

The Lighthouse

*First Baptist Church, Giddings
Helping Others Say "Yes" To Jesus*

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Issue 1

“...MY PEOPLE
WILL BE FILLED
WITH
MY BOUNTY.”
DECLARES
THE LORD.

J E R E M I A H 3 1 : 1 4 , N I V

**From the Pastor...****FBC family,**

Can you believe that 2022 is already over? I believe the older I get the quicker those years fly by.

I don't want us to miss out on anything that God desires to do with us.

With this being said, January 4 is our prayer evening. I want us to focus our prayers around these seven things as we ask God to allow us to join him on his greater mission. **(See Ephesians 3:20 for reference)**

1) Pray that we would have unity in our family/body as the calendar changes to 2023.

Anytime, a church family grows like we have, there's going to be times where we slip into a desire for our preferences and away from our mission. (Our mission is to build a family of Christ followers) Pray with us that this wouldn't happen at FBC.

2) Pray that we would have a hunger for the word of God and that each individual would grow in their faith.

One of the things that I have said to our staff, "our immaturity in faith will catch up to us eventually". So pray for your own faith that you would mature in Christ more and more every day in 2023.

3) Pray that we would live out our faith in the community in which we work and play.

This year could be one of the greatest years ever for our church. But that will depend on what you do with the place that God has placed you in this world. Join us in praying that God would allow you to live out your faith, that you would not be ashamed, wherever you live, wherever you work, and whatever you do for play.

4) Pray that FBC would see our children's ministry grow numerically, physically, and spiritually.

This prayer request is near and dear to the heart of God. Every kid that comes through our door has a story. And we are trying to uniquely connect each child to Jesus. Pray that the hearts of these children would be open and that our volunteers would be capable of leading our kids to come to know Christ.

5) Pray that FBC would see the youth ministry grow in faith and in service to the kingdom of God.

As our Youth Director and volunteers help our

teenagers move closer to Christ, we want to see the power of God work in their lives, so that they may turn outward and share their faith through personal evangelism, as well as through community missions.

6) Pray that each FBC family member would have one person that they would invite to church by Easter (April 9, 2023) — and we would continually pray for that person and pray for them by name.

All of us have one person in our life whether that be a family member, a friend, a neighbor, or a coworker, that we know has no relationship with Christ. The heart of God is that all sinners would come to salvation in Christ. Our role and responsibility is to not only pray for, but extend the invitation for them to come to a service. This does not have to be our Easter service, but a worship service in general.

7) Pray that FBC would be a light in the darkness that is in Giddings, in the entire state of Texas, in our nation, and in the world.

God has spoken in his word (Matthew 28:19-20) that our greatest mission as a church family is to be a light to a darkened world. Pray that we would reflect Christ more and more to a community that desperately needs to see his love.

As you read and re-read these seven prayer requests over this next year, write them in your Bibles or cut and paste to your phone so that these would not just be prayer requests for January 4th (Wednesday Prayer time) but they would be constantly prayed over this entire year. I really do believe the best is yet to come for First Baptist Church Giddings.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Johnny



FBC has a designated fund "Family Assistance" set up for emergencies. If you would like to help the families who need help you can donate to this fund. Either designate on your envelope or use the easy tithe tab. Funds will be used to help these families.




FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Prayer Night

GIDDINGS

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Wednesday | 6 PM | January 4th

NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED 



Food Pantry
 Next Food Pantry
 Thursday, Jan. 12th
 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 13th
 7:30-9:30 a.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 14th
 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed!
Contact # 979-540-6310
for more information

**FREE FRESH FOOD
 FOR FAMILIES
 & HOPE**
 January 27th
 9:00 a.m.




Volunteers Needed



**STATE OF THE
 CHURCH ADDRESS**
 Sunday, January 8th
 11:00 a.m.



FBC Kids Worship Night
Wednesday, January 18th
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.



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| January 3 | Linda Barnett | January 14 | Ray Hernandez |
| January 4 | Mike Buck | January 23 | Marty Lindner |
| January 11 | Grace Fromme | | Tyler Royal |
| January 12 | Betty Jo Hodge | January 29 | Laurie Talbert |
| January 13 | Brad Lind | | |
| | Leon Westfall | | |

Missionaries We Support Monthly

Go Drill
Mission: Dignity
Giddings Area Food Pantry

First Baptist Church Deacons

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| John Booth | Mike Jatzlau |
| Vance Bradford | Warren Jatzlau |
| Tim Cruise | Marty Lindner |
| Billy Gillum | Michael Thamez |
| Billy Higgins | |

Retired Deacons at FBC

Bob Sharp

Wednesday Night Menu

January 11 - Chili Dogs
January 18 - Breakfast Tacos
January 25 - Sloppy Joes

Monthly Giving Needs: \$20,800.00
Weekly Giving Needs: \$5,200.00

Total December giving:
(as of 12/30)
\$27,717.00



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