

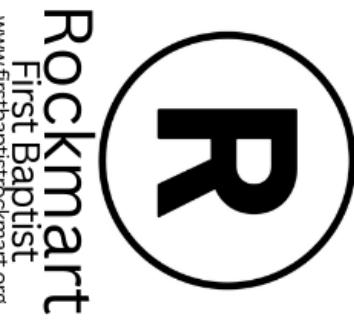


Deacon of the Week for December

Dec 7th Ronald Lovell
 Dec 14th Alan Dryden
 Dec 21st Scott Kinney
 Dec 28th Drew Williams



No Church
 Meetings During
 December



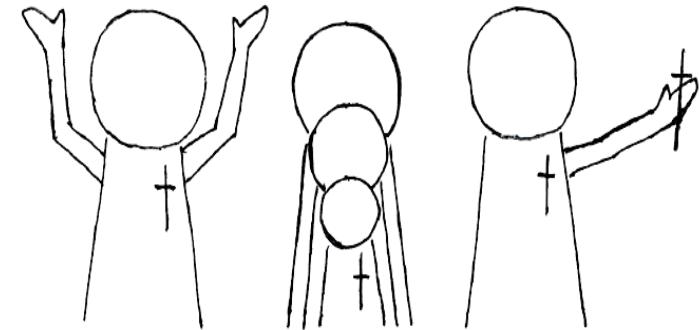
As we welcome 2026...
 There will be no Services or
 Activities on Wednesday,
 December 31st. The Church of-
 fice will be open on the 31st but
 will be closed on
 Thursday, January 1st.

Please be sure to get your contributions for the year in by Dec 31st. I will close out the 2025 church year by January 6th and will mail out contribution statements by mid Jan 2026

There are many ways to turn in your contributions:

- 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 the offering plate worship service.
- 6) Text FBCROCKMART followed by your gift amount to 73256 and follow the prompts.

Offering envelopes are available in the pews along with a special benevolence envelope. All other special envelopes are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. Always be sure to mark on the envelope what fund you would



First Baptist Church of Rockmart

*Celebrating the Gospel
 Growing in the Gospel
 Spreading the Gospel*



December 2025

311 E. Elm St., P. O. Box 388, Rockmart, GA 30153
 770-684-6742

Rev. Dr. Jason Odom, Sr. Pastor
 Rev. Sam Greene, Associate Pastor
 Michaela Odom, Interim Director of Youth, Kids and Young Family Ministries
 Andrew Carter, Director Of Music Ministries



Our First Fruit Ministry packs food bags for the school each week. We fix around 40 bags per week. Please pray and faithfully give each month on the first Sunday of the month to this worthwhile ministry.



Thank You! Thank You! We pack 91 boxes this year for OCC. We appreciate each of you that packed boxes and helped in any way. Special thanks to our preschool for collecting items for us.



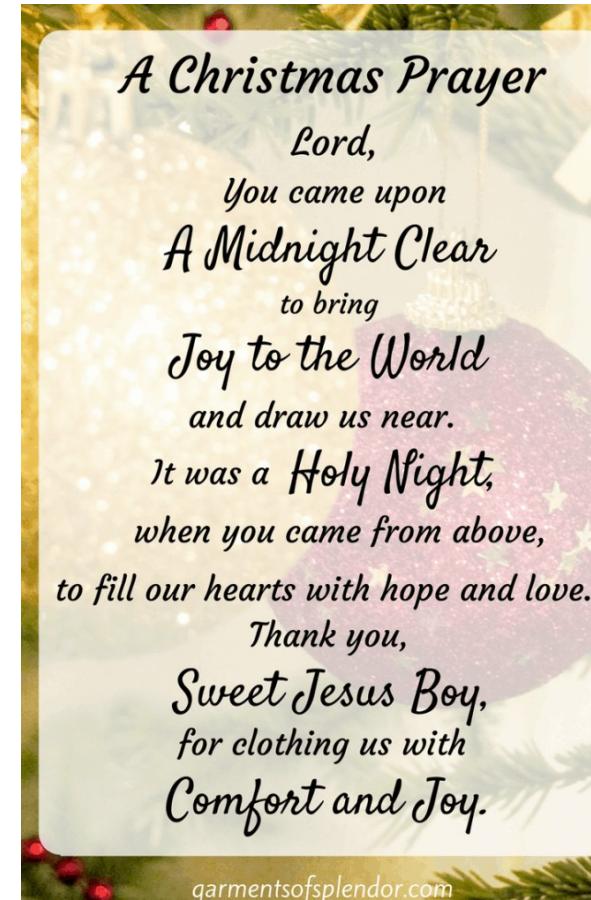
We will have an active shooter training class in January 2026. Time and date will be announced soon. The class is open to all and its free. Class is provided by the Rockmart Police Dept.

Preschool Registration for the 26-27 school year will be open to church member in January 2026. For info, please see Kim Wilson.

Please remember to update the office concerning prayer list

Check the kitchen for any dishes that may belong to you and the entrances for coats and umbrellas.

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” – Luke 2:10-11



Volunteer Opportunities for December

Meet & Greet
Phyllis Watts &
Debra Duncan
Dec 14th at 9:30 am

If you would like to volunteer for any ministry, please contact the church office.

Children's Church for December

- 12/7 Stephanie Mears, Anna Williams & Charity Ratcliff
- 12/14 No Children's Church due to musical
- 12/21 Michaela Odom, Randy Turner & Kim Wilson
- 12/28 Kay Hughes, Brenda Johnson & Judi Jackson

Church Security

Allen Wilson will be responsible for locking and unlocking the church during December.

Sound Techs

- 12/7 Matthew Mize
- 12/14 Lane Mears
- 12/21 Jimmy Norris
- 12/28 Todd Mathis

Church Greeters for December

Nursery

Sun Morning Worship 11 am

- 12/7 Jolie Brown
- 12/14 Jennifer During
- 12/21 Stephanie Mears
- 12/28 Judi Jackson

Allen Wilson
Newt Hendrix
Kim Wilson
Susan Culver
Jimmy Norris

Beginning with the January 2026 Visitor Newsletter, I will only send them by email. It will continue to be posted on our website. Please be sure to update your email with the church office.

Church Office Hours for Christmas and New Years

- December 24th, we will close at 12 Noon
- December 25th Christmas Day Closed
- January 1, 2026 Closed



Regular Adult Weekly Schedule:

Sundays

9:45 am Small Groups/Bible Study
11:00 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Children's M & M
6:00 pm Evening Studies

Mondays:

6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays:

6:00 pm Youth BSF
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice

Church Website:
www.firstbaptistrockmart.org
Email:
office@firstbaptistrockmart.org
Prayer Chain:
prayerchainfbc@gmail.com

Church Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8 am—4 pm
Closed—Friday



December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Men's Bible Study 8 am Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	2 Christmas Parade 6 pm	3 Youth BSF 6 pm Prayer Meeting 630 pm Adult Choir Practice 715 pm	4	5 Great Room is rented for private event	6
7 Bible Study 945 am Worship 11 am Children's Music & Missions 5 pm Evening Study 6 pm	8 Men's Bible Study 8 am Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	9	10 Church-wide Christmas Dinner 5:30 pm	11	12 Great Room is rented for private event	13 Great Room is rented for private event
14 Bible Study 945 am Adult & Kids Choir Christmas Program 11 am Children's Music & Missions 5 pm Evening Study 6 pm	15 Men's Bible Study 8 am Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	16	17 Preschool Concert 10 am Youth BSF 6 pm Prayer Meeting 630 pm Adult Choir Practice 715 pm	18	19	20
21 Bible Study 945 am Worship 11 am Children's M & M 5 pm Evening Study 6 pm	22 Men's Bible Study 8 am Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 5 pm	25 	26	27
28 Brotherhood 8 am Bible Study 945 am Worship 11 am Children's M&M 5 pm Evening Study 6 pm	29 Men's Bible Study 8 am Celebrate Recovery 6 pm	30	31 No Services or Activities			

**Newsletter for December
Children, Youth and Young Families**

Merry Christmas!



Our church extends a gift to our children and young families—a children's library of materials for your edification and joy. There are books of all reading levels—picture books, novels, chapter books, graphic novels, work books and DVDs. This curated Christian content is designed to bring our children's minds, hearts and imaginations closer to the great, creative Creator. Note that there are also resources for parents

on the top shelf about marriage, parenting, helping answer kids questions about various topics and leading them in faith. The little library is the bookshelf just outside of the children's classroom, upstairs. There is a check out and return form on the bookshelf for you to sign when you take a resource. We request you return or re-check a resource in approx. in 14 days. Up to 4 check outs at a time are welcome. We pray these resources bless your family as you continue partnering with Christ's church to disciples of your children at home. This month's library highlight: Multiple resources for Advent and Christmas!

I want to give sincere thanks to all the volunteers for youth, children and young family ministries this year! These ministries are very dependent on volunteers who love Jesus and kids, and have patience, stamina, creativity, energy and determination to stick with it. Thank you for teachers, assistant teachers, extra hands, VBS volunteers, and to drivers. Many of your used your personal vehicles and gas several times this year to transport kids for special events and service opportunities. These were highlights for our youth especially, and wouldn't be possible without you.

December:

- **Tuesday, December 2** Rockmart Christmas Parade, help serve hot chocolate (hospitality in front of our church) or ride on FBC float/truck. Want a few adults to wear choir robes through the years. See me or Janice K. Come and sit and cheer our folks on. Kids will suit up and ride in Wayne Parris's trailer
- **Wednesday, December 3rd** Christmas caroling to homebound elderly (with kids and teens); (Beth and dad,)
- **Wednesday, December 10th** Church-wide family Christmas banquet, great room, Santa, family friendly
- **Sunday, December 14, 11AM** youth & kids sing in worship with adults
- **Sunday, December 14th** PM trip to Walk-through Bethlehem/Live Nativity at Legacy Baptist Church (kids, too)
- Still waiting on enough funding to begin Life Wise—thinking year end giving, is that something the Lord is leading you to support.

New year:

- Beginning in January, Sunday evening activities for children moving to 6 PM (from 5PM). We need to adjust the time for the budget adjustments to pay the nursery workers for less time. This new time may also serve for our young families to gather during the 6PM hour in the future.

- Vacation Bible school committee, who wants to be on it? Meeting in January.
- Save the date for VBS July 7-10, 2026
- Youth ministry winter retreat, January 16-18, Theme: Total Surrender, We will partner with the youth group of Victory Baptist Church. It will be at the Pine Acres Retreat Center in Acworth. \$20 deposit due Sunday, December 14. \$50 total for our FBC students b/c many of our students need the help; additional scholarships are available through our budget. If you feel like giving to that, let me know.
- We are hoping to take youth to camp in the summer, too. Thanks!

Michaela Odom
Director of Youth, Kids and Young Family Ministries



Church-wide Christmas Dinner
Wednesday, December 10th
5:30 pm

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. Please let us know if you and your family will attend and how many adult and kids. Please RSVP by December 7th



Our Preschool will have their Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 17th at 10 am



Known December Birthdays

- 02—Brian Mize
- 05—Lynn Miller
- 06—Anna Williams, Mandy Wylie
- 10—Bill Bishop, Janann Packer, Evan Ratcliff
- 11—Kathy Hendrix
- 13—Paul Bond
- 14—Jan Hughes
- 17—Sharon Philpot
- 19—Kay Hughes
- 23—Robert Register
- 27—Randy Turner
- 28—Clark Dean
- 29—Jolie Brown
- 30—Danny Jones

Golden Age
Invites you to join the fun!!
For ages 55+

We meet once a month on the 4th Thursday at 10:30 am. We have a meal and entertainment and a wonderful time of fellowship. First Baptist is the host sponsor for this and we have people from all over the county and surrounding areas coming. We would love for more First Baptist people to join us. **We meet again Thursday, January 22nd 2026 at 10:30 am.**



Rockmart Hometown Christmas Parade
Tuesday, December 2nd at 6 pm

Our Youth/Kids and our FBCR Preschool will both have a float in this year's parade. We will also serve hot chocolate in front of the church. You can ride in the truck or on the trailer if you would like.

"Know the Word: An Overview of the Bible"
is on Sundays at 6 pm in the Great Room.