Brackett

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Join us at 6 pm for our Sunday evening study, **From Jesus to Billy: The Story of Christianity** in the Great Room.

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Interested in the possibility of going on a pilgrimage to the **Holy Land**? Give Pastor Jason your email address, or notify us at office@firstbaptistrockmart.org. We’ll include you in an email group with planning information.

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2022—A Brand New Year

Get back in church and get involved! Most programs and activities are back and functioning in a normal capacity. Let’s make 2022 the year we put the Lord back first in our lives.

**Greet -n- Meet**

**Sunday, January 9th beginning at 930 am  
Team # 1: Charity Ratcliff & Cindy Feagin  
will handle refreshments for January.**

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**Children’s Church Rotation Schedule-January**

- Jan 2nd Kay Hughes & Jerret Dooley
- Jan 9th Jolie Brown & Jerret Dooley
- Jan 16th Kim Wilson & Stephanie Mears
- Jan 23rd Charity Ratcliff & Jerret Dooley
- Jan 30th Taylor Durocher & Stephanie Mears

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**Nursery Workers for January 2022**

- Jan 2nd Missy Dooley
- Jan 9th Joyce Hurt
- Jan 16th Linda Campbell
- Jan 23rd Beth Lester
- Jan 30th Jolie Brown

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Please be in prayer for the Carroll family during the loss of Eloise. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this most difficult time.

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Regular Weekly Schedule:

Sundays  
 9:45 am Small Groups/Bible Study  
 11:00 am Morning Worship  
 5:00 pm Youth Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Evening Studies

Mondays:  
 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays:  
 6:00 pm Youth and Children Act  
 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting  
 7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

Deadline for February 2022  
 Newsletter: January 23rd



# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	
2 Bible Study 945 am Worship 11 am Evening Study 6 pm	3 Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	4	5 Family Dinner 5:30 pm Y & C Act 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting 630 pm Adult Choir 715 pm	6	7	8
9 Bible Study 945 am Worship 11 am Church Council 445 pm Evening Study 6 pm	10 Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	11	12 Y & C Act 6:00 pm Prayer meeting 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	13	14	15
16 Bible Study 945 am Worship 11 am Evening Study 6 pm	17 Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	18	19 Y & C Act 6:00 pm Prayer meeting 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	20	21	22
23 Brotherhood 8am Bible Study 945 am Worship 11 am Deacons Meeting 445 pm Business Meeting 6 pm	24 Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	25	26 Y & C Act 6:00 pm Prayer meeting 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7:15 pm	27 Golden Age 10:30 am	28	29
30 Bible Study 945 am Worship 11 am Evening Study 6 pm	31 Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	Our Youth will be at Winter Retreat January 15-17th.				



Greetings, dear church!

Martin Luther, the great reformer from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, once said, “I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours [of the day] in prayer.”

Have you stopped recently to consider just how much we can and, indeed, must pray about? According to Luther’s thinking, with which I heartily agree, there is so much of significance going on in our lives that to be responsible Christians we must turn to God in prayer about them.

Consider with me, then, the following sampling of prompts for prayer:

- your family’s wellbeing and witness
- your church family wellbeing and witness
- your city
- your city’s schools
- your country
- your leaders in all levels of government
- missionaries
- relations and acquaintances who are ill or otherwise hurting
- the continued spread of the gospel close at home and around the world
- for God’s Spirit to bring spiritual revival
- to thank God for his blessings in your life
- to thank God for sending Jesus to save us from our sinfulness
- your neighbors
- your preacher and his family
- your church staff
- other churches in your city
- peace in places around the globe that are presently war-torn
- relief in places around the globe that are presently poverty- or disease-stricken
- the final and full coming of God’s kingdom so that all things will be renewed
- seminaries and divinity schools that are training the next generation of ministers
- cordial relations among various Christian denominations
- personal strength to resist temptations to sin
- greater love for God and for others, including our enemies
- opportunities to share the gospel with others

We could go on and on and on until we fill up the pages of this newsletter and spill over into the next issue. But I hope that by now you get my drift. There is much to pray about, and to give these matters the care and consideration they deserve we must pray to God early and often about them. In fact, it is our privilege to pray about them.

Thank you all for being diligent in prayer. Keep on approaching the throne of God’s grace with great confidence, dear church!

Pastor Jason

Our Sound Techs for  
January:  
Jan 2nd Jimmy Norris  
Jan 9th Todd Mathis  
Jan 16th David Vest  
Jan 23rd Lane Mears  
Jan 30th Jimmy Norris

**Church Security**  
Skip Sproull will be  
responsible for locking and  
unlocking the church during  
January 2022.

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We continue to receive donations at the entrances for the Helping Hands food pantry. In addition to cans with pop tops and other food items, they are in need of empty egg cartons to give families eggs that farmers donate. They also need volunteers to sort and pack box; any amount of time is helpful.

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Drop-In 100th Birthday Celebration for  
Rev. Burch Fannin  
Sunday, January 9th from 12-2 pm  
Rockmart First Methodist Church Parlor

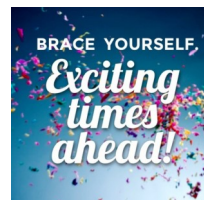
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**Brotherhood**  
Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 8 am  
Gentleman of all ages welcome!!

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Our Pastor and staff of FBCR would like to thank each and every one of you for all you do for us throughout the year. We appreciate you all. We would like to wish you and your family a very Happy and prosperous New Year.

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Our playground renovation is underway. The pavilion is being built and the next phase will be the installation of the play equipment. Our children deserve a beautiful and safe area to play in and enjoy. Consider making a donation to our building fund in this new year.

Known January Birthdays

- 02 - Allen Bullard
- 06 - Buddy Tanner
- 08 - Maryann Earwood
- 09 - Haley Mears, Jaye Sawyer
- 11 - Beverly Groover, Mary Beth Lane, Archie Scott
- 13 - Jonathan Earwood, Bella Nesbitt
- 15 - Evelyn Tyler, Brian Ratcliff
- 16 - Dr. Harry Harris
- 19 - Cora Sue Weaver
- 21 - Debbie Thompson
- 22 - Dr. Bill Heaton, Hutchinson Dooley
- 23 - Seth Gibbs, Stephen Gibbs, Ryan During
- 25 - Charlie Watts
- 26 - Michael Ballard
- 27 - Zori Williams, Andrew Carter
- 29 - Steve Dean

Known January Anniversaries

- 04 - Greg & Cassie McAlister
- 07 - Dr. & Mrs. David Taylor
- 20 - Tim & Joyce Hurt
- 26 - Buddy & Reba Tanner

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January Meetings:

- Church Council, Sunday, January 9th at 445 pm
- Deacons Meeting, Sunday, January 23rd at 445 pm
- Business Meeting, Sunday, January 23rd at 445 pm

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