

Newsletters

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

P O BOX 326 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

RUSSELLVILLE AL 35653-0326

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First Baptist Church
Russellville AL

Important Year-end Financial Information

To be counted for 2023, all contributions need to be turned in by Sunday, December 31 or postmarked by December 30, 2023.



RUSSELLVILLE First Baptist Church

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PO Box 326 / 213 Jackson Ave, N
Russellville, AL 35653 ~ 256-332-2065

Chase Dowdy

Pastor

Joel Davis

Students/Sr. Adults

Garrett Booth

Music/Education

Angela Woods

Int. Children/Preschool Coordinator

Ministry Assistants: Savannah Loosier and Angie Tidwell

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 p.m. Walk Thru Bethlehem

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

3:00 p.m. Walk Thru Bethlehem

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. Prayer Time in Staff Suite

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00 p.m. Business Meeting ~ Discuss Proposed Budget

Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott

Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott

Elevate Students; FirstKids

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship ~ Adult/Children Christmas Cantata
2024 Proposed Budget Vote

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. Prayer Time in Staff Suite

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00 p.m. Meal; Lasagna

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ~ Bro. Chase Dowdy

Men's Bible Study ~ Hugh Plott

Women's Bible Study ~ Sheryl Plott

Elevate Students;

FirstKids: Happy Birthday Jesus! Party

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Christmas Party at 7:15 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 1-Dec 20 Lottie Moon Christmas Card Mailbox

December 24 No Sunday School

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m.

Dec. 25-26 Office Closed for Christmas

January 1 Office Closed for New Year's Day

Budget Giving

Weekly Requirements 2023	\$13,405.23
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Budget Receipts ~ Nov. 19	\$7,426.51
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Budget Receipts ~ Nov. 26	\$9,197.50
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Budget Requirements thru Nov. 26	\$643,451.04
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Budget Receipts thru Nov. 26	\$643,649.38
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RFBC Giving

Memorials
In memory of **Roger Bedford** by: Hoyt & Libby Elliot, Butch & Susan Harkness, Calvin & Linda Parmer, Don & Martha Sibley, Wade & Judy Baker, Larry & Beth Gilmer, Cheryl Bradford, Royce & Rebecca Massey, Jack Brewer
In memory of **Turner Wakefield** by: Wade & Judy Baker, Cheryl Bradford, Anne Sparks
In memory of **Geraldine Carden** by: Wade & Judy Baker
In memory of **Sue Hammack** by: Cheryl Bradford
In memory of **Dorothy Taylor** by: Cheryl Bradford
In memory of **John & Jeanette Jolly** by: Calvin & Linda Parmer

The Church family extends Christian sympathy to:

Larry Gilmer in the death of his uncle, D.C. Johnson

Welcome to our newest members:
Jeff & Sherry Thorn

PrimeTimers Christmas Party
Thursday, December 14, at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Building



First Kids: Happy Birthday Jesus! Party
Wednesday, December 13, at 6 p.m.

Adult Choir Christmas Party
December 13, at 7:15 p.m. in the Green Room.

Deacon for the Week

Nov. 26– Dec 2	Mickey Gerstman	256-412-1394
December 3-9	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
December 10-16	Jayson Harper	662-571-0944
December 17-23	Dustin Morgan	256-810-8407
December 24-30	John Payne	256-668-3823

First Baptist Church of Russellville			
		Budget 2023	Proposed Budget 2024
	OPERATIONS		
5101	Utilities	\$ 66,250.00	\$ 61,250.00
5102	Online Giving Fees	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
5103	Insurance Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
5104	Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
5105	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
5106	Vehicle Operation & Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
5107	Audio/Visual Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
5108	Baptism Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5109	Grounds Maintenance	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
5113	Baptist Secretaries Conference	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Total OPERATIONS▯	\$ 117,850.00	\$ 117,350.00
	NON-MINISTERIAL STAFF COMPENSATION		
	Total NON-MINISTERIAL STAFF COMPENSATION▯	\$ 116,661.88	\$ 109,291.00
	MINISTERIAL STAFF COMPENSATION		
	Total MINISTERIAL STAFF COMPENSATION▯	\$ 223,152.00	\$ 230,764.00
	DISCIPLESHIP & LITERATURE		
5401	Adult Sunday School Literature	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
5402	Magazines	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
5405	Background Checks	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
5411	Church Library	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
	Total DISCIPLESHIP & LITERATURE▯	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,200.00
	SERVICE MINISTRIES		
5501	Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
5502	Bulletins	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5503	The Alabama Baptist	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
5504	Flowers	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
5505	Postage	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
5506	Office Supplies	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
5507	Homecoming	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
5508	Food Services/Kitchen Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5509	Computer Support	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
5510	Pastor's Ministry Expense	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
5511	Student's Ministry Expense	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
5512	Music/Sr. Adults Ministry Expense	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
5513	Children's Coordinator Ministry Expense	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
5514	Pulpit Supplies	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
5515	Hospitality	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5516	Coffee Ministry	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Total SERVICE MINISTRIES▯	\$ 47,650.00	\$ 50,050.00
	PRE-SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Birth-5th Grade)		
5601	Activities	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
5603	Kid's Camp	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5605	Vacation Bible School	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00
5606	Fall Festival	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
5607	Children's Church/Sunday School	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
5608	Wednesday Night	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5609	Baby Ministry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5611	Adult Sponsors	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5613	Extended Session Curriculum	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Total PRE-SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Birth-5th Grade)▯	\$ 16,700.00	\$ 16,700.00
	STUDENT'S MINISTRY (6th-12th Grade)		
5701	Activities	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,600.00
5703	Camps and Conferences (formally Summer Camp	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,800.00
5705	Sunday School	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5707	Wednesday Night	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
5709	Adult Sponsors	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
	Total STUDENT'S MINISTRY (6th-12th Grade)▯	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,900.00

	YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S MINISTRY (College)		
5801	Activities	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5803	Conferences	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5805	Bible Studies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Total YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S MINISTRY (College)▯	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	WOMEN'S MINISTRY		
5901	Activities	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5905	Retreats	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
5907	Bible Studies	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
	Total WOMEN'S MINISTRY▯	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00
	MEN'S MINISTRY		
6001	Activities	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
6005	Retreats	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
6008	Bible Studies	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
	Total MEN'S MINISTRY▯	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	SENIOR ADULT'S MINISTRY		
6101	Activities	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
	Total SENIOR ADULT'S MINISTRY▯	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
	MUSIC MINISTRY		
6201	Adult Choir Music	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
6205	Concerts & Guest Musicians	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
6206	Piano Tuning & Maintenance	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
	Total MUSIC MINISTRY▯	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 9,200.00
	MISSION MINISTRIES		
6301	Benevolence	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
6302	Camp McMurray	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
6303	Bereavement Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
6304	Missionary Support	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
6309	Shoebox Missions	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
6311	Outreach	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
6312	Women On Mission (WOM)	\$ 750.00	\$ 350.00
6313	Walk Through Bethlehem		\$ 5,000.00
	Total MISSION MINISTRIES▯	\$ 19,090.00	\$ 20,190.00
	RESERVE & ADMINISTRATION		
6401	Budget Reserve	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
6402	Accounting & Auditing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Total RESERVE & ADMINISTRATION▯	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
	GENERAL FUND (NO CO-OP)	\$ 598,763.88	\$ 603,195.00
	CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING		
6501	Cooperative Program (ALSBOM - 10%)	\$ 70,210.82	\$ 79,000.00
6502	Association Missions (FCBA - 4%)	\$ 28,096.88	\$ 32,000.00
	Total CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING▯	\$ 98,307.70	\$ 111,000.00
	Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES▯	\$ 697,071.58	\$ 714,195.00
	WEEKLY REQUIREMENTS	\$ 13,405.23	\$ 13,734.52
	INCREASE FOR THE YEAR		\$ 17,123.42
	INCREASE PER WEEK		\$ 329.29

We will vote on the Proposed Budget on December 10.

Youth Christmas Party
December 20, at 6 p.m.